

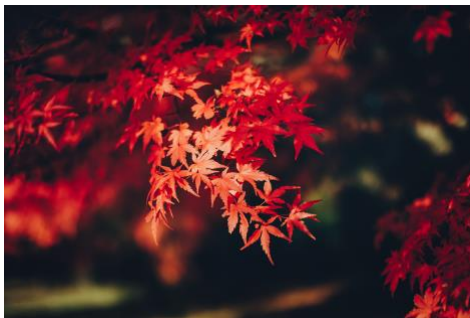
Chief Maquinna Elementary

October 2021

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Teaching is one of the few professions that allows love.

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.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to October! We've had a very busy startup; students are settled in their classes and we are starting to hit our pace with school work! October promises to be super busy. Please take a look at important reminders below.

PARKING

As with virtually every other school in the Lower Mainland, we struggle with issues surrounding parking. We understand your desire to drop off your children close to the school, however, there are both city and school rules to ensure your child is SAFE. We have been struggling with people parking on 3rd. Please observe the no parking/no stopping signs. The City is preparing to enforce those zones. Also we are struggling with parents walking their children across the staff parking lot. People do come and go throughout the day; there is a sidewalk 5 metres to the east of the parking lot. Please do NOT walk through the parking lot-we don't want an avoidable accident to happen. All the students know that this is a school rule.

MASKS

Reminder that the province has now mandated mask wearing for all grades. We will be following handwashing protocols throughout the day. Once again, you are responsible for doing a daily health check on your child. We will be sending any students who are ill home without exception. Just a note so you understand...when a child comes to school ill, we have a whole procedure we need to follow including masking up, isolation, cleaning classrooms, cleaning the medical room. Please help us by having your child stay home at the first hint of illness. We did SO well last year and are continuing to do so. Our absences have been huge as colds and flu hit, but we are thankful you're helping us take care!

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VISITORS

Unfortunately, we are still in the grips of the pandemic. In order to keep the schools safer, the VSB is continuing to request that anyone wishing to visit the building do so by appointment only. We will be happy to meet with you at any time, however, **please respect that the building is closed** except for students and staff.

SAFE ARRIVALS

With our new phone system, the safe arrivals procedure has changed. If your child will be absent, please call the main line at the school (604) 713-4705 and press #1. You may do this 24/7. Please make sure you contact the office in the event of an absence instead of just notifying the teacher. Thanks in advance for helping us keep our students safe.

SCHOOL FEES/STUDENT FORMS

Please remember to pay your school fees as soon as you possibly can. If you require a fee waiver, please contact me in confidence (this is applicable to field trips etc. as well). Please also remember to send back the package of forms that the school sent home as well.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 5 Photo Day

October 11 Thanksgiving-School Closed

Week of October 12-Goal Setting Conferences via Teams/Phone

October 19 PAC meeting @6:00pm. Zoom signup to follow

October 21 Great Shake Out Drill-please consider volunteering to help with reunification practice

October 22 Provincial Professional Day-No School for Students

October 29 Halloween Activities-Email to follow

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A message from PAC



Hello Maquinna Community,

Please join us at our PAC meetings at 6:00pm on the third Tuesday of every month. 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.

We are actively seeking new members of PAC! Now that we have moved back to Maquinna, we are especially hopeful that we can relaunch our hot lunch program; this is the major fundraiser that keeps our PAC going. Thank you to those parents who have generously sent in donations for our fall donation drive.

We hope you will join us on zoom at our next meeting on October 19 at 6:00 pm!

