



# QUILCHENA NEWS

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## November 2025



### 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](mailto:quiattendance@vsb.bc.ca). This way the office can input your child's attendance accurately in our student system first thing in the morning.

### Cutlery

This is a reminder to parents to please remember to pack cutlery for your child's lunch. We find that especially on Hot Lunch days, students often do not bring the necessary cutlery to eat their food. It would be a good idea to keep a set in their backpacks that can be washed and returned when needed. Thanks for your cooperation!



Hello Quilchena Families,

It is hard to believe we are just under a month away from Winter Break! November has been a busy month. We had a wonderful Remembrance Day assembly. Thank you to all of the classes who contributed artwork and performances.

We have lots of exciting events happening at our school in the coming weeks. We have our student council members working alongside students from Point Grey to collect canned food donations for families in need over the holidays. We have our Winter Concert in two weeks. Please make sure you RSVP below. Our Volleyball teams are also both entering the playoffs. The school will be a bustling place leading up to the holidays!

Mike Singh  
Principal

# PLEASE SUPPORT THE 2025 ANNUAL QUILCHENA APPEAL (AQA)

## FUNDRAISER

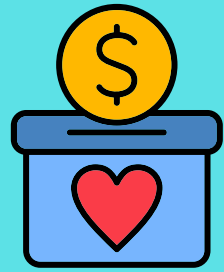
The PAC organizes a single yearly donation drive to maximize impact and minimize requests throughout the year.

Your donations help pay for items that students use in the classrooms as well as other enhancements that are beneficial to them.

### Where AQA Funds Go

In collaboration with school staff, funds are allocated to where they are most needed, which varies from year to year. This year we are hoping to purchase some new laptops, Bluetooth keyboards and help fund some extra curricular programs. The AQA goal this year is to raise \$16,000.00. We are currently only a quarter of the way there. Please don't forget to donate.

Please see link for more details : <https://www.quilchenapac.org/home/aqa>



## Student Pick up and Drop Off

This is just a friendly reminder that students should not be picked up and dropped off in the teacher's parking lot.

There is lots of space along 37th and also along Laburnum Street. Please help keep our students and staff safe by following our school traffic safety rules. Thank you.



## Canned Food Drive

Our Annual Food Drive is running till December 5th, and we need your help to support families in need. It's the perfect opportunity to make a positive impact in our community while showing kindness and generosity. Together, we can make sure no one goes hungry this holiday season!

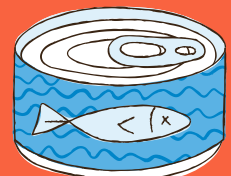
What can you donate?

Here are some items that would make a big difference:

- canned goods (soups, vegetables, beans, tuna)
- boxed meals (pasta, rice, mac + cheese)
- canned fruit, granola bars, and cereal.

Please check the expiry date before making your donation. Items can be brought into your classroom teacher!

Thank you!





## Volleyball

The Quilchena Wolves have had a great volleyball season so far! Each week, the teams have advanced their teamwork and skills.

This year we have 2 Senior Girls teams coached by parent coaches Alice Liu and Cat Chow alongside high school volunteers Kai, Finn and Makena and sponsor teacher Mme. Jihane. We also have a Senior Boys team coached by M. Pierre and Ms. Enns. All of our teams have showed considerable improvement each week and are looking forward to the playoffs next week.



Photo Credit: Alice Liu

## Halloween Parade

Lots of fun was had this year during our annual Halloween Parade. Please see below for some highlights. Thank you to DJ Enns for providing the tunes!



Photo Credit: Meaghan Taylor



## Winter Concert- "Cold Snap"

Songs selected from the musical, "Cold Snap" by John Jacobson and Walter Jack.

Cold Snap is a new multi-cultural holiday musical celebrating Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, and Christmas.

What do you do when you're stuck at school due to a sudden cold snap? Of course, share your customs and traditions with each other and celebrate the festive season together. We will have 2 afternoon performances. One on Tuesday December 9 at 1:30 pm and another on Wednesday December 10 at 1:30 pm. Both shows will feature performances by all classes. Please RSVP [here](#).

Please see below for set-list and suggested attire:

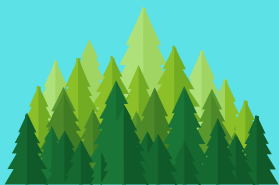
1. Div.10 and Div.5: Toyland Toybox – tops: red, white, and/or green. Black bottoms.
2. Div.2 and 12: Cold Snap – Tops: White and/or blue. Black bottoms. Toque or scarf
3. Div.9 and 7: The Story of Hanukkah – Tops: Blue. Black bottoms.
4. Div.4 and 11: Las Posadas – Tops: red. Black bottoms.
5. Div.3 and 13: Kwanzaa Tonight! Black, red, and/or green.
6. Div.1 and 14: There is Hope in the Air This Christmas – Tops: Green, red, and/or white. Black bottoms.
7. Div.8 and 6: The Holiday Swing – Fun accessories. Tops: red, white, and/or green. Black bottoms.



### Photo Gallery

This month's gallery features photos from:

- Division 4 Tree Identification & Lynn Canyon
- Division 10F Science World & Life in a Box presentations
- Division 5 Lynn Canyon





# Staff Spotlight

Hi Q families!



My name is Linda Kwan (Ms.Kwan) and I am the Music specialist at Quilchena. This is my 19th year teaching Elementary Music in the Vancouver School Board. I was previously the Music Specialist at Renfrew Elementary, and prior to that, at Nootka Elementary. I love Music and experiencing different types of Music. Thus, I completed my graduate studies in Music and Music Education in New York, NY, with a semester of Advanced Music Studies in Kecskemét, Hungary. Aside from Music, my hobbies include garment knitting, riding my bike, and playing with my dog, Sammy. I am looking forward to getting to know the Q families and community.



Div 11 F Mosaic Portraits



Quilchena Elementary School

## After School Programs



**3D PRINTING**  
MONDAYS  
\$320 / 7 SESSIONS



**ARTS & CRAFTS**  
\*PAINTING, HANDCRAFT, CLAY  
\*MATERIALS INCLUDED  
WEDNESDAYS  
\$240 / 8 SESSIONS



**DRONE ADVENTURES**  
\*DRONE INCLUDED  
FRIDAYS  
\$340 / 8 SESSIONS

DATE:  
**JAN 19 - MAR 13, 2026**

TIME:  
**3:15PM - 4:45PM**

**REGISTER NOW**

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND REGISTRATION:

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# DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 	8	9 <b>Winter Concert!</b>  	10 <b>Winter Concert!</b>  	11	12 <b>Holiday Sweater Day!</b> 	13
14	15	16	17  <b>Report Cards Sent Home!</b>	18	19	20
21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 
28 	29 	30 	31 			

**WINTER**

**BREAK**

