

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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October 2022

*We acknowledge that 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.*

*“Be mindful. Be grateful. Be
positive. Be true. Be kind.”*

*Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the
Heart.*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are settled into our new classes and getting to know each other and learning to work together. We had a great time at the Meet the Teacher and PAC Pizza fundraiser dinner evening on Wednesday, September 28th. If you missed the evening, you will have another opportunity to meet your child's teacher at the goal setting conferences scheduled for October 19th and 20th. An email invitation to book a time has been sent out. Please contact the classroom teacher if you did not receive an invitation to book a conference. We encourage families to sign up for a conference and to bring their child to the conference to help with their goal setting.

Best regards,

Ms. Joyce Chong

This newsletter has some updates as well as important school information. Please check your email (and junk/spam folder) daily for newsletters, updates and notices from the school/district.

GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES – OCTOBER 19TH AND 20TH – 2:00 PM DISMISSAL:

Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on October 19th and 20th. Please ensure they are picked up promptly at 2:00 pm. An email through TEAMS Bookings will be sent to you to book your appt with your child's classroom teacher. NOTE: some teachers may have conferences on Tuesday, Oct 18th as well. If you require a TEAMS video conference, please let the classroom teacher know.

OCTOBER 20th – The BIG BC SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will be conducting a whole school Earthquake Drill as part of the Big BC Shakeout on October 20th at 10:20 a.m. We will be asking families to help with the reunification drill which entails picking up your child at approx. 10:45 a.m. You are welcome to take your child home or have your child stay until 2:00 pm (early dismissal). Please email Maquinna@vsb.bc.ca if you have time to help with the reunification drill at 10:30 in the morning.

AGENDAS (Code of Conduct and AUP)

All Grade 1-7 students have received their new agendas/planners. Please take a moment to go through the Maquinna Code of Conduct in the agenda with your child and sign the acknowledgement. We also ask that you review with your child, the AUP for their grade level at:

<https://aup.vsb.bc.ca/layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/Home.aspx>

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND OTHER FEES/Forms REMINDER:

A reminder to families to pay school fees that were sent home. We encourage you to use the SchoolCashOnline to pay fees. If you are unable to use the online system, please talk to the classroom teacher to make other arrangements such as cash or cheque to the school.

Please complete the package of forms that were sent home last week and return them to school as soon as possible. They include address, verification, emergency reunification, AUP, Social media consent forms and CASL forms etc.). Please review these carefully and return them to the school so our information is up to date. Thank you!

VISITORS

Visitors on school business are welcome to come into the school using the school's front doors (East 2nd Ave.) We ask that you stop by the office to sign in so we are aware of who is in the building. All other doors will remain locked for safety.

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 1 for Safe Arrivals or email the office at maqsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca. Please be aware that most teachers check their emails at recess, lunch and afterschool may not receive them during the day. Please call the office to leave important messages for staff. If the Safe Arrival message center is not working, please email your child's absence or early pick up at: maqsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca

HELP WANTED: Maquinna PAC needs volunteers for Pizza days on Friday mornings throughout the months of October to December. Please email the PAC at maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com if you have some time to volunteer.

MAQUINNA CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Ms. Plant and Mrs. Lougheed have been running practices for Cross Country. The practices are on Monday afterschool until 4:00 and at 8:15 on Friday mornings. The mini meets at Trout Lake are usually held on Wednesday afternoons afterschool. Students have been enjoying their runs! Thank you Ms. Plant and Mrs. Lougheed for sponsoring the Cross Country Team.

MAQUINNA SOCCER TEAM

Mr. Sabbagha has been holding soccer practices and games for the Grade 6/7s the past few weeks. They have hosted games in our soccer field. Thank you, Mr. Sabbagha!

ARTONA PHOTOS

The Artona photographers have agreed to deliver purchased photos to the school rather than having families pay a shipping charge. Please make your purchases using the QR codes that were sent home with students. Please contact the classroom teacher if you did not receive the QR code.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 14th – Terry Fox Assembly at 2:00 pm in the Gym (Teacher challenges!)

October 19 and 20th – Early dismissal (2:00 pm) for Goal setting conferences with your child's teacher.

Please make plans to pick up your child(ren) at 2:00 pm as teachers will begin their conferences promptly.

October 20th – Big BC Shakeout Earthquake Drill 10:20 a.m. – Volunteers needed.

October 21st – Professional Day – no school for students

October 31st – Halloween – students attend school

November 4th – Photo re-take day

November 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11th – Remembrance Day – School is closed

Please join us for Friday Assemblies usually held every Friday at approximately 9:05 a.m. You are welcome to enter through the Green GO door in the undercover area or the front door on East 2nd. Parent/Family seating is at the back of the gym on the right.

A message from PAC

PAC Meeting:

The next PAC meeting will be on October 24, 2022 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Please save the date and plan to attend. All welcome.

Any guardian can attend the meetings, and it is okay to just listen in. 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.

We will be holding elections and there are opportunities for a position on the PAC. We are also searching for a class parent in each classroom to help with communication. It is a great way to meet other families and to be connected with what's happening at Maquinna. Please consider joining and taking a position on the Parent Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Maquinna School PAC



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