

# Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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*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.*

*Helping one person may not change the world but it may change the world for the one person. Unknown*

## December 2022

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is unbelievable that we are already into December! Comments from many in the community agree that this school year has felt more "normal" and we are back to so many great activities. There is so much happening at the school in the next few weeks, please be sure to check your emails (spam folder too!), student back packs and this newsletter.

We hope you have a wonderful winter break with family and friends and wishing you all the best of the season.

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**

### VSB EDUCATION PLAN:

In September, the Vancouver School Board approved a new Education Plan, that will guide the District's work throughout the next five years. The plan centers students' needs – their learning, well-being and voices – in programming and supports at schools, operations and management by staff as well as decisions by the Board. You can find a copy here: [VSB Education Plan 2026](#)

### SAFETY MATTERS!

Please review with your child good "Road Sense" and model safe pedestrian practices for them. Our student Safety Patrollers are working at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Slocan. Please follow their directions; **cross at the crosswalk, don't stop in coned-off areas;** and **don't enter or back into the staff parking lot.** Please abide by the traffic signs (No PARKING) around the school. Thank you.

### STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND INFORMATION:

Emails from the District and the School were sent to all families in October and November about the Student and Family Affordability Fund. As a committee, the school has decided to support mainly in the areas of food and nutrition, clothing (winter) and transportation. If you are requiring financial support in these areas, please email Ms. Chong at [jchong@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jchong@vsb.bc.ca) with your information. This is a confidential process. We will be purchasing gift cards at local stores to help support families and hope to have them out well before the Winter Break.

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## **RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS AT MAQUINNA – DEC 1-16<sup>TH</sup>:**

Students and staff are encouraged to do a daily kindness task for others during the month of December. I have attached a copy with this December newsletter if you would like to participate.

## **WINTER CONCERT ON DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1:30 – 2:30 PM – ALL WELCOME**

The Maquinna Winter Concert returns! The concert will be held in the gym on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. We are asking families to bring a non-perishable food donation as entry to the concert which will be shared with Maquinna families in need. Please ensure the Best Before date doesn't expire in the next six months. We also ask that families stay for the entire concert. More information to come regarding the Winter Concert. Thank you.

## **CHANGE IN WEATHER – IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!**

Our first big snowfall! Please ensure your child has a coat, boot, mitts, scarves and hats so they can stay warm at recess and lunch. Students are expected to be 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.

## **ARTONA PHOTOS**

Student's individual photos that have been purchased through Artona have been delivered to the school to save the shipping costs. If you have not received them, please contact Artona Studios [www.artona.com](http://www.artona.com) or (604) 872-7272 or +1 (800) 668-3866.

## **CELEBRATION OF LEARNING FOR DIVISION 1 FAMILIES:**

Division 1 is holding a Celebration of learning at the conclusion of their Young Entrepreneurs unit.

All families are invited to support the Grade 7 students who will be selling their products in the Gym on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 – 3:00 pm. This is part of our financial literacy unit where students learn how to design and manufacture a product, create it and come up with a marketing plan to sell it. Ten percent of all the profits will be donated to Children's hospital. Thank you.

## **HIP HOP DANCE WORKSHOPS FOR K-7 NEXT WEEK:**

Next week, Maquinna students will be learning some cool hip hop moves. Families are invited to see the show on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 in the gym. All are welcome.

## **FIELD HOCKEY CLASSES AT MAQUINNA LAST WEEK:**

Maquinna students had a great time learning some field hockey skills this past week. The program was very well organized and students were highly successful. Please see the attachment for more info on Field Hockey opportunities.

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

From November 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](https://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**

### GRADE 7 VOLLEYBALL:

A thank you to Mr. Sabbagha who is sponsoring the Grade 7 Volleyball team this year. They had a good season developing their skills. GO MAQUINNA!

### 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.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1 – Grade 6 Immunizations at school

December 2 – PAC Purdy's order pick-up at the Kindergarten undercover area starting at 2:50 pm.

December 9 – Hip Hop Dance performance for families on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> in the gym at 1:15pm – all welcome

December 12 – Division 1 Entrepreneur Fair in the Gym 1:00-3:00 pm

December 13 – Ugly Sweater Day – please wear yours!

December 15 – Winter Concert 1:30 – 2:30 pm

December 16 – Pajama Day for everyone!

December 17, 2022 to January 2, 2023- Winter Break – School is closed

January 3 – Welcome back to School!

January 5 – Kindergarten Hearing screening

January 23 – Professional Day for Maquinna – 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parent/Family seating is at the back of the gym on the right.

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*A message from PAC*

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### **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!

### **Hot Dog Days and Pizza Days Notices to come home soon.**

These lunches are fund-raising events for the PAC. The profits will benefit all students at Maquinna School. Order forms for Wednesday Hot Dog days (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) and Friday Pizza days (every Friday) for January to March will be coming home shortly. Please check your child's backpack for the forms. Please respect the deadlines on the forms as well as the payments. Thank you.

**Purdy's fundraiser pick-up is on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:50 pm in the Kindergarten undercover area.**

### **PAC Meeting:**

The next PAC meeting will on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in-person at the Maquinna Library at 6:30 pm. 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.

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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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