



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# or email quiattendance@vsb.bc.ca. This way the office can input your child's attendance accurately in our student system first thing in the morning.



Hello Quilchena Families,

We are just a few days removed from Eco-Fair and it was a big success! There was a big team of PAC members and parents who helped make it all happen. A big thank you to Ms. Enns, Ellen, Petra, Alicia, Ayli, Karen, Kasey, Carina and Veronica. We are so lucky to have such dedicated volunteers who help the event run smoothly. All of our students had an opportunity to learn more about our environment through active and engaging stations and presenters.

We have one more eventful month left of school. Next week we have the Talent Show and Sports Day. The following week we have the Track and Field final and our Centennial/PAC BBQ. Other big events include the grade 7 leaving ceremony and lots of year end field trips.

The countdown to summer is on!

Mike Singh
Principal

Are you returning to Quilchena?

We sent out a survey to families in our January newsletter asking if your child will be coming back to our school for September 2026. Thank you for your responses. We realize things may change between then and now and even through the summer. If your child is planning to attend another school in the new school year, please be sure to let the office know by emailing studentrecordsquilchena@vsb.bc.ca. Please be sure to include your child's first and last names and current grade. If you know which school they plan to attend, that helps too. This helps keep our enrollment numbers current and helps us accommodate all of the students who are hoping to attend our wonderful school!



Class Placements

If you are interested in sharing your input for class placement for your child, please email me at mrsingh@vsb.bc.ca, by then end of the day, Friday, June 5th.

Here are some situations where it may be appropriate for families to send their input:

- Need to share specific information about social dynamics (friendships, history of conflict/bullying, etc.);
- Need to share specific information about learning style (student has specific needs, students does not do well in certain learning environments, etc.);
- Need to share specific concerns related to your child;
- Need to share specific circumstances that could impact your child's learning.

Most times, it should not be necessary to make a special request. Your child's current teacher and our extended team know your child well and will have good ideas about who they learn well with. In most cases, Quilchena staff is already aware of the needs listed above and will take them into account during the class placement process. This is also a reminder that, while we consider all requests, we might not be able to fulfill all of them.

Please do not write for the following purposes:

- To request a specific teacher – This may eliminate your letter from consideration.
- To request a non-combined class



This month's gallery features photos from:

- Track and Field mini meets
- Division 8F at Churchill
- Division 5 making root beer floats
- Grade 5/6 camp
- Div 4 playing Musqueam game called Slahal
- Walk to School day





Ride your bike, walk, or wheel to school!

Bike to School Week at Quilchena

Quilchena is excited to celebrate Bike to School Week from June 1-5. We encourage students and families to choose active transportation for their trips to school throughout the week, including walking, biking, scootering, and skateboarding. These active travel choices help reduce congestion in our school neighbourhood and support students in arriving at school energized and ready to learn.

Students are asked to report to their teacher each morning so their trips can be recorded.

Prizes will be awarded to the top Intermediate class and the top Primary class with the most active trips. A big thanks to Ms. Chelak for organizing!

Talent Show!

The talent show will be taking place on June 3rd at 1:00pm in the gym. The acts include intermediate students showcasing their talents from singing, dancing, magic tricks and more! Parents are welcome to come and enjoy the show. A big thank you to Ms. Gee and Mme Brittany for helping organize and to all the teachers who helped with rehearsals.



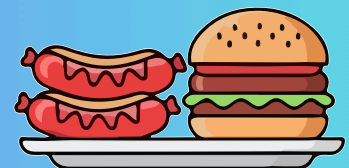
Freezie Sale!

To raise money for their Grade 7 Graduation, students will be selling freezies outside of the main entrance from 3:00-3:20pm on Wednesday, June 3rd and Friday, June 5th (Sports Day). Small freezies are \$1, and large freezies are \$3. Cash only. Thanks for your support!



Hot Lunch Announcements

- **Hot Lunch is one of the main fundraisers for the Quilchena PAC and proceeds go back to our school and our kids. Our team is looking for volunteers who can commit to attending 1-2 lunch times each month at Quilchena school. Current dates are Wednesdays from 11:40 - 12:20 pm, and we meet in the Girls' Basement to distribute lunches to the kids. We are planning to add extra lunch days with new caterers next year, and we need your help! Please contact us at hotlunch@quilchenapac.org.**
- **Existing Hot Lunch credits on MunchaLunch accounts at the end of this school year will automatically be carried over to next year, to be used in 2026-2027. If you do not have a student attending Quilchena next year or would like a different arrangement, please contact us at hotlunch@quilchenapac.org.**



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 QUILCHENA ELEMENTARY
 5300 MAPLE ST. 3:30 - 6 PM



Food Trucks Carnival Games Popcorn Ice Cream



VOLUNTEER



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Your team photo digital download

Edge is here to capture your school spirit with your team photo sessions.

REMEMBER THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE!

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Your grad group photo digital download

Edge is thrilled to be on site to capture your graduation group photos.

Register for **VRES SUMMER CAMP 2026!**

Vancouver Region Educational Services

Vancouver Location!

FEATURING LEGO ROBOTICS, ARTS, AND SCIENCE

CAMP DETAILS

- Ages: 5 - 10
- Date: July 6th - July 10th, 2026
1-week program
- Time: 9am - 12pm
Half-day camp program
- Location: Waverley Elementary School
(6111 Elliott St, Vancouver, BC)

DEALS! Spring Break Camp members! Sibling discount! Referral BONUS!

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN'S MINDS TO BE ENGAGED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS!

SCAN TO REGISTER!

778-919-8737
 programs@vancouvereducation.org
 vancouvereducation.org/summer-camp

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Calendar 2026-27
Quilchena
 Elementary School



SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	186
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	5 Professional Development Days 1 Non-Instructional Day 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18, 2026
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2026 - Friday, January 1, 2027
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2027
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 12, 2027
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 15, 2027 - Thursday, March 25, 2027
Good Friday	Friday, March 26, 2027
Easter Monday	Monday, March 29, 2027
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2027
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2027
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2027

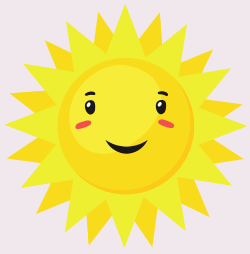
**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS
 (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)**

Monday, September 21, 2026	Professional Development Day (School - moveable)
Friday, October 23, 2026	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 20, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 12, 2027	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 19, 2027	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)
Friday, May 21, 2027	Professional Development Day (School - not moveable)

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Wednesday, October 21, 2026	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 22, 2026	2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 21, 2027	2:00 pm
Thursday, April 22, 2027	2:00 pm



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