

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/chief-maquinna/Pages/default.aspx>

June 2023

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.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we quickly approach the end of another school year, we've had time to reflect on all of the wonderful events and experiences that we've had this year. The PAC BBQ was a highlight this month and we want to say a very big thank-you to the organizers, contributors and volunteers who made this event such a successful community collaboration. Many commented that it was a well-organized and "fun for everyone" event. In May, Sport's Day was a lot of fun as well. A big thank you to the Van Tech students (Maquinna Alumni) who volunteered to run the stations. As we speed through this last month, we ask students and families to reflect on their year at Maquinna and how much each student has grown, the highlights of their learning and personal accomplishments.

This newsletter has some updates as well as important school information. Please check your email (and spam folder) daily for updates and notices from the school or district. Thank you.

Ms. Joyce Chong

PARENT VOLUNTEER TEA – JUNE 14th 2:00 PM LIBRARY – ALL WELCOME!

We would like to invite all parents, caregivers and friends who have been involved in any volunteer capacity to our Appreciation Tea on Wednesday, June 14th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Library. Please join us as we would like to show our appreciation and spend some time with you. Invitations have been sent home. Childcare will be available.

TRACK & FIELD INFORMATION:

Thank you to Mrs. Lougheed, Ms. Plant, Mr. Sabbagha and Ms. Aimee for sponsoring Track and Field from May to June this year. They held weekly practices, attended the District mini-meets and took the entire team to the District Track Meet at Van Tech which concluded the Track & Field year. Congratulations to all the students who took part and were part of the Maquinna Track & Field Team! We are so proud of all of you and your efforts!

PAC PIZZA DATE CHANGE:

As there are many field trips planned for Friday, June 23rd, the PAC will change pizza day, for those who ordered, from Friday June 23rd to Wednesday, June 21st. Please provide a lunch for your child on Friday, June 23rd as they will be getting their pizza on Wednesday, June 21st instead. Thank you.

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PLANNING FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR:

If your child will not be attending Chief Maquinna School in September, please let the office know by email: maquinna@vsb.bc.ca. This will help with our numbers and class organization for next year.

Attached to this newsletter is the 2023 Notice of Late Return. If you are planning to be away for the first few days of school in September, please complete the form and return to the office so we can hold your child's spot at the school. This will help with our numbers and staffing. Thank you.

For your reference, the 2023-24 Maquinna school calendar has been approved by the district and is attached in this email. The school website has been updated as well. **Please note the 2 Professional Development Days that are flexible and chosen by the school: Sept 22nd, 2023 and Wednesday January 17th, 2024.**

NEW SPORTS MASCOT FOR MAQUINNA TBA

A committee of students, staff and parents has been struck to narrow down the many entries that were submitted for a new Maquinna sports mascot. We will be meeting soon to shortlist 4-6 entries so that a school vote can be done to decide on our new mascot. Stay tuned for the final announcement.

DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT/PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES:

Please continue to do a daily health assessment with your child(ren) before sending them to school. **Please help us by having your child stay home at the first hint of any illness/symptoms. We will be sending any students who are ill home, without exception. Thank you for your help.**

SAFE ARRIVAL:

Reminder: please call the Safe Arrival Line for absences, late arrivals, appointments, and early pick-ups. Thank you for letting the office know at (604) 713-4705, select 1 for Safe Arrivals or email the office at maqsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca.

THANK YOU TO MAQUINNA PAC!

A great time was had by all at the PAC BBQ on Thursday, June 1st! This highly successful event was organized by hard-working PAC executives and volunteers and attended by many in the community. Thank you to all who volunteered, donated and attended! We are all looking forward to next year's event!

MESSAGE FROM THE VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Have fun all summer long with free programs and activities for kids and families. Summer Reading Club registrations starts June 19.

VPL's Summer Reading Club is a library program for school-aged children (K – Grade 7) that helps kids keep reading skills strong and makes summertime learning fun. Participants receive a reading record, set their own goals, and track their accomplishments to earn online badges, collectible stickers and a Summer Reading Club medal at the end of the program.

It's fun. It's easy. It's FREE!

<https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club-2023-journey-through-time>

WALK-A-THON

A big thank-you to families and students who helped make our Walk-A-Thon fundraiser a huge success. Funds will go towards items for classes and students which will be determined shortly. We are waiting for all donations to come in and a special Walk-a-Thon assembly will take place soon. Please check your emails for date and time. Thank you again!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 14 – Volunteer Tea from 2:00 – 3:00 pm in the Library

June 21 – PAC Pizza day (instead of Friday, June 23rd)

June 22 – Grade 7 Leaving Dinner and Ceremony

June 26 – PAC Meeting – 6:00 pm – in the library or via ZOOM

June 27 – Beach Day

June 28 – CSL reports to go home.

June 28 – End of Year and Grade 7 Leaving Assembly – all welcome 9:05 a.m.

June 29 – Last day of school for students (full day)

June 30 – Administration Day for Staff

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, sign in at the desk at the entrance of the gym, and proceed to the seating at the back of the gym.

A message from PAC

The PAC would like to personally thank all the parents and volunteers who have helped with the hot lunch food program this year, especially Amy and Yuly. The PAC would also like to thank all the people who helped organize and planned the Spring BBQ on June 1st. It was a great success and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next school event.



Our PAC's AGM meeting will be held as part of our September meeting. The primary purpose of the AGM will be to close the PAC accounts for the past school year and open them for the new School year. Additionally, we need to elect the council positions of PAC Chair, PAC Treasure, and PAC Secretary. We need some fresh faces in those positions this coming school year. Additionally, we are seeking 2 parents from each class to act as members at large, that can represent that class's position on any matters.

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The last PAC meeting for this school year will be Monday, June 26/2023 – 6:00 pm in the library. A digital link to join virtually will also be available.

Maquinna School PAC

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