

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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

May 2024

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) & səilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)."

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.

Albert Einstein

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Maquinna Families,

Spring is here and, as always, the last 2 months of school are very busy with so many events. Please check the calendar on the school website or in this newsletter to see what is coming up.

We hope to see families at Sport's Day on May 17th and at the PAC's Spring BBQ on May 30th. The PAC need volunteers for the Spring BBQ and to help with hot lunches on Wednesdays and Fridays. It's a great way to get involved with the Maquinna Community. Please see PAC section below for more information.

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



OUR NEW MAQUINNA DRAGONS LOGO:

Thank you to all who submitted entries to the Maquinna Dragons Logo. The chosen logo was created by Samantha and Benjamin Peng with the help of their mother (see above). It was a difficult task for staff to choose just one. The staff are looking at purchasing sports jerseys with the new logo and maybe an opportunity for the community to purchase t-shirts featuring the new logo.

GROWTH MINDSET AND EMPATHY:

We continue our work with developing a growth mindset and empathy in our students. According to Carol Dweck, a growth mindset is a belief that our abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work. Empathy is an understanding of another person's experience by imagining oneself in that other person's situation. This builds understanding and perspective taking which leads to kindness, inclusion and tolerance. These concepts build resilience or "grit", a most important trait in successful students.

TRACK AND FIELD AT MAQUINNA:

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

FLEXIBLE PLASTIC COLLECTION PILOT FOR MONTH OF MAY:

Division 4 is taking part in the Flexible Plastics School Collection Pilot program for the month of May. The goals of the program include knowledge and understanding of recycling of flexible plastics (aka soft plastic), collecting flexible plastics at school and encouraging the ongoing collection and recycling of this material at home once the pilot program is complete. Recycling prevents plastics ending up in our oceans and environment. Div. 4 and older students will be sorting the school plastics, bringing sorted plastics from home, and filling the "Super Sack" in the front entrance hallway. They welcome any flexible plastics from Maquinna families. Please see the attached flyer for examples of acceptable flexible plastics. The school will receive \$200 for participating and \$2/kilogram of flexible plastics collected. Thank you.

INDIGENOUS DRUMMING WITH CLASSES:

Many of our classes have or will be learning about Indigenous drumming with Mr. Brandon Peters, an Indigenous Curriculum consultant with the District. Students have been learning about rhythms, storytelling and songs and the importance of ceremony in Indigenous culture.

READ-A-THON

Maquinna students will be raising money for school projects with a Read-a-Thon this year. The Read-a-thon runs from May 6th to the 21st. Students have been asked to get pledges from friends and family for reading daily. Please help them collect and join them in their daily reading at home if possible. Thank you.

AIRS EXHIBITION AT THE VSB EDUCATION CENTRE, 1580 WEST BROADWAY:

Our Artist in Residence and master print maker, Ms. Julie McIntyre, will be exhibiting some of Maquinna students' work at the VSB Ed Centre on May 13th, from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. The Exhibition is to celebrate and honor the creative and courageous work of students and the depth of learning that has taken place over the year with artists in the "studio". You are welcome to visit the Exhibition with work from 15 various schools. Some of Maquinna students' art have gone home, are displayed in the Art room at the school and some will be sent home in June. A tremendous thank you to Julie for her amazing work with Maquinna students and staff this year.

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25:

Please let the school know if you will not be returning to Maquinna next school year. Please email: maquinna@vsb.bc.ca with the information. This will help with planning the organization for next year. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 6-21st - Read-a-thon Fundraiser – pledges please.

May 6th – PAC Growing Smiles Fundraiser Plant pickup in the gym at 3:03

May 17th - Sports Day (Friday)

May 20th – Victoria Day – School Closed for Statuary Holiday

May 23rd – Welcome to K event (2024-25 Kindergartens)

May 30th – Spring BBQ by PAC 4:00 – 7:00 pm

May 30-31st – Last book exchanges of the year

Coming up:

June 13th – Volunteer Appreciation Tea in afternoon (keep the date free).

June 24th – Whole school BEACH DAY – ALL welcome to join (more info to come).

June 24th – CSL Summary of Learning to go home.

A message from PAC



Hello Maquinna Community,

Please join us at our PAC meeting on Monday, May 27th at 6:00 pm, in person in the library or online via Zoom Link to follow. 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 be sent closer to date. Please check your emails.

Growing Smiles Plant Fundraiser:

Plant pick-up date at Maquinna School – Monday, May 6th at 3:03 pm in the gym – entrance off of East 2nd Ave, please.

PAC Spring BBQ - SAVE the DATE! May 30, 2024. 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Food, Games, Prizes and more! Come meet the Maquinna Community! ALL WELCOME!

The Maquinna PAC BBQ will be on Thursday, May 30th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. The PAC are looking for prizes for the silent auction and games. Please drop off these new items to the school office.

PLEASE HELP:

The PAC is organizing a raffle draw for this year's BBQ and are looking for volunteers to help gather prize donations from local businesses. There are also shifts at the Spring BBQ for volunteers. Please connect with Winnie if you can help (pang.win@gmail.com)

