

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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March 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Maquinna Families,

Happy March! I can see that spring will soon be here with the weather warming up, as well as Spring Break around the corner. We've had a very busy month as staff have been writing the mid-year CSL updates that will be coming home on March 12th. This is just a "snapshot" of your child's progress this year and there are many other ways to see how your child is doing at school. Please reach out to the classroom teachers or myself, if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

Ms. Joyce Chong

Land Acknowledgement

"With deep gratitude and respect, (we/I) (are/am) honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tseil-Waututh Nation)."

"Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind."

Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart.

SUCCESSFUL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN FEBRUARY:

A sincere thank you to Judy Stoyko and Yuly Lau for hosting the Scholastic book fair last month in the library. It was very well attended and very successful. Judy sends this message to everyone: "I want to send a big thank to my co-chair, Yuly who helped get volunteers organized and help put the fair together. A big thank you to Dora Kwok for letting us use her library, and for organizing the student and teacher volunteers. Thanks to Ms. Kwok, Ms. Chong, and Mrs Kaminski for their expert advice. Thank you to the wonderful student, teacher, and parent volunteers who helped make the book fair possible! We also had students who didn't sign up volunteering their time. And thank you to the parents, teachers, care givers, and students who supported the book fair in many ways to make it successful!"

MAQUINNA DRAGONS LOGO CONTEST OPEN TO MAQUINNA SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

Last year, the school voted for a new Maquinna sports mascot, and we are now the Maquinna Dragons! We are hosting a contest for a drawing of the new mascot to appear on our sports jerseys and maybe on the gym wall. The contest is open to all members of Maquinna families and the community. The winning logo will be chosen by a staff committee. The deadline for entries will be on March 15th. The requirements for the logos are:

- Must contain a picture of a dragon and the words "Maquinna Dragons" in the picture.
- Must be original artwork, no AI can be used as images may be copyright protected online.
- Can be hand-drawn or drawn using computer software.
- Bold and clear lines, and colour.
- Should contain a positive attribute of a Maquinna athlete: e.g. courageous, proud, fair, hard-working etc.

PAC HOT DOG AND PIZZA ORDERS FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2023 DUE ON MARCH 14TH, 2024:

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The new order forms for PAC Pizza and Hot dog orders will be coming home on Monday, March 4th. If you would like to order, please complete the forms, and send them back to your classroom teacher by Thursday, March 14th. No late orders will be accepted. Thank you for supporting the Maquinna PAC.

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25

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 players developed their skills and team play during the season and had a lot of fun. A very big thank you to Mr. Sabbagha for his considerable time coaching, holding practices, planning games and refereeing.

Calendar of events:

- March 5 – Aché Brazil Performance in gym at 1:45 pm. All welcome.
- March 11 – Last day to order PAC Purdy's chocolate fundraiser.
- March 12 – Mid-term CSL reports to go home with your child.
- March 12 – Daylight Savings Starts (turn your clocks ahead 1 hour).
- March 14 – PAC Pizza and Hot dog orders forms and payment are due to Classroom Teacher.
- March 15 – Last day of School before spring break
- April 2 – School re-opens after spring break
- April 3 – Kindergarten hearing tests.
- April 12 – Hip Hop performances in gym at 1:10 pm. More details to come.

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 in April (date to be announced) 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.



