



What's up @QUILCHENA

March
2024

Hello Quilchena Families:

It has been an eventful month at our school! We've had Lunar New Year celebrations, our Winter Concert, a Field Hockey Program and much more. Thank you to the families who came to our student led conferences mid month.

Last Friday, we had a small fire in the music portable. Thankfully it happened before school started and all students and staff were safe. Unfortunately, the portable will not be in use while repairs are done. Music classes will take place in the SPG space until the portable is ready. Thank you to all of the teachers and students who were able to follow our emergency protocols. A big thank you to the Vancouver Fire Department for their quick response.

As we count down the weeks until Spring Break, please remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Often at this time of the year, we still have snow in the forecast! It would be helpful to send an extra change of clothes.

Best Regards,

Mike Singh

Principal



With deep gratitude and respect, (we/I) (are/am) honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation).



Re-Usable Cutlery

On a daily basis, students are coming to the office asking for cutlery to eat their lunch. In an effort to be environmentally friendly, we are asking that families provide re-usable cutlery for their children's lunches. The Hot Lunch program does not provide plastic cutlery as it follows the school district low waste policy. We at Quilchena would like to follow this policy as well and will not be purchasing any more plastic cutlery. We would like to have cutlery available for children in the office on the rare occasion that they do forget. If you have extra cutlery (forks and spoons) in your house that you would be willing to donate, please bring them to the office. Thank you!

Family Portrait Night—March 7th

Mountain West has offered to host a family portrait night on March 7th. All proceeds from the sitting fee will go directly back to the school. Each Family will receive a complimentary 8x10 print.

To book your Family portrait sitting, please visit this link:

Family Sitting

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=26596311&appointmentType=58854212>

If you have any questions after reviewing our sign up page, please contact our service team

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

1. Date & time: **Thursday, March 7th 2024 (4:30pm to 8:00pm)**

2. Location: **School Library**

Mountain West Studios is pleased to offer:
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER



This event is especially popular for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas. What a great way to support your school and provide precious memories for someone you care about!



EACH FAMILY IS PROVIDED WITH 1 COMPLIMENTARY 8X10 PORTRAIT PER FAMILY

- New, easy, online signup
- Sitting fee is \$30.00
- Weekend/evening portrait session
- 10 minute sittings
- 12-18 online previews for ordering
- 100% of sitting fee is donated to school!

SITTINGS ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY, SO DON'T MISS OUT. SIGN UP NOW!



Basketball

The Junior Basketball team has had an exciting season so far. Under the guidance of Coach Jason Cheung, they have improved their skills and understanding of the rules. The team consists of Grade 5 and 6 players, who have consistently displayed good sportsmanship and dedication. The crowd support during home games has been deafening at times yet motivating and really appreciated by the team. Their final game will be on Monday. Good Luck Juniors! Go Wolves Go!

The senior boys basketball team wrapped up their season last week with a definitive victory in their final match against Shaughnessy. It was a fitting end to an impressive season marked by growth, resilience and commitment to team values. We experienced the trademark highs and lows of team sports and the players handled it all with composure and unending support for one another. It was a pleasure to witness the rapid development of every player and the team itself, before our eyes. Congratulations on a phenomenal season; we are proud of you, Wolves!

Also a big thank you to the Scorekeepers from divisions 1,2,3 and 17 for their help with scorekeeping for all of the basketball home games. Your leadership and dedication is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Mme Deragopian for being the teacher sponsor for the Junior Boys. Thank you to Mr. Paterson and Mr. Romano for coaching the Senior Boys and thank you to Ms. Enns for training and supervising our scorers and timers.

Student Learning Survey 2023/2024

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2024** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 3rd.



AQA Dollars at Work

In this section of the newsletter, we hope to highlight different ways that we are using money raised by the generous donations of the parent community. Today, we would like to highlight a Smart TV that was purchased for division F17 Mme Deragopian's class. A Smart TV works very similar to a mounted projector but is portable and not fixed to the wall. So far it has received a five star rating! Please see below for some of the reviews from the class.

We use the screen for spelling and dictée activities. -Ayla

I like the screen more than the whiteboard.- Victoria

Nous aimons le tableau parce qu'on peut regarder des vidéos plus facilement.- David

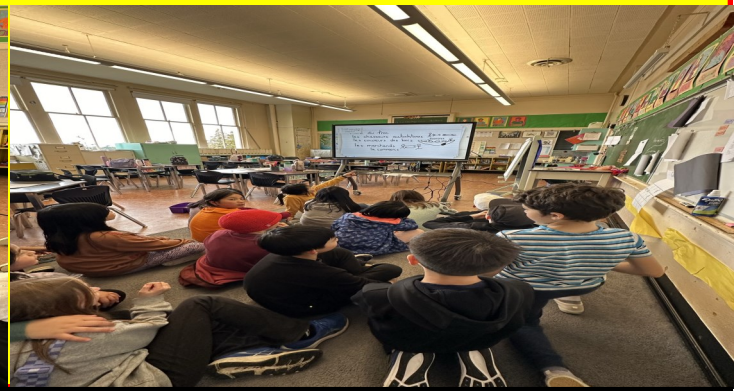
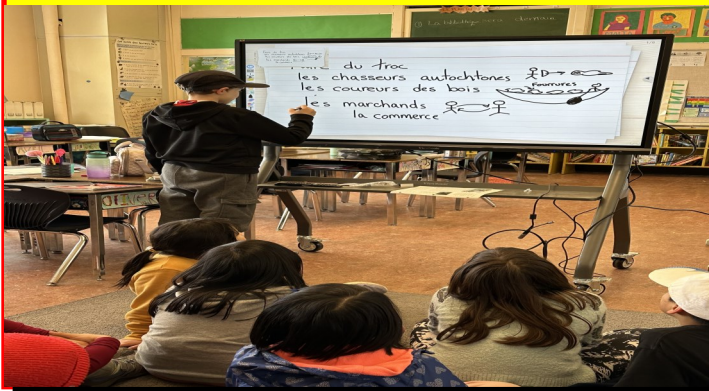
I like how it can be a whiteboard and a TV at the same time.-Abby

I like how it helps me understand things and it's useful. Peggy

It's cool because it's an electronic whiteboard. Marcus

We used to learn cursive and grammar. -April

I love that I can easily roll the screen to the carpet and write over projected images, to layer my lessons. Students learn with exciting authentic visuals. Mme Deragopian



Staff Spotlight

Hello Quilchena Community!

My name is Sylvana Sproule, and I am so excited to be teaching and building our music program at Quilchena for years to come! I recently moved from Vancouver Island where I spent many years teaching music, but originally I hail from Calgary, AB. I have a degree in Spanish literature and Music, and went to Spanish immersion school as a kid!

In my free time I love to play music(what a surprise!), go to see live performances, paint, and stay active by skiing and swimming; especially in the ocean!

I love to travel, and have spent a lot of time in Spain, where I did a music teaching practicum. My coolest travel experience would have to be sleeping under the stars in the Sahara desert with my best friends, after spending the day riding camels!

A few facts about myself are:

1. My favourite movie is The Emperor's Groove
2. A food I could eat everyday is a BLT Sandwich
3. My favourite genre to read is science fiction

I love all types of music, but the genres I listen to the most are disco, electronic, and R & B.

Thank you for welcoming me to Quilchena! Please say 'hello' if you see me around!



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QUILCHENA PHOTO GALLERY



at Eco Fair : Monday, May 27

The annual Quilchena Eco Fair is a PAC organised event that draws attention to environmental concepts and creates interest in the local ecosystem. We are pleased to welcome many presenters that will run workshops during that day.

We need your help! Would you be interested in:

- facilitating a workshop?
- recommending a presenter?
- volunteering at the Eco Fair?



Please

contact: members.at.large@quilchenapac.org

PLAY BASEBALL

Join for Spring Season: April-June
Kerrisdale Little League is looking for new players in the community, ages 4-8. Meet new friends, be part of a team, and learn new skills. All welcome!

 **Vancouver**
Local fields in Kerrisdale

 **Register by March 1st**
www.kerrisdalebaseball.com

BLASTBALL
Preschool
Born 2019, 2020

T-BALL
Kindergarten
Born 2018

ROOKIE
Grades 1 and 2
Born 2016, 2017

Principal	Mike Singh	604-713-5420
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Director of Instruction	Janis Myers	
VSBC Trustee Liaison	Joshua Zhang	
Vancouver School Board		604-713-5000
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Safe Arrival @ Quilchena

Please call before 9am 604-713-5159

Press "68#" and leave message

For extended leave—please email jgrenier@vsb.bc.ca



March 2024

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31						<i>Back to School Tuesday</i>

April 2024

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