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.



FALL IS HERE!

Hello Quilchena Families,

October has been a busy month! A big thanks to Dana, Natasha, Cheryl, Crystal and the PAC for organizing the Pumpkin Patch. They had a candy draw and a selfie station and of course lots of pumpkins!

The Cross Country season is now complete and we are looking forward to a promising Volleyball season for the gr.6 and 7 students. We will have a senior girls team this year. A big thank you to Ms. Christy for being our teacher sponsor and thank you to Alice and Kat, our parent volunteers who help run practices.

Today, we had our annual Halloween Parade. Thank you to all of the parents who came out. There were so many great costumes and a great time was had by all. I hope everyone has a happy and safe Halloween!

Mike Singh
Principal



Cross Country

Our Cross Country season came to a close on the afternoon of Tuesday October 2oth at Trout Lake. Our students had a great time and we even got some sunshine! Thank you to Mme Dinning and Mme Deragopian for organizing this year's team. Thank you to the parents for coming out and supporting our athletes.



Bagged Lunch Project

Division 9F had a bake sale to fundraise for their "bagged lunch" project. Thanks to everyone who supported, they were able to raise $915! Every month they will decorate bags with words of encouragement and positivity and will make lunches that will then be hand delivered to people in need on Vancouver's downtown east side.







This months gallery features photos from:

- Div 9F's field trip to the Hive
- The Halloween Parade



Darker mornings, shorter days: tips for a safe school commute

As our mornings grow darker, we can all help students get to school safely. This year, we won't turn clocks back on Nov. 1, as B.C. moves to year-round Pacific time. A few simple steps can help keep everyone safe on the way to and from school:

- Wear bright or reflective clothing
- Use lights when cycling or scootering
- Cross at marked crosswalks and follow traffic signals
- Stop, look and listen before crossing. Wait until vehicles have stopped before stepping onto the road
- Put phones and other distractions away during commutes
- Drivers should slow down, stay alert and take extra care around schools, crosswalks and drop-off areas

As the days grow shorter, please give yourself a little extra time and take extra care on your way to and from school.









Staff Spotlight



" Hi everyone, my names Ms. Leroux and I'm your new teacher librarian. I'm so excited to get to know you all and read some exciting new books! A little bit about me: I love to travel and explore new cultures. I've been to over 20 countries. My favorite places include Japan, Mauritius and Brazil. I also recently lived in Germany for a few years and loved it very much. Here in Vancouver I love being outside, hiking, swimming, skiing and biking. In the summer you can find me at the beach everyday with my son Leo who's 7. My favorite foods to eat are sushi and curry! If you see me around the school please say Hello!"



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2022 begins on November 1

All kindergarten registrants are required to complete an online application for their catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for District choice programs (Early French Immersion, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Indigenous Focus School, Fine Arts, or Montessori) and/or apply cross boundary to attend a school other than their catchment school.

The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1** and closes on **January 31**. Students who submit an online application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Online Application.

- Complete an online application form (https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/) for the **2027-28** school year



1 Apply Online

Step 2: Document verification.

- Your catchment school will contact you to set up an in-person appointment. Bring supporting documents with you to complete registration.
- If your child was born outside of Canada, book an appointment at the Newcomer Welcome Centre (NWC) to complete registration. After you submit your online application, your confirmation email will include an appointment booking link. Visits to NWC are by appointment only. If you do not receive the link, email nwc@vsb.bc.ca


2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

The following original documents must be presented to complete your application:

- Proof of British Columbia residency
- Child's original birth certificate
- Applicable Immigration/Citizenship/Permanent Resident Documentation
- Immunization records, if available

*Schools may request additional identification of proof of residency.

District Choice Programs and Cross Boundary Applications

If you want to apply for a District Choice Program or apply cross boundary, you must **first apply to your catchment elementary school.** District Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will be accepted in early 2027. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice and govsb.ca/crossboundary





Important information for families registering for kindergarten

We're looking forward to welcoming new kindergarten students in 2027–28. Quilchena may receive more registrations than available spaces, so we'd like to let you know what to expect if that happens.

If you register between November 1 and January 31

If more students register than there are spaces:

1. Students with a sibling who attends the school and will return the following year will have priority.
2. A random draw will be held for the remaining spaces.
3. If there are not enough spaces for all students, a waitlist will be created based on the order of the draw.

If you register after January 31

Registrations received after January 31 will be added to the waitlist in the order they are received. Sibling priority does not apply after January 31.

When you will hear from us

Families will be contacted in the spring with an update on their child's kindergarten registration. All students will have a place at a Vancouver school.

If your child is on the waitlist for Quilchena, they will have a place at a neighbouring school with available space. They will also stay on the waitlist for Quilchena. If space becomes available, families will be contacted in waitlist order.

Applying to a school outside your catchment

Families may also apply to a school outside their catchment from February 1 to 26. You must first register your child at their catchment school before applying cross boundary.

Visit our cross boundary webpage for more information.



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 School Assembly (11:00) 	11 Remembrance Day 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Pro D Day 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					