

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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November 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The weather is turning colder, and we are into November already! It was good to see so many of you at the goal setting conferences in October. We had a great time dancing during the Hallowe'en dance. and we hope everyone had a safe and fun Hallowe'en night. A big thank you to Ms. Plant and Mrs. Lougheed for arranging the fun event. Also, a thank you to Mr. Sabbagha, Mrs. Lougheed, Ms. Plant and Ms. Aimee for their sponsorship, time and coaching this year of the soccer and cross-country teams. Stay warm everyone!

Best regards,

Ms. Joyce Chong

This newsletter has some updates as well as important school information. Please check your email (and junk/spam folder) daily for newsletters, updates and notices from the school/district.

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

"This is a wonderful day, I have never seen this one before"

Maya Angelou

PHOTO RETAKE DAY - NOVEMBER 2, 2023.

If you missed photo day or would like to re-take them, photo retake day is Thursday, November 2nd, 2023.

ONLINE CONSENT FORMS TO BE FILLED IN: (IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY)

If you do not know your child's 10 digit, please call the office to ask for it. You will need your child's PEN number and birthdate to complete the online consent forms. The district would like all these consent forms filled in online rather than paper copies. Thank you.

[Click here to fill in Consent forms online.](#)

PET POLICY ON VSB GROUNDS (SCHOOLS)

The official VSB policy on the posted signs are NO dogs on school grounds from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. However, we understand that many families bring their dogs to pick up and drop off and we ask that you **leash your dog and be in control at all times during the school day when they are on school property.** Thank you.

THANK YOU TO MAQUINNA PAC!

A big thank you to Maquinna PAC for their generous support in making the Aldor Acres (Pumpkin Patch) field trip possible by paying for the busses. We really appreciate your support in providing this amazing opportunity to so many students! Thank you to all parents for supporting the PAC with the PAC fundraisers and hot lunch opportunities!

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10TH AT 10:45 A.M. (GYM)

ALL WELCOME!

Please join us for Maquinna's Remembrance Day Assembly in the gym next week. Students are welcome to bring their poppy donations for Veterans starting on Monday. Students will receive their poppies on Friday morning, prior to the Assembly. Students who belong to the Scouts, The Guides and Cadets are encouraged to wear their uniforms on Friday, November 10th and to be part of the Colour party at the Assembly. We welcome everyone to the assembly. If you know anyone from the Armed Forces, please invite them to the ceremony. As it is a solemn occasion - we ask that the audience not clap after performances. **If you video the performances, please do not share them on social media or email as many families have not consented to this media use.**

CHANGE IN WEATHER – IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

As the weather is getting colder outside, it's time to dig out the winter coats, boots, mitts, scarves, and hats so students can stay warm at recess and lunch. Students are expected to be outside for recess and lunch (20 – 35 minutes) so please dress them warmly. There have been some clothing donations by other families at the school so please stop by the office if you need items for your children. Next week, there will be a supply of knitted hats for some students. Thank you.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024/5 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN!

From November 1st to January 31st, priority Kindergarten registration is open online for students entering Kindergarten in September 2024. Please check out the VSB website or the email attachment for registration information.



[Click here to register for Kindergarten 2024-25](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten)

PAC PURDY'S FUNDRAISER AND GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISER:

The Maquinna PAC is having their annual Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser and the **last day to order is Wednesday November 15th**. To qualify for 25% return we need to sell at least \$1000 worth of

chocolates. Please consider purchasing chocolates from Purdy's as a way of supporting the school and for Gift giving! **Pick up date for orders is December 4th, 2023 at the school.** Please **see the attachments** in the newsletter email for instructions and a Purdy's catalogue.

The PAC is also having a holiday plant **Growing Smiles Fundraiser!** You can order wreaths, poinsettias and other holiday plants through this event. Because of the success of the spring plant fundraiser they are running a holiday plant sale with hopes of raising more much need funds. Our school is in need of many things including computers, sets of books for classrooms and sports equipment. Every dollar helps! Please share this link with your family, friends and neighbours.

KEY INFO AT A GLANCE

ORDER DEADLINE - MONDAY NOVEMBER 20, 11:00PM

ORDER PICK UP - TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 3:00-5:00PM

[Chief Maquinna Elementary \(growingmilesfundraising.com\)](http://growingmilesfundraising.com)

RETURN-IT MAQUINNA PAC ACCOUNT:

Did you know that the Maquinna PAC has a RETURN-IT account? Bring your recyclables to any return it location in a clear or blue plastic bag and ask for a label using the Schools Phone number (604-713-4705). You can drop and go, no sorting required; super easy! This way you can donate the money from your recycling to Maquinna school. Thank you!

GRADE 7 VOLLEYBALL:

Thank you to Mr. Sabbagha who is sponsoring the Grade 7 Volleyball team this year. They've already started practices and have had some games too! GO MAQUINNA!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND OTHER FEES/FORMS REMINDER:

A reminder to families to pay school fees that were sent home. We encourage you to use the SchoolCashOnline to pay fees. If you are unable to use the online system, please talk to the classroom teacher to make other arrangements such as cash or cheque to the school.

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. Please be aware that most teachers check their emails at recess, lunch and after school may not receive them during the day. Please call the office to leave important messages for staff. If the Safe Arrival message center is not working, please email your child's absence or early pick up at: maqsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 in Gym - All welcome

November 13th – In lieu of Remembrance Day - School is closed.

November 16th - PAC meeting - School Library 6:00 pm

November 24th – Professional Day (Indigenous Focus) – no School for students

December 1st - CSL Update reports to go home (report cards)

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 or the front door on East 2nd. Parent/Family seating is at the back of the gym on the right.

A message from PAC

PAC Meeting:

The next PAC meeting will be on November 15th. The in-person PAC meeting will start at 6:00 pm in the Maquinna Library. Babysitting is provided. All are welcome. For those unable to attend in person, a ZOOM link will be shared closer to the time. Please check your emails.



Any guardian can attend the meetings, and it is okay to just listen in. 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.

We will be holding elections and there are opportunities for a position on the PAC. We are also searching for a class parent in each classroom to help with communication. It is a great way to meet other families and to be connected with what's happening at Maquinna. Please consider joining and taking a position on the Parent Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Maquinna School PAC

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