

# Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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## April 2022

*We live, work and learn on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.*

*We wish to acknowledge the history of our neighborhood and community as we have all benefited from the richness of their teachings.*

“The highest form of knowledge is ... empathy”

Bill Bullard

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you had a great Spring Break and took time to rest and be with family and friends to re-connect. With the lifting of many of the Covid-19 restrictions by the province, we are slowly transitioning back to many of the regular school events that we have missed in the past two years. We ask that all members of our school community be respectful and kind towards each other as to their beliefs and choices in regard to masks and personal space. We will be moving forward based on the comfort levels of our staff, students and families.

We are excited to host assemblies, sports, field trips and other events in the near future. Please stay tuned to your email and notices from the school with some opportunities coming soon.

This newsletter has some updates as well as important school information. Please check your email (and spam folder) daily for updates and notices from the school or district. Thank you.

**Ms. Joyce Chong**

### COVID-19 PROTOCOL INFORMATION:

The Ministry of Education and VCH have removed many of the Covid-19 protocols within schools and we will have been able to resume many school activities.

We will continue our pickup and drop off procedures outside in line ups until the end of June. We ask that you do not enter the school during pick-up or drop off times except through the front doors for school business.

We will continue to eat lunch in the classrooms and wash hands throughout the day. We will continue to respect the personal space of others and their choice to wear a mask or not.

An updated version of the Districts Communicable Disease Prevention plan (March 28, 2022) can be found here: [VSB Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#)

### DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT/PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES:

Please continue to do a daily health assessment with your children before sending them to school. **Please help us by having your child stay home at the first hint of any illness/symptoms. We will be sending any students who are ill home, without exception. Thank you for your help.**

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## VISITORS

Visitors on school business are welcome to come into the school using the school's front doors (East 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.) as of April 4<sup>th</sup>. All other doors will remain locked for safety. Thank you

## SAFE ARRIVAL:

Reminder: please call the Safe Arrival Line for absences, late arrivals, appointments, and early pick-ups. Thank you for letting the office know at (604) 713-4705, select Safe Arrivals or email the office at [magsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:magsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca).

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES:

We will be having student led conferences on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. On these days, students are dismissed at 2:00 pm. **Please ensure your child is picked up promptly at 2:00 pm so conferences may begin.** Appointments will be face-to-face in your child's classroom and include your child, parent/guardians, and the classroom teacher. There may be up to 3 families scheduled during each time slot. As in the Fall, appointments will be scheduled online at Maquinna at: <https://maquinna.schoolappointments.com/admin/>. Please sign in if you have an account. Please register if you have not used the system before. Instructions have been attached to this newsletter email.

If you need an interpreter, please email the school at [Maquinna@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:Maquinna@vsb.bc.ca) with the name of your child, the language and the time/date of your child's student led conference as soon as you make your appointment online.

You will be able to schedule your appointments starting on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:55 pm. If you are not able to attend during the times listed, please contact the classroom teacher.

Please contact the classroom teacher or office if you are having difficulties making an appointment online.

## BIG THANK YOU TO MAQUINNA PAC!

The students and staff at Maquinna would like to thank the PAC for their efforts with the Purdy's Easter fundraiser. We encourage all families to get involved with the school's PAC as it is a great way to get to know other families as well as supporting all students and the many events that happen at the school.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 12 – Maquinna PAC meeting 7:00 pm – via ZOOM (see below)

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April 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> **Early dismissal days for Student Led-Conferences – 2:00 pm**

**Please ensure your child is picked up promptly at 2:00 pm.**

April 15 – Good Friday – Statuary holiday – no school

April 18 – Easter Monday – Statuary holiday – no school

April 19 – Grade 6/7 Families meeting re: field trips (Time TBA – evening)

April 25 – Professional Day – students not in attendance

April 29 – Class photos/Grade 7 photo/All student Panorama photo

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*A message from PAC*

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Hello Maquinna Community,

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. Any guardian can attend the meetings, and it is okay to just listen in without your video camera on. We always have an update from the principal about how things are going at school, we decide on how to spend fundraised dollars to support the student's educational needs, and we sometimes talk about policies to bring forward to other parent advisory councils to improve the student experience.



Link to register is here at the Maquinna PAC website

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/chief-maquinna/Families/Parent-Advisory-Council/Pages/default.aspx>