

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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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

Hello Maquinna Families,

It's been a very busy February with so many activities happening in the school. We hope you were able to join us for the Pink Shirt Day Assembly, the Valentines Dance, Friday assemblies focusing on Black History Month and Inclusion/Kindness. The students also enjoyed sessions of Gymnastics with Gym Sense, Geering Up coding and ice-skating. We are only a week and a half away from Spring Break! We hope you and your family enjoy the time together.

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.

Enjoy the snow!

Ms. Joyce Chong

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24

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.

GRADE 7 BASKETBALL:

Congratulations to the Grade 7 Basketball team for a great season this year! The team finished the year with a win over Hastings Elementary. The players developed their skills and their team play during the season and also had a lot of fun. A big thank you to Mr. Sabbagha for his considerable time coaching, holding practices, planning games and refereeing.

FRENCH CREPE MAKING FOR DIVISIONS 1- 4 on MARCH 9, 2023.

As part of the French Language curriculum, the students in divisions 1-4 will be making and enjoying crepes on March 9th with BistrotVan. They will be preparing crepes and learning about French culture.

WINTER WEATHER and DAILY HEALTH CHECK PLEASE:

With the cold and wet weather upon us, students need to be dressed appropriately: coats, hats, gloves, waterproof footwear as we spend recess and lunch outside. You may also wish to provide your child with a change of clothing to be stored in their classroom, to be used if they get wet. Please complete a daily health check with your child before sending them to school. If they have cold/flu and other communicable disease symptoms, please keep them at home until they are able to handle a full day of school activities. Thank you.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCING - EARLY DISMISSAL ON APRIL 5TH AND 6TH AT 2:00 PM

Invitations to book your child's student led conference will be coming out soon in your email inboxes. Please ensure pick up at 2:00 pm on April 5th and 6th as conferences start at 2:00 pm. Students will be leading the conference and sharing their learning and work with you. The conferences offer a snapshot of what your child is learning. Thank you for attending this important event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 3 – Assembly at 11:00 a.m. with the Somerset Spring Quartet from UBC School of Music. All welcome.

March 7 – Play Performance – 1002 Nights – 9:10 a.m. in the gym. All welcome

March 9 – PAC Pizza and Hot dog orders forms and payment are due to Classroom Teacher for the PAC

March 10 – Last day of School before spring break

March 15 – Last day to order PAC Purdy's chocolate fundraiser

March 27 – School re-opens after spring break

March 31 – Purdy's chocolate pick up afterschool

April 5 – Student Led Conferencing – Early dismissal at 2:00 pm

April 6 – Student Led conferencing – Early dismissal at 2:00 pm

April 7 – Good Friday – No School

SAFE ARRIVALS (FOR ABSENT, LATE OR EARLY PICK UP OF STUDENTS):

If your child will be absent or late, please call the main line at the school (604) 713-4705 and press #1 to leave a message or email magsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca. This line is open 24 hours and you can leave a message for future absences as well. Please include in the message:

Students first name, Last name, Division, and reason for absence.

Late students must sign in at the office before going to class.

A message from PAC

Hello Maquinna Community,

Please join us at our PAC meetings at 6:00pm on March 27th, 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.

Link to register will be sent later in March.

The PAC would like to remind parents about our Maquinna **Return It account**. Bags were sent home before the Winter Break and there are more bags and labels at the office if you would like to donate your bottle deposits to the Maquinna PAC. Thank you!

More PAC fundraisers:

Purdy's Easter Chocolate fundraiser – now until March 15th. Pick up at the school on March 31st 2023. Please see attached letter and catalogue for ordering. Thank you for supporting this delicious PAC fundraiser.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/dashboard.aspx>

Maquinna's Campaign number is #57254



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A big thank you to Maquinna PAC for all of their fundraising efforts and time! They have generously donated money towards pickleball equipment, a Saleema Noon presentation for parents and students, and other school experiences.

