

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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April 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Maquinna Families,

Welcome Spring! We're excited for the warm weather and hopefully, some sunshine! We hope all families had a great and relaxing Spring Break. We are back for the final term of the year with so many exciting events planned! There is the Science Celebration happening on Monday, April 8th, the PAC BBQ on May 30th and Sports Day on May 17th. We hope you can join us for these events and others listed in the calendar below.

A tremendous THANK YOU to members of the Maquinna PAC for their time and efforts with fundraising, planning and providing experiences for all students. They are currently making plans for the Spring BBQ. They are looking for parent 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 coming next week. It is a great community event and an opportunity to get together with Maquinna friends and meet new families. Please get involved with this amazing event as "the more hands, the lighter the work".

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.

Warm regards, Joyce Chong

Land Acknowledgement

"With deep gratitude and respect, (we/I) (are/am) honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)."

"I never lose. I either win or learn."

Nelson Mandela.

SOLAR ECLIPSE ON MONDAY, APRIL 8TH: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER (email)

In anticipation of the partial solar eclipse on Monday morning (the eclipse is expected to affect Vancouver from approximately 10:40 am to 12:20 pm), we will be having an indoor recess to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Some classes (upper intermediate) may venture outside, strictly supervised with ISO12312-2 approved protective glasses to observe the eclipse for a short time. The weather forecast is expected to be cloudy with showers but this does not completely block out the solar eclipse of the sun. We will be watching the eclipse via streaming online in the gym from 10:40 and possible extending to lunchtime. You are welcome to join us in the gym. A letter has been attached to this email with further information.

HIP HOP NEXT WEEK – STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON APRIL 12TH AT 1:10 PM IN THE GYM

All students will be participating in a Hip Hop Workshop next week culminating in a performance on Friday afternoon. You are welcome to come and enjoy their new dance moves at 1:10 pm on Friday in the gym.

TRACK AND FIELD:

Track and Field practices are beginning next week on Tuesday afterschool (3:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and Fridays before school (8:00 – 8:55 a.m.). A letter with information went home with interested students this week. A big thank you to coaches: Ms. Plant, Mrs. Lougheed, Mr. Sabbagha and Ms. Aimee for their time and work with students. Wishing everyone a great track season!

Is your child always on their device? Do you know what they are doing? . . .

SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION FOR GRADES 4-7 FAMILIES:

VSBC

At this time last year, Safer Schools Together gave presentations to intermediate students on using Social Media safely. I've included two resource links for families to learn how to support their children in Social Media usage. I highly recommend you take a look to have a deeper understanding of Social Media and the many different platforms or "playgrounds" where students play in, on the online world. They offer tips, information and recommendations for safe use of social media.

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

https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/behavior-and-development/social_media

HOMEWORK CLUB: FREE TUTORING!

The homework club continues on Mondays and Wednesdays afterschool from 3:03 – 4:00 pm. Students are welcome to drop in to complete homework, review for a test, receive some extra tutoring 1:1, catch up on a project etc. Please pick-up of your child promptly at 4:00 or let the school know your child has permission to walk home alone.



LIBRARY NEWS:

Families, don't forget that the library is open before and after school every Thursday and Friday! (See attached poster for hours). Students and their families are all welcome to come in to read together and exchange books. Ms. Kwok will also be around to help with schoolwork. We look forward to seeing you!

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25:

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 with the information. Thank you.

THE BIG ONE AT 2:00 – THURSDAY, MAY 2ND, 2024 – HELP WANTED:

We will be conducting a whole school Earthquake Drill as part of the Big One at Two, on May 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. We will be asking families to help with the reunification drill which entails picking up your child at approx. 2:15 pm. You are welcome to take your child home after you "reunify" with your child(ren) or have your child stay until 3:03 pm. Please email Maquinna@vsb.bc.ca if you have time to help with the reunification drill at 2:15 pm on May 2nd.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GRANT:

Before Spring Break, a group of grade 6/7 students met to research and apply for a \$1000 Student Leadership Grant and they were successful! With the money, they will be creating 4 kits to be used with learning how to code through robotics and electronics. They will be the "experts" sharing their knowledge and the kits with other grade 6/7 students in the area of coding.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 8 – Science Celebration for Division 1, 2 and 3. All welcome in the gym. 1-3 pm.

April 12 – Hip Hop performance K-Grade 7. 1:10 pm in the gym. All welcome.

April 15 – Grade 6/7 parent meeting re: End of Year events – 6:00 pm in the library.

April 21 – Last day to order for Maquinna PAC plant sale online (see PAC section for link below)

April 22 – Professional Day (district wide) – No school for students

April 26 – Class photos and whole school panorama photograph.

Future dates for family planning:

May 2nd – The Big One at Two – District Earthquake Drill 2:00 pm – Parent volunteers needed for pick-up. More info to come.

May 17th - Sports Day (Friday) More info to come.

A message from PAC

Hello Maquinna Community,

Please join us at our PAC meetings in April (Date TBD) 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.

Current PAC fundraisers:

GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISER:

It's that time of the year again: the **Annual Chief Maquinna PAC Spring Plant Sale!** Please tell all your friends, family and neighbours and if you can please place an order. Delivery is conveniently just before Mother's Day as well!

WHEN: Order by Sunday 12:00 pm April 21, 2024

PICKUP Monday May 6, 2024 2:30PM - 5:00PM

WHERE: Order online and pick up at Chief Maquinna Elementary

Thank you for your support!

[Chief Maquinna Elementary \(growingsmilesfundraising.com\)](http://ChiefMaquinnaElementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com)

chiefmaquinna.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home

SAVE the DATE! PAC SPRING BBQ, MAY 30, 2024. 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Food, Games, Prizes and the Maquinna Community!

Calling all volunteers! Help us plan this year's Maquinna Spring BBQ!

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