

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.

Whatever it is you're scared of doing, do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever.

~Neil Gaiman

January 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to all! We hope you had a wonderful winter break filled with family and friends. We are back at school and have settled in for an active and busy January. It's basketball season as well as many field studies planned. Thank you to all the families who were able to come and watch the Winter Concert this year. A big thank you to families for the food donations which will be donated to the Vancouver Food Bank. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 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

Notification of School Closure Due to Severe Weather Conditions

With the colder weather, there may be a school closure due to snow. By 6:30 am, the Vancouver School Board will post information about snow closures on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

CKNW (980 AM)

CKWX (1130 AM)

CFHG (96.1 FM)

CBC (690AM, 88.1 FM)

BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)

CJVB (1470 AM)

CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

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. A big thank you to Mr. Sabbagha for coaching basketball again this year and his time spent with the Senior Basketball Team.

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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

Please login to your child's MS Teams account and go to the channel - All Students @ Maquinna to view. Please excuse the conversation and sometimes quick movements of video.

KINDERGARTEN PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR 2024-25

From November 1st to January 31st, priority Kindergarten registration is open online for students entering Kindergarten in September 2024. Please check out the VSB website for registration information. This is the last month for priority registration.

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 3rd 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 17 – Professional Day for Maquinna – No school for students.

January 22 - Maquinna PAC meeting 6:00 pm in the Library - All Welcome.

February 6th and 7th - Student Led conferencing - 2:00 pm dismissal for ALL students.

Invitations to make an appointment for student led conferencing will be sent out soon.

February 9th - Lion Dance Assembly 2:00 pm - We welcome The Chau Luen Athletics Club!

February 10 – Lunar New Year (Saturday)

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. Parent/Family seating is at the back of the gym on the right.

A message from PAC



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 be on January 22nd, 2024/ It will be in-person at the Maquinna Library from 6:00 – 7:00 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

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