

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 amazing that May is already here! I hope you all had a wonderful weekend with the warm weather, hopefully we will see more of the sun and warmth soon.

As always, the last few months of school are super busy with many events happening. We are also making plans for the new school year in September.

I encourage you to get involved in school events such as the PAC BBQ or PAC meetings or just hanging out afterschool on the playground.

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.

Best regards,
Ms. Joyce Chong

SOCCER THURSDAYS AT LUNCH

We are fortunate to have Carrie Serwetnyk, founder of the Equal Play organization, with us on Thursdays at lunchtime to provide an opportunity for Grades 3-7 girls to play soccer and develop their skills. Carrie was a Canadian National Team player and the first female inductee to the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame. Equal Play's mission is to create positive changes for girls on and off the soccer field. Equal play has provided free two-month Lunchtime World Cup Girls Leadership Soccer program to many students and we welcome her to Maquinna.

FIELD HOCKEY ON TUESDAYS AFTERSCHOOL

The Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey Association is currently providing a free afterschool program to students at Maquinna from Grades 4-7. They are developing skills and game play on Tuesdays afterschool in the gym.

TRACK AND FIELD AT MAQUINNA

A big thank you to Mrs. Lougheed, Mr. Sabbagha, Ms. Plant and Ms. Aimee for sponsoring Track and Field this year. The team has started training at 8:00 a.m. and 3:03 mainly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please refer to the notice sent home for accurate dates of practices and meets. Students are enjoying learning new skills and being active.

SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION TO GRADES 4-7:

On Friday, April 14th, Safer schools Together made presentations to the grades 4/5 and 6/7 students on of social media and technology use. The presentation is called Establishing Safe, Caring, and Respectful Digital Communities. The workshop is to help students learn about their presence and responsibilities on social media and the dangers that exist on

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many of the digital platforms they visit. We look after our children in the real world, and we need to ensure they are safe in the online world as well. Please take some time to look through the resources below:

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-resources/>

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/social-media>

https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/behavior-and-development/social_media

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2nd - Body Science presentation to students K-Grade 7

May 4th – The Big One at Two – District Earthquake Drill 2:00 pm – **Parent volunteers needed for pick-up at 2:15** (see attached info)

May 4th - Sports Day food order due to PAC box in the office.

May 10th – PAC Growing Smiles Fundraiser Plant pickup in the gym at 3:03

May 12th – Assembly – Farewell to Mrs. Joan Aiello (supervision aide) who has retired (9:05 a.m.)

May 19th - Sports Day (Friday) PAC sponsored **White Spot Food order due May 4th**.

May 22nd – Victoria Day – School Closed for Statuary Holiday

Coming up:

June 1st – Welcome to Kindergarten (morning).

June 1st - Maquinna PAC BBQ – All welcome 4:00 – 7:00 pm

June 27th – Whole school BEACH DAY – ALL welcome to join (more info 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 maqsafearrival@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 May (date TBA), 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.



Zoom Link to register will be sent later in May.

PAC Return It account:

The PAC would like to remind parents about our Maquinna **Return It account**. If you would like to donate your bottle deposits to the Maquinna PAC, please bag them and take them to the Return It facility. Once inside the building, print a sticker at the drop off window using the schools phone number 604-713-4705. Stick the label to your bag and leave it there – **no sorting!** There are bags available at the office. If you do not have time to drop off the bottles to Return-It, a group of students will do it for you if you drop them off on Friday mornings near the garden area outside (boiler room doors). Thank you!

Growing Smiles Plant Fundraiser has ended:

Plant pick up date at Maquinna School – Wednesday, May 10th 3:03 pm in the gym

SAVE the DATE! JUNE 1, 2023 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Food, Games, Prizes and the Maquinna Community! ALL WELCOME!

The Maquinna PAC BBQ will be on Thursday, June 1st from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Please see the attached parent flyer for more information. The PAC are looking for prizes for the silent auction and games. Please drop off these new items at the office.



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