

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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(check out our school website for additional information)

October 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher and PAC pizza fundraiser dinner evening on Wednesday, September 25th. The PAC meeting was also well attended and I encourage you to be involved with the Maquinna PAC in any capacity: by attending meetings, volunteering a few hours for hot lunch or participating in a fundraiser. You will have another opportunity to meet your child's teacher at the goal setting conferences scheduled for October 22nd and 23rd. An email invitation to book a time will be sent out shortly. We encourage all families to sign up for a conference and to bring their child to the conference to help with their goal setting.

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.

GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES – OCTOBER 22nd AND 23rd – 2:00 PM DISMISSAL:

Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on October 22nd and 23rd. Please ensure they are picked up promptly at 2:00 pm. An email through TEAMS Bookings will be sent to you to book your appt with your child's classroom teacher. NOTE: some teachers may have conferences on alternate days as well. If you require a TEAMS video conference, please let the classroom teacher know.

COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION:

When your child talks about an incident that happened at school that day and you have questions, please check in with your child's teacher. Very often, the situation may be more complex than your child's understanding of what may have happened, and the classroom teacher can help with a better understanding of each incident. Please be aware that there are privacy limitations in place for the protection of all students and families.

Also, if there is any misunderstanding or conflict, big or small, with your child's teacher, please take some time to check in with the classroom teacher before reaching out to me, the principal. I've included the VSB Conflict Resolution brochure for your reference. Thank you.

With deep gratitude and respect, we are 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).

*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much"*

Helen Keller

OCTOBER 17th – The BIG BC SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will be conducting a whole school Earthquake Drill as part of the Big BC Shakeout on October 17th at 10:17 a.m. We will be asking families to help with the reunification drill which entails picking up your child at approx. 10:30 a.m. You are welcome to take your child home or have your child stay until the usual pick-up time at 2:58 pm. Please email Maquinna@vsb.bc.ca if you have time to help with the reunification drill at 10:00a.m. We've included the process for reunification in the email.

AGENDAS (Code of Conduct and AUP)

All Grade 1-7 students have received their new agendas/planners. Please take a moment to go through the Maquinna Code of Conduct in the agenda with your child and sign the acknowledgement. We also ask that you review with your child, the AUP for their grade level at:

<https://aup.vsb.bc.ca/layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/Home.aspx>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND OTHER FEES/Forms REMINDER:

A reminder to families to please pay school fees that were sent home in September. 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.

Please complete the package of forms that were sent home last week and return them to school as soon as possible. They include address, verification, emergency reunification, AUP, Neighbourhood walk forms, Social media consent forms and CASL forms etc.). Please review these carefully and return them to the school so our information is up to date. 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 afterschool may not receive them during the day. Please call the office to leave important messages for staff or students. If the Safe Arrival message center is not working, please email your child's absence or early pick up at: maqsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca

HELP WANTED: Maquinna PAC needs volunteers for Pizza days on Friday mornings throughout the months of October to December or Hot Dog days on alternate Wednesdays. Please email the PAC at maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com if you have some time to volunteer.

MESSAGE FROM MS. KWOK IN THE LIBRARY:

Hello families! I'm Maquinna's Teacher-Librarian, Ms. Dora Kwok. We have gotten off to a great start this September: several classes are already working on cooperative units with me, and all the classes have started their book exchanges.

Your child will have the opportunity to exchange their library books once a week. Reading is one of the most enjoyable and simple ways your child can improve their learning, so I hope you and your child will enjoy the books together, whether it's reading together or even just a quick chat about what they read and what they thought about the book.

I put together a help sheet (attached to this email) with some useful instructions on using VSB Library, our online catalogue. It has many great functions and resources (e.g. you can see which books your child has checked out, read e-books and listen to audiobooks). All the details and instructions you need are on the help sheet.

Later this fall, I will also start opening the library before and after school for students and their families to come in to read, do homework, or exchange their books. Stay tuned... details coming soon

MAQUINNA CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Ms. Plant, Ms. Aimee, and Mrs. Lougheed have been running practices for Cross Country. The practices are on Monday afterschool until 4:00 and at 8:00 a.m. on Friday mornings. The mini meets at Trout Lake are usually held on Wednesday afternoons afterschool. Students have been enjoying their runs! Thank you Ms. Plant, Ms. Aimee, and Mrs. Lougheed for sponsoring the Cross Country Team.

MAQUINNA SOCCER TEAM

Mr. Sabbagha has been holding soccer practices and games for the Grade 6/7s the past few weeks. They have hosted games in our soccer field. Come and cheer them on every Wednesday. Thank you, Mr. Sabbagha!

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS – MOUNTAIN WEST MESSAGE:

Hello Families!

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school photo session is now live!

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: October 11, 2024**
- All orders will be shipped to the school. *If you miss the deadline, your order will be shipped directly to your home with a \$5.99 shipping fee applied.*

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
2. Click on "Looking for your login code?"
3. Enter the information required.
4. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

About Retakes:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?
- If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on: **October 15, 2024**
- [Click Here](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is October 11, 2024

[Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

HOMework CLUB TO BEGIN ON OCT 16TH – GRADES 4-7 WELCOME!

Homework club will begin on October 16th and is open to Grades 4-7 students. Your child is welcome to drop in and stay until 4:00 pm so they can complete homework such as: reviewing for a test, working on a project, daily reading, practicing math facts, or reviewing a concept that has been challenging. Homework days will be on Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays this year. There will be Van Tech students and staff to help on Mondays and Wednesdays and Frog Hollow staff on Thursdays. Snack will be supplied afterschool as well. We encourage students and families to take advantage of this tutoring service.

CHANGE OF HOT DOG DAY TO OCTOBER 15TH

As there is a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday, October 16th, the PAC Hot dog day that was scheduled for October 16th will be moved to Tuesday, October 15th. Please pack a lunch for October 16th. Thank you

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 14th – Thanksgiving – No School

October 15th – Photo re-take day

October 17th – Big BC Shakeout Earthquake Drill 10:20 a.m. – Volunteers needed.

October 22nd and 23rd – Early dismissal (2:00 pm) for Goal setting conferences with your child's teacher.

Please make plans to pick up your child(ren) at 2:00 pm as teachers will begin their conferences promptly.

October 25th – Professional Day – no school for students

October 31st – Halloween – students attend school

November 8th – Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11th – Remembrance Day – School is closed

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

Three fundraising opportunities for Maquinna Families:

1. Maquinna PAC Jollibee Fundraiser

When: Friday, October 25th (all day)

Where: Jollibee, 2549 Cambie St, Vancouver, BC



What: Jollibee is the largest fast-food chain from the Philippines, which has expanded worldwide, and is famous for their delicious fried chicken. On Oct 25th (all day), if you order online or in-store, 20% of fundraiser sales will go back towards Maquinna PAC.

**Please visit our fundraising page for details: [Support Chief Maquinna Elementary School PAC with Jollibee \(force4good.com\)](#). Supporters must either show our flyer or use the online code upon ordering. Please pass this on to your friends and family. Your support is greatly appreciated!

2. Purdy's Chocolates Christmas Fundraiser: (due by December 2nd)

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/74613-119510>

It's open now for Maquinna families to start ordering and deadline is Dec 2nd to get orders in.

3. Ongoing 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 PAC and the school. Thank you!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The October PAC meeting will be held on October from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the library. All are welcome.

Maquinna School PAC

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