



What's
up
@QUILCHENA

May
2024

Hello Quilchena Families:

It has been a busy month of May! A big focus for this month is the Environment . We have our fabulous yearly event the Eco-Fair and we participate in activities like walking /biking to school, collecting soft plastics and learning about ways to care for ourselves and our planet.

Some of the other big events are captured in our Photo Gallery, which include our Intermediate camp, changing states of matter with Div 6, Butterfly art from Div 5 and the HopOn Bicycle Program.

We've got one more month of school and as the weather starts to warm up we have lots of great outdoor and year end activities to look forward to. Please remember to look at our calendar at the end of our newsletter to be sure not to miss out on any important dates.

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),
S^kwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw
(Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ
(Tseil-Waututh Nation).*



Soft Plastics Recycling

During the month of May, we were part of a pilot program with Recycle BC to help recycle soft plastics. It was a tremendous success. Thank you to all of the students and families for bringing in their plastics to recycle. A big thank you to Ms. Gray, Ms. Enns, Mme Jihane, Mme Brittany and their students who helped collect and organize all of our recycling. Let's hope that we can bring this program to our school year round.

Walk to School Day

Thank you to all the Quilchena students, families, and staff who participated in our Walk to School event on May 16th. Thank you to the student leaders who helped celebrate by giving hand stamps to everyone who had walked to school. We are looking forward to learning more about our Earth and the environment at our Eco Fair on Monday, May 27th.



Diversity Club– Silent Auction

The Diversity Club's silent art auction was a big success! Some of the items included paintings and hand woven items that club members created during lunch hour meetings. A big thank you to club sponsors Mme. Jihane, Mme Brigitte and Ms. Keiver . Thanks to all of the parents, students and teachers who supported such a great cause and were able to get some rare pieces of Quilchena student art work. All proceeds will go to the David Suzuki Foundation.



Staff Spotlight

Hello Q families!

My name is Eilis (pronounced “Ay-lish”, like “Salish” without the “S!”) Whelan, and I am a Grade 3/4 teacher in the English part of the school. I am originally from Dublin, Ireland, and have lived in beautiful BC for 11 years now. I am a Mum to a beautiful little boy named Niko, and just returned from maternity leave in April.

Before becoming a teacher, I worked for 5 years at Science World. My job there was to perform in science shows, make fire balls in my hands, teach school workshops, and basically do anything that got people excited about science! I have degrees in Zoology and Wildlife Conservation, and science and outdoor learning are definitely my favourite subjects to teach at school.

When I’m not in the classroom you can find me hiking up mountains, camping in forests, swimming in the ocean, and singing in an East Van rock choir!

Fun Fact: I can speak Irish (Gaelic) Come say Dia Dhuit (dee-ah-gwitch) (hello!) some time.



Eco Fair

Eco Fair was a huge success! Thank you to Petra and Ms. Enns for organizing and communicating with all of our presenters, and to Karen for organizing a delicious thank you lunch and greeting and overseeing parent volunteers and presenters. Thank you to all of the amazing parent volunteers! Students had a wonderful day of learning!

Also a big thank you to our presenters at Eco Fair: Dr. Junkology, Chickens & Honeybees, SPG, Stanley Park Ecology, Gulf of Georgia Cannery, Urban Safari, Let's Talk Science, Efrat (Parent Presenter), Keep Vancouver Spectacular, Ocean Wise, Mike's Critters, SPEC BC Beneficial Insects, City Farmer- earthworm



Lost and Found

The Lost & Found is overflowing with hats, gloves, jackets, sweaters, water bottles and more! Don't be shy, come have a look and take what is yours by June 14th. The remaining items will be donated to Good Will.



Class Placement Requests for 2024-2025

Should parents wish to provide input into the class casting process, please make your request to mrsingh@vsb.bc.ca , stating the educational reasons for your preference, by Friday, June 7, 2024. Requests should indicate educational reasons for a particular class placement, not a particular teacher. All requests will be considered. There are no guarantees.

Calendar 2024-2025 Quilchena Elementary School



SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	180
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days 1 Administrative Day (June 27)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 3, 2024
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Monday, September 30, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2024
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 23, 2024-Friday, January 3, 2025
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2025
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 14, 2025
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 17 – Friday, March 28, 2025
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 31, 2025
Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	Monday April 21, 2025
Victoria Day	Monday, May 19, 2025
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 27, 2025

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

Friday September 27 2024	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 25, 2024	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 22, 2024	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 14, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 28, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday May 16 2025	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Tuesday October 22, 2024	2:00 pm
Wednesday October 23 2024	2:00 pm
Wednesday April 23 2025	2:00 pm
Thursday April 24 2025	2:00 pm

QUILCHENA PHOTO GALLERY



Quilchena BBQ

Thursday, June 13th, 2024

Thanks PAC!

Ice Cream

Face Painting

Book Sale

Games

Water Play

Sports

The Tom Cats Trio

Live Band

Oven-Roasted Pizza

Pre-Order to avoid line-ups here:





BIKE to school WEEK

JUNE 3 ▶ JUNE 7



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walk, or wheel
to school!



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Principal	Mike Singh	604-713-5420
Office Admin Support	Jo-Anne Grenier	
Director of Instruction	Janis Myers	
VSB Trustee Liaison	Joshua Zhang	
Vancouver School Board		604-713-5000
Email	quilchena@vsb.bc.ca	



Safe Arrival @ Quilchena

Please call before 9am 604-713-5159

Press "68#" and leave message

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

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bike to School Week						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				PAC BBQ		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					Hip Hop Performance	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Report Cards Go Home		Gr.7 Leaving Ceremony		Last day of School	
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