

# Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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## April 2023

*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.*

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Maquinna Families,

Spring has finally arrived, and we are enjoying the sunny but cold days. There is a lot happening at the school with some big events coming up like the Student Led conferences happening this week. We hope you can join your child and classroom teacher to learn about their learning. Students have been preparing for these conferences and hope to have you join them in the classroom on April 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Also, plans are underway for the PAC BBQ on June 1<sup>st</sup> and Sports Day on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us for both events.

Thank you to members of PAC for their time and efforts with fundraising and their plans for the BBQ!. They are looking for volunteers to help with the event as well as prizes for the silent auction and games. Please look out for the flyer with more information about the PAC BBQ!

Thank you for checking your email (and junk/spam folder) daily for updates and notices from the school or district. I will try my best to be outside at drop off and pick-up if you have questions or concerns or please give me a call or drop by my office.

Ms. Joyce Chong

### STUDENT-LED CONFERENCING - EARLY DISMISSAL ON APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 PM

Invitations to book your child's student led conference have been sent to families via email. Please sign up for your child's conference by clicking on the link. **Please ensure pick up at 2:00 pm on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> as conferences start at 2:00 pm.** Students will be leading the conference and sharing their learning and work with you. The conferences offer a snapshot of what your child is learning. Thank you for attending this important event.

### SALEEMA NOON AND BODY SCIENCE WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Body Science presentations by Saleema Noon educators are coming to Maquinna and have been generously sponsored by Maquinna PAC. These experts will work with students from K-Grade 7 and parents to teach them about healthy bodies and healthy sexuality in ways they find non-threatening and age appropriate. In their own language children learn about how their bodies change, and what those changes mean. This is an important topic that is part of the PE Curriculum in BC.

Please join us for a parent information evening via ZOOM on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. In this session, Saleema or a member of her team will give an overview of student presentations and, using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, will show parents how easy it is to convey healthy, meaningful messages about sex and growing up, to young children.

Students' sessions will take place in person during the school day on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Groupings are: K and Grade 1, Grade 2 and 3, Grade 4 and 5, and Grade 6 and 7. For more information, a copy of the Parent letter will be coming home this week and a digital copy is attached.

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## SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION TO GRADES 4-7:

On Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Safer schools Together will be making presentations to the grades 4/5 and 6/7 students on of social media and technology use. The presentation is called Establishing Safe, Caring, and Respectful Digital Communities. The workshop is to help students learn about their presence and responsibilities on social media and the dangers that exist on many of the digital platforms they visit.

Here are some helpful links for families to learn more about this very important topic as it relates to our children:

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-resources/>

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/social-media>

[https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/behavior-and-development/social\\_media](https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/behavior-and-development/social_media)

## NEXT SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24

Plans are underway for the next school year. It would be helpful if you could let the school know if you will not be returning to Maquinna next school year. Please email: [maquinna@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:maquinna@vsb.bc.ca) with the information. Thank you.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – **Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm** – Student Led Conferences – **please pick up your child(ren) at 2:00 pm**

April 7 – Good Friday – No school

April 10 – Easter Monday – No School

April 17 – Science Fair for Division 1 and 2, All welcome in the gym. 1-3 pm.

April 24 – Monday Professional Day (district wide) – No school for students

April 24 – Saleema Noon (Body Science workshop) Parent presentation via ZOOM from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. All welcome – see attachment.

April 25 – Last day to order for Maquinna PAC plant sale online (see PAC section for link below)

April 28 – Class photos and whole school panorama photograph

### Future dates for family planning:

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Body Science presentation to students K-Grade 7 – see April 24<sup>th</sup> for parent workshop.

May 4<sup>th</sup> – The Big One at Two – District Earthquake Drill 2:00 pm – Parent volunteers needed for pick-up. More info to come.

May 19<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day (Friday) More info to come.

## SAFE ARRIVALS (FOR ABSENT, LATE OR EARLY PICK UP OF STUDENTS):

If your child will be absent or late, please call the main line at the school (604) 713-4705 and press #1 to leave a message or email [magsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:magsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca). This line is open 24 hours and you can leave a message for future absences as well. Please include in the message:

**Students first name, Last name, Division, and reason for absence.**

Late students must sign in at the office before going to class.

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## A message from PAC

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Hello Maquinna Community,

Please join us at our PAC meetings at 6:00pm on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, in person in the library or online. 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. Childcare is provided.



**Zoom Link to register will be sent later in April.**

The PAC would like to remind parents about our Maquinna **Return It account**. Bags were sent home before the Winter Break and there are more bags and labels at the office if you would like to donate your bottle deposits to the Maquinna PAC. Thank you!

### **Current PAC fundraisers:**

**Growing Smiles Plant Fundraiser: Just in time for Mother's Day!**

Please go to [Chief Maquinna Elementary \(growingsmilesfundraising.com\)](http://growingsmilesfundraising.com) to place your order. Please share this link with your family, friends, and neighbours!

Last day to order – Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Pick up date at Maquinna School – Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 3:03 pm in the gym

## **SAVE the DATE! JUNE 1, 2023 4:00 – 7:00 pm Food, Games, Prizes and the Maquinna Community!**

The Maquinna PAC BBQ will be on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 4 – 7:00 pm. Please look out for the parent flyer coming soon. We need your help to make it possible and a success! We will need parent volunteers and prizes. All are welcome!



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