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Newsletter # 1

September 4th, 2019

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Newsletter #1
September 3, 2019



THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE. PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE TRANSLATE IT

這是一份重要通告·請找人為你翻譯· 중요 공지 - 영어를 읽지 못하는 분은 번역을 부탁드립니다

Reminders/Calendar

Tuesday, September 3

Students at school for one hour

Wednesday, September 4

Normal school hours for Grades 1-7

September 6

Assembly 9:00

September 11

PAC Meeting 6PM (Library)

September 13

Assembly 9:00

September 20

Assembly 9:00/Terry Fox Run

September 23

Pro-D day no school for students

September 24

Comfort kits due

September 28

Assembly 9:00

September 30

Orange Shirt Day



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! We all approach this time of year with excitement, and in some cases, a bit of nervousness. You can help your child have a great start to the year by reassuring them that they will make plenty of new friends in their classes if they are feeling a bit lonely as the school year starts. As well, all of us will benefit from getting a bit of extra rest over the next few weeks. This helps the children and us settle into new routines during what can be a stressful time. We welcome Toni McKay (K) to the Maquinna family! Jacey Gibb will be starting Ms Olding' K class off this year. Lauren Lee is starting Ms Biagoni's class this year. We're anxiously awaiting the birth of Baby Bailey-no news as of Friday afternoon. Over the summer we also said farewell to Mr. Dolan and Ms. Nelson.

With respect,

Bruce

IMPORTANT FORMS COMING HOME NEXT WEEK! A package of important paperwork (address verification, emergency reunification etc.) will be sent home the week of Sept. 10. Please review these carefully and return them to the school as quickly as possible so our information is up to date. Thanks!

Our office hours are 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

CLASS PLACEMENT / ORGANIZATION

We recognize that students and parents are all anxious to meet their “real” teacher and to start learning together! Over the summer there have been several new registrations and some transfers out.. We have moved the students into tentative classes this morning, however, changes are still possible. It will be an excellent opportunity to review our Code of Conduct and safety routines and to refresh skills before moving to our new class organization.

In adjusting student placements to match changes in our school organization the staff considers what we know about students as well as additional information parents may have shared with us in the spring. In the end, however, decisions on student placement are our responsibility. We will do our best to balance the many competing factors so that we have balanced, productive classes. We have very little room for movement as we need to follow the terms of the collective agreement regarding class size and composition, and happily, we are a very full school! Again, you can do your part be reassuring your child that these decisions have been made with a great deal of thought and caring by the adults at the school and that they will soon settle into their new class, learn a lot, and have a lot of fun!

Student Absence Reporting

The Vancouver School Board now has a 24/7 telephone line for reporting student absences. Please call 604-713-5159 extension #49 to report an absence

PAC - The Chief Maquinna PAC would like to encourage all parents to become involved as members of the Parent Advisory Committee and come to the meetings this year. The PAC plays a significant role in supporting and enhancing special programs and directions in the school community. The first PAC meeting is on Wednesday, September 12th at 6pm in the library.

Safety is of paramount importance to us. A few easy requests from the school to the parents will help us out immensely:

- Please wait for your child(ren) outside the school rather than in the front entrance.
- If you have a specific job/purpose in the school, please be sure to sign in at the office and pick up a visitors badge.
- Students who have not been picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal should be reminded that they are to report to the Office so that we may contact you or an emergency contact.
- Safety is a major concern when children are coming to and going from school. Please exercise extreme caution when dropping off or picking up your child. It is a good idea to review with your child the rules for crossing a road and especially stress looking both ways and not crossing between parked cars.
- If you are stopping on 2nd or 3rd, please don't stop directly in front of the school, or stop in the middle of the road. Try to park a distance away and walk to the school to get your child. Stopping directly in front of the school creates blind spots and impedes all drivers operating their vehicles along that street. Illegal parking activity will be monitored and information sent to the VPD traffic division. Please make use of our crossing guards located at the corner of 3rd and Slocan.
- Please remind your student that no cellphones are allowed at school. Students needing to call home are always welcome to use school phones.

Change of Address or Phone or email

Please notify the school immediately if you change your address or phone number during the school year. You would be amazed at the number of “not in service” messages we receive when trying to contact families. This also applies to any Emergency Contact you provide the school. Please ensure that the names and phone numbers are current and in working order. We need all parents' email addresses as we would like to continue our environment sustainability program by reducing paper and photocopying ink. In that regard, this is the only newsletter you will be getting a physical copy of. Newsletters are regularly emailed out at the beginning of the month. I also endeavour to send out emails if there is important information we need to communicate to all families quickly.

We live, work and learn on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish people. We wish to acknowledge the history of our neighborhood and community as we have all benefited from the richness of their teachings.



SCHOOL FEES for 2019-2020

Important Information – Please Translate

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اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید

Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ-ਮਿਹਰਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ/ਕਰਵਾਓ

Важная информация!Переведите,пожалуйста

GENERAL \$35.00 SUPPLY FEE



The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2019 – 2020 is \$35.00 per student*.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

*The General Supply Fee of \$35 is an increase to the fee from previous years and reflects increases in current costs.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES

Student Agenda/Planner – \$5

Students at (insert school name) will be using an Agenda/Planner in grades (insert grades). School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.

Performance Fee – \$15

We are pleased to enrich your child's learning through a wide variety of performances this year. This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. Parent support has made these opportunities possible and we appreciate your continued contribution.

Book Bags – \$7

Book bags are provided to incoming Kindergarten students at the cost of \$7 per child.

Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Throughout the school year your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, (insert name). All requests will be treated confidentially.

PLEASE PAY YOUR SCHOOL FEES THROUGH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

