

# 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.*

***No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship.***

***Dr. James Comer***

## January 2023

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful winter break! It's been a year since my arrival at Maquinna and I can't believe how quickly the time has flown. I am really enjoying the Maquinna community and excited to see how else we can support Maquinna students and families. Thank you for your collaboration in the work with your children. We are back at school and have settled in for an active and busy January. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Lunar New Year! Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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**

### HIGH TOUCH, HIGH TECH SCIENCE WORKSHOPS:

Throughout this week, Maquinna students will be participating in a workshop with the High Touch, High Tech organization, learning some cool science technology. Thank you for supporting this well organized and fun learning experience in the classroom.

### GRADE 6/7 BASKETBALL TEAM:

Grade 6/7 Maquinna students are practising their basketball skills under the coaching of Mr. Sabbagha this term. They will be participating in games on Wednesday afterschool and hosting other schools in our gym starting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Practices are on Monday and Friday mornings. A big thank you to Mr. Sabbagha for coaching basketball again this year and his time spent with the Senior Basketball Team.

### ARTIST IN RESIDENCE – JULIE MCINTYRE

Julie McIntyre, our Artist in Residence continues to work with classes at Maquinna this term. She will be working with Division 1 and 2 for the next 5 weeks on a special project in printmaking. Ms. McIntyre is a master printmaker who has worked with many schools in the Vancouver area.

### WINTER CONCERT VIDEO IS ON MS TEAMS – ALL STUDENTS @ MAQUINNA CHANNEL

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## LANGUAGE AT SCHOOL

Staff have been noticing an increased use of inappropriate language by students in all grades. We are working at school to change the culture and would appreciate your help at home with modelling and a zero tolerance to swearing. Thank you!

## KINDERGARTEN PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24

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. This is the last month for priority registration.



**PRIORITY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**  
NOV 1 - JAN 31

**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

**TIMELINE**


- 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**

## DOG ISSUES AT MAQUINNA – PLEASE HELP US!

Recently, we have found a lot of dog poop bags on the gravel field (soccer field) and around the school grounds, including the primary and intermediate playgrounds. As students play in all of these areas, this is highly unhygienic, and we do our best to pick it up as soon as we are aware of it. The Dog Code at all VSB schools allows dogs to be on site from 6-8 am and 5-10 pm but asks all owners to pick up and remove the waste. We realize that many of these dog owners may not be part of the Maquinna School Community. Please help us by reminding dog owners to responsibly pick up after their dogs when they are on school grounds and to take the waste home. Thank you.



**The Vancouver School Board**  
**Dog Code**

 Dogs permitted weekdays from **6-8 am and 5-10 pm** and on weekends. Please control your dog and follow this code as a responsible dog owner.

Dogs not permitted on school grounds or playfields at any time while organized play is in progress.


Leash dogs before entering the school grounds or playfields.

Dog owners must pick up and remove waste.

Please respect the following dog etiquette.

- Ensure that your dog's vaccinations are current.
- Have voice-control over your dogs & don't allow them to dig holes.
- Keep early morning and evening noise to a minimum.

Thank you for your cooperation and for making our school grounds and playfields safe for our kids.

VSB Vancouver School Board 

## 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.

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE:

Please check your School Cash online for some outstanding fees that need to be paid. This may include school supplies, pumpkin patch, book bags, agendas, hip hop and other field trips. The school really relies on families to pay these fees as it does affect our school budgeting. Thank you.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 22 – Lunar New Year

January 23 – Professional Day for Maquinna – No school for students.

February (2 weeks)- Gymnastics for all 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:

We hope you were able to use the plastic bags and labels that the PAC sent out before the Winter Break for families to collect recyclables. You can bring your recyclables to any RETURN-IT location in the clear or blue plastic bag, with 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. There are a few extra bags at the office if you need additional bags. Thank you!



## PAC Meeting:

The next PAC meeting will for January TBA. It will be in-person at the Maquinna Library from 6:30 – 7:30 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. 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