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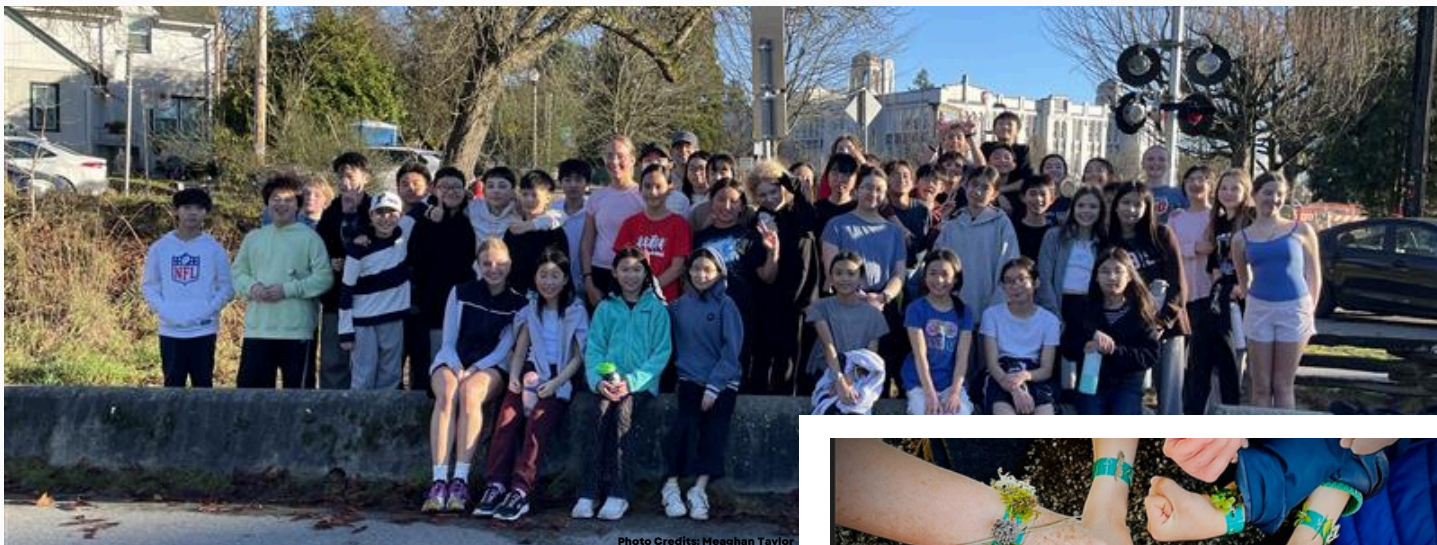
# QUILCHENA NEWS

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## REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is absent, please call the Quilchena Safe Arrival Line at 604-713-5159 EXT 68#. This way the office can input your child's attendance accurately in our student system first thing in the morning.

### PAC News

#### February PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday February 18 @ 7pm. The meeting link is found here: <https://meet.google.com/cjm-vnj-buv>  
Materials will be posted the week before the meeting and can be accessed via our website [quilchenapac.org](http://quilchenapac.org)

#### AQA Update

**Thank you Quilchena families - we have raised over \$10,000 for our school!**

If you are able, please donate to the PAC's Annual Quilchena Appeal. Our goal this year is **\$16,000** and we are asking parents to **donate \$125/child**. This is our only fundraiser for the year and every dollar goes straight back into the school. This year the school would like to purchase new laptops and iPad keyboards for students.

[Donate here »](#)

#### Quilchena家长咨询委员会筹款活动

如果您可以, 请向Quilchena家长咨询委员会的年度募捐活动捐款。我们今年的目标是筹集\$16,000元, 并希望每位家长能为每个孩子捐赠\$125元。这是我们今年唯一的筹款活动, 所有款项都将直接用于学校。今年, 学校计划为学生购置新的笔记本电脑和iPad键盘。

#### 如何捐款?

1. 请到[学校在线支付平台](#)。
  2. 在「Fund Destination」下拉菜单中选择「Quilchena Elementary PAC」。
  3. 捐款\$25元以上将提供税务收据。
- 全年任何时间均可捐款。



Hello Quilchena Families,

We are one month into the new year and there are lots of exciting things happening at our school in 2026!

I'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate Ms. Gray on her retirement. She has been at our school for over 20 years and will be retiring at the end of January. You have made a tremendous impact in our school community and you will be missed! Ms. Gee, our current teacher librarian, will be taking over Ms. Gray's grade 2/3 class. Ms. Hemmer who has worked at our school most recently in Division 14F will be assuming the teacher librarian role for the immediate future. We also have a new supervision aide who will start next week. Please welcome Jiya to the Quilchena school community!

There are lots of fun events happening in February. Please read on to find out more!

Thank you,

Mike Singh  
Principal

# Gr.7 Camp Fundraiser

To raise money for the Camp Jubilee trip, grade seven students will be selling Candy Grams for \$2 each. They will be for sale from Monday, February 2nd to Friday, February 6th at morning recess. Families, please send your child with cash if they would like to send a message and a sweet treat to another student in the school. Candy Grams will be delivered on Wednesday, February 11th before the long weekend. Thanks for your support!



Save the Date! You're invited to a special guest speaker sponsored by the Quilchena PAC:  
Thursday, February 5 @ 7pm

Where? Quilchena Library or On-line  
<https://meet.google.com/qem-rhjc-qyg>

Who? Unplugged Canada – parent coach Josette Calleja

Why? To learn about the benefits of delaying smartphone use and be empowered to make that decision. To motivate children to be fully immersed in real life experiences that nurture their mental, emotional, and social well-being. Learn more about Unplugged Canada [here](#).



## Photo Gallery

This month's gallery features photos from:

- Monster stories and stuffies with Division 8F and 13F
- Circus with Div 4
- Improv school performance





### Circus

Quilchena enjoyed taking part in Circus Workshops with Sand Northrup, One Woman Circus. Students learned and practiced a variety of juggling and balancing skills. They worked with scarves, balls, and rings for juggling, feathers, Chinese spinning plates, flower sticks, Diabolos, and Rola Bola boards. If your child would like to order their own circus equipment, Sand shared the Canadian supplier that she uses.

Please visit the online catalogue:

[www.HigginsBrothers.com](http://www.HigginsBrothers.com).



## Are you returning next year?

Believe it or not, we are already starting to plan for the next school year! Please fill out the following survey to let us know if you plan to return to the school next year. This helps us plan our programs and staffing for the following school year. Thank you for taking the time to help keep us informed. Please respond to the survey by Friday February 13th. If plans change after, please let us know in the office. Thanks!

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27	28	29	30					



## QUILCHENA'S Centennial Celebration

# 100

Join us in celebrating 100 years of learning,  
growth, and community!

### SAVE THE DATE

◆  
**JUNE 11, 2026**

5300 MAPLE ST. VANCOUVER

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QUILCHENA ELEMENTARY

KIDS AGE  
5 - 12

## SPRING BREAK



**16 - 27 MARCH**

**7:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

Arrival from 7:30 am to 9 am and pick up between 4 pm to 6 pm  
4020 Trafalgar Street

### REGISTRATION

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE BEFORE FEBRUARY 10, 2026





# Happy Retirement Ms. Gray!

*Farewell, adieu! It has been a pleasure working at Quilchena and being a part of such a wonderful school community. Thank you for all of the support and kindness over the years. I will miss seeing and working with Q students each day and will carry many happy memories with me.*

*Pamela Gray*



**JOIN SPRING BASEBALL**

BEGINNERS WELCOME! LEARN NEW SKILLS & MAKE FRIENDS IN YOUR LOCAL KERRISDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD! JOIN THE TEAM!

AVAILABLE FOR: **4-12** YEARS OLD

WHEN: **APR-JUNE**

KERRISDALEBASEBALL.COM REGISTER NOW!

## Eco Fair – Thursday, May 28

### Invitation to Volunteer:



The annual Eco Fair is a special day when students participate in numerous workshops to deepen their understanding of ecological concepts and interact with nature.

Do you have a skill, knowledge, or passion that you'd like to share? You're invited to host a workshop! Quilchena parents are an important part of this day of celebration. In the past, parents have run workshops such as: Sing-along songs, outdoor nature-based art installations, upscaled fabric creations, nature-based painting, ecology-based games, etc.

Parent Volunteers are also welcome to help host the many guests that visit the school during the day. If you any questions or if you're available, please contact: [members.at.large@quilchenapac.org](mailto:members.at.large@quilchenapac.org)



**ROOKIE T-BALL PROMO**

**\$100 of FREE gear with Registration!\***

10 Week Spring Program April - June

Local Fields: Maple Grove Park & Quilchena Park

Promo for Kinders & Grade 1 Players T-Ball and Rookie Division

New registrants receive: Glove - Helmet - Bag

Sponsored by: The Sports Exchange

**REGISTER NOW!**

\*Promotion open to the first 50 new to Kerrisdale Little League players registered in T-Ball or Rookie Division for the 2026 Spring Season. Non transferable. No exchanges. No substitutions.



**DOUGH RAISER**

1 JAN - JULY 2026

**USE COUPON CODE "QES"**

FOR 25% OFF ALL MENU ITEMS AND WE WILL DONATE

**20% OF ALL SALES**

USING THIS CODE TO

Quilchena Elementary School

VALID ONLINE AT [WWW.DOMINOS.CA](http://WWW.DOMINOS.CA)

Your voice matters: Share your ideas for VSB's 2026-2027 budget The Vancouver School Board (VSB) is preparing its budget for next school year. Your input will help trustees make the best decisions about how to use funding to support students. Complete the survey and share your ideas! Survey link: <https://ca.research.net/r/FMG857B> Learn about other ways to share your thoughts. See our [website](#) for more details.

# February



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THURSDAY

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Candy Gram Sale

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Family  
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PAC  
Meeting

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Pink  
Shirt Day

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