

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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November 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The weather is turning, and it feels like winter already! But there's a lot happening indoors at the school. Congratulations to the Cross Country Team for the great year and hard work. Also, a "shout out" to the Grade 7 Soccer Team on a good year of developing skills and working as a team. Thank you to Mr. Sabbagha, Mrs. Lougheed, Ms. Plant and Ms. Aimee for their sponsorship, time and coaching this year! We had a great day on Hallowe'en with dressing up and a dance party in the afternoon! Stay warm everyone!

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.

*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.*

*"Diversity is the one true thing
we all have in common.
Celebrate it every day."*

Winston Churchill

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY – NOVEMBER 10TH AT 10:45 A.M. (GYM) - ALL WELCOME!

Please join us for Maquinna's Remembrance Day Assembly in the gym next week. Students are welcome to bring their poppy donations starting on Monday. Students will receive their poppies on Thursday morning, prior to the Assembly. Students who belong to the Scouts, The Guides and Cadets are encouraged to wear their uniforms on Thursday, November 10th and to be part of the Colour party at the Assembly. We welcome everyone to the assembly. If you know anyone from the Armed Forces, please invite them to the ceremony.

HELP WANTED:

Maquinna PAC needs volunteers for Hot Dog days (Nov 16th, Nov 30th, and Dec 14th a.m.) and 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. Thank you!

CHANGE IN WEATHER – IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

As the weather is getting colder and wetter outside, it's time to dig out the winter coats, boots, mitts, scarves and hats so students can stay warm at recess and lunch. Students are expected to be

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outside for recess and lunch (20 – 35 minutes) so please dress them warmly. Please let the office know if you are in need of winter clothing. Thank you.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN!

From November 1st to January 31st, priority Kindergarten registration is open online for students entering Kindergarten in September 2023. Please check out the VSB website for registration information.



PRIORITY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
NOV 1 - JAN 31

TIMELINE

- 1 AGE**
For children born in 2018
- 2 APPLY ONLINE**
govsb.ca/kindergarten
- 3 VERIFY YOUR INFORMATION IN PERSON**
Contact your neighbourhood catchment school to make an appointment

- NOV 1 - JAN 31**
PRIORITY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
Children born in 2018 are eligible to register
- JAN 9 - FEB 3**
DISTRICT CHOICE PROGRAM REGISTRATION
Optional programs offered by the District. Includes: French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual, Fine Arts, Indigenous Focus and Montessori
- FEB 1 - FEB 28**
CROSS-BOUNDARY REGISTRATION
For families who wish to attend a school outside of their catchment area
- MID FEBRUARY**
WAITLIST NOTIFICATION
Only families registered in identified full schools and district choice programs will be notified
- LATE APRIL**
★ **KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT CONFIRMED**

PAC PURDY'S FUNDRAISER:

The Maquinna PAC is having their Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser and the **last day to order is November 14th**. To qualify for 25% return we need to sell at least \$1000 worth of chocolates. Please consider purchasing chocolates from Purdy's as a way of supporting the school and for Gift giving! Please go to the PAC website for ordering information: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/chief-maquinna/Families/Parent-Advisory-Council/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank you for helping out all students at Maquinna!

RETURN-IT PAC ACCOUNT:

Did you know that the Maquinna PAC has a RETURN-IT account? Bring your recyclables to any return it location in a clear or blue plastic bag and ask for a label using the Schools Phone number (604-713-4705). You can drop and go, no sorting required; super easy! This way you can donate the money from your recycling to Maquinna school. Thank you!

GRADE 7 VOLLEYBALL:

A thank you to Mr. Sabbagha who is sponsoring the Grade 7 Volleyball team this year. They've already started practices and have had some games too! GO MAQUINNA!

STUDENT SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Student's individual photos that have been purchased through Artona will be delivered to the school to save the shipping costs. We anticipate them soon. If you missed the re-take day, you can now go into the Artona studio to have re-takes done. The information for instudio retakes are here:

<https://www.blog.artona.com/post/instudioretakeday>

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.

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 afters school 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 in Gym

November 11th – Remembrance Day – School is closed

November 25th – Professional Day (Indigenous Focus) – no School for students

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 in November with the date to be announced. The in person PAC meeting will be from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Maquinna Library. Babysitting is provided. All are 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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