

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumíxw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

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

Maya Angelou

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

My apologies for the late November newsletter, it's been extremely busy and I wanted to include so many things that are coming up in this month and December. Please check the dates carefully in this newsletter. The weather is turning colder, and we are halfway into November already! Goal setting conferences in October were well attended, and we thank you for collaborating with the classroom teacher to support your child as a learner. Classes prepared special presentation for the Remembrance Day Assembly on November 8th and we remembered the fallen. The Hallowe'en dance was fun and we danced the whole hour! A big thank you to Ms. Plant and Mrs. Lougheed for arranging the event. Also, a thank you to Mr. Sabbagha, Mrs. Lougheed, Ms. Plant and Ms. Aimee for their sponsorship, time and coaching this year of volleyball, 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.

FLEXIBLE PLASTICS COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER

Maquinna school is again taking part in the Flexible Plastics School Collection Pilot program for the month of November under the sponsorship of Division 4. 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. Please bring your flexible plastics from home so that they can be recycled. Please see the attached flyer for examples of acceptable clean, flexible plastics. The school will receive \$200 for participating and \$2/kilogram of flexible plastics collected. Last May, we were one of the top 3 schools and we received \$453.52 from our collection! Good job Maquinna!

SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS AND EDUCATION FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS:

At school, we are currently experiencing some behaviours (inappropriate language, slang, games, gestures etc.) from students in Grades 2 and upwards, that may have been learned via social media (for example, YouTube, TikTok, online videos, chat groups, or online video games) and are inappropriate for the school setting. We are asking for your help in monitoring social media use and be aware of what children are viewing and sharing. We are looking at bringing some parent and student presentations to our school to help bring awareness and education to this concerning issue. Thank you.

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Here are some helpful links for families to learn more about this very important topic as it relates to our children:

<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

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.](#)

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 bus transportation. 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 pizza and hot dog lunch purchases.

MAQUINNA HOMEWORK CLUB: MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Homework club is open to all grades 4-7 students in the library afterschool from 3:00 – 4:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tutors from Van Tech, or Frog Hollow as well as some members of Maquinna staff will be there to help 1:1 or small group on homework, reading or review of student's work.

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

GRADE 7 VOLLEYBALL:

Thank you to Mr. Sabbagha and Mr. Coblenz who are coached the Grade 6/7 Volleyball team this year. They've started practices and have had their first games ! GO MAQUINNA!

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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 2025. 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 December 2nd.** 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 12th, 2024 at the school.** Please order through this link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1538495-119510> Thank you for supporting the PAC and Maquinna students.

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!

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 21st - PAC meeting - School Library 6:00 pm. All welcome, childcare provided.

November 22th – Professional Day for staff – no school for students

December 12th – Purdy’s pick up at the school

December 16th – Communicating Student Learning (CSL) to go home (report cards).

December 18 and 19 – Winter Concert! Matinee on Dec 18th and evening performance on Dec 19th.

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 21st at 6:00 pm in the Library. Childcare is provided. All are welcome. For those unable to attend in person, a link will be shared closer to the time for online participation. 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

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Maquinna School PAC



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