



Director of Instruction: Ms. Deena Buckley

Principal: Ms. Carrie Sleep

PAC Chairperson: Ms. Torri MacCuish

School Liaison Trustee: Ms. Carmen Cho

Dear Quilchena Parents,

It is great to see so many familiar faces back to school this month. We are glad to be back in session and are doing our best to get school up and running in a year like no other. Although, on-line learning has provided another platform for learning, nothing replaces being at school face-to-face with friends and teachers. This year, we have 56 Kindergarten children starting school and 42 new students Grade 1—7. In total there are 330 students at Quilchena: 6 divisions of English and 7 divisions of French. A great big Quilchena welcome to new families and students. The 2020—2021 School Calendar is provided below for newly arrived families.

First PAC Meeting of the Year!

Wednesday, October 8 @ 7 pm

Please watch for a Zoom invite.

Please note, schools remain closed to the public, including parents. If you need to pick up your child outside of school hours, please contact your child's teacher and arrange to meet your child outside. For younger children, call the office at 604-713-5420 and a staff member will bring them out. We apologize for this inconvenience but this is a public health order.

As a result of this order, individual student photo day on September 28 is cancelled.

Recess and Lunch Schedules

In order to provide time for twice daily cleaning, the schedule of the school day has been altered.

Children now eat their lunch in the classroom under the supervision of their teacher.

Recess

10:30—10:45 Grades 1—7

10:50—11:05 Kindergarten

Lunch

Group A

Ms. Chelak, Mme Reymond, Mme Brittany, Mme Dinning and Mr. Pack

11:20—12:07

Group B

Mr. Webber, Mme Deragopian, M. Enns, Ms. Grey, Mme Mooney

11:50—12:37

Group C

Mme Bouchet, Ms. Webber, Ms. Lau, Mme Megan, Mme Megan

Student Daily Health Assessment

Vancouver Coastal Health has recently provided an up-dated *Student Daily Health Assessment*. The new *Student Daily Health Assessment* targets symptoms more likely to be associated with COVID-19 and is designed to reduce unnecessary absences. The attached form replaces the former version provided to staff and families. I have included the new daily health assessment as an attachment.

Note: you do not need to sign again agreeing to conduct assessments.

CALENDAR 2020– 2021

Quilchena Elementary

School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2020
Remembrance Day Holiday	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18, 2020
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2021
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 12, 2021
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26, 2021
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 29, 2021
Good Friday	Friday, April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	Monday, April 5, 2021
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2021
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (school not in session)

Friday, September 25, 2020	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 23, 2020	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 27, 2020	Indigenous Focus Professional Day (District Wide)
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 12, 2021	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, April 26, 2021	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, October 21, 2020	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 22, 2020	2:00 pm
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	2:00 pm
Thursday, March 11, 2021	2:00 pm