

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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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've never seen it before."

Maya Angelou

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Classes are settling into their routines and finishing their September reviews. Many students are enjoying the weather, playing outside and the extra-curriculars that are happening afterschool. It was lovely to see so many families at the Meet the Teacher/Open House evening last week. The PAC Pizza dinner fundraiser was also a success, as was the first Maquinna PAC meeting for the year.

At assembly today, we talked about gratitude and how we can thank others who help us. We learned how we can show appreciation.

We hope that all families enjoy the long Thanksgiving weekend.

Best regards,

Ms. Joyce Chong

This newsletter has many updates as well as important school information. Please take the time to read it thoroughly. Please check your email (and junk/spam

folder) daily for newsletters, updates and notices from the school/district.

CROSSING PATROL GUARDS TO START ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH:

Our Grade 6/7 students have now been trained as official Crossing Patrol Guards and will start their shifts on the corners of Slocan and East 3rd Ave. on Tuesday, October 10th. They will help students cross the road safely from 8:35 to 8:55 a.m. and 3:03 – 3:23 pm daily. Please be mindful of the patrol guards and follow their signs and direction. We ask that you either:

1. walk to school or
2. park on the opposite side of the street from the school and walk your child in/pick up your child

Please do not park or stop on any side of the street that is next to the school. Please follow the traffic and parking signs set out by the City of Vancouver. These signs are to keep students safe during the walk to and from school. We also ask that you **do not drive in or back into the Teacher's parking lot.** This is dangerous and may potentially harm students and adults walking to school. Thank you for keeping everyone safe.

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND OTHER FEES/Forms REMINDER:

A reminder to families to please pay their child's school fees that were sent home. Please use the website 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. Thank you.

Please complete the digital and paper forms that were sent home last week and return them to school as soon as possible. They include address, verification, emergency reunification, AUP, 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!

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>

OCTOBER 19th – 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 19th at 10:20 a.m. We will be asking families to help with the reunification drill which entails picking up your child at approx. 10:45 a.m. You are welcome to take your child home or have your child stay until 2:00 pm (early dismissal). Please email Maquinna@vsb.bc.ca if you have time to help with the reunification drill at 10:20 in the morning.

COMFORT KITS FOR THE EARTHQUAKE BIN:

In the event of a natural disaster during the school day, students may need to spend time at the school, under the care of school staff until their caregivers are able to pick them up. Comfort kits are created by families and given to their child during these times. We are asking families to create new comfort kits for this year. An information notice and plastic bag are coming home soon with further instructions. We hope that every child has a comfort kit for them if needed. Please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES – OCTOBER 25TH AND 26TH – 2:00 PM DISMISSAL:

Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on October 25th and 26th for goal setting conferences. Please ensure your child is picked up promptly at 2:00 pm. An email with more information and an invitation through TEAMS Bookings will be sent to you to book your conference with your child's classroom teacher shortly. These meetings are in person. If you require a TEAMS video conference, please let the classroom teacher know. More information will be sent home shortly.

VISITORS

Visitors on school business are welcome to come into the school using the school's front doors (East 2nd Ave.) We ask that you stop by the office to sign in so we are aware of who is in the building. All other doors will remain locked for safety.

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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. 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. Please email the PAC at maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com if you have some time to volunteer.

MAQUINNA CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Ms. Plant, Mrs. Lougheed and Ms. Aimee have been hosting practices for the Cross Country Team. The mini meets at Clinton Park are usually held on Wednesday afternoons afterschool. The large Cross Country Meet is on October 19th from 12-3 pm. Students have been enjoying their runs! Thank you, Ms. Plant, Mrs. Lougheed and Ms. Aimee for sponsoring the Cross Country Team!

MAQUINNA SOCCER TEAM

Mr. Sabbagha has been holding soccer practices and games for the Grade 6/7 students the past few weeks on the Maquinna soccer field. They have hosted other schools and the team has really progressed with their skills. Thank you, Mr. Sabbagha!

ARTONA PHOTOS

The Artona photographers have agreed to bulk deliver purchased photos to the school rather than having families pay a shipping charge. Please make your purchases using the QR codes online that were sent home with students. Please contact the classroom teacher if you did not receive the QR code.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 17th – Divisions 5-10 go to Aldor Acres (Pumpkin Patch) 9:45 – 2:30 pm.

October 25th and 26th – 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 19th – Big BC Shakeout Earthquake Drill 10:20 a.m. All families are able to participate if you have the time.

October 19th – Cross Country at Trout Lake 12-3 pm.

October 20th – Professional Day – no school for students

October 31st – Halloween Dance 1:15 – 2:15 pm.

November 2nd – Photo re-take day.

November 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly

November 13th – Day in lieu of 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



PAC Meeting:

The next PAC meeting will be on Monday, October 23, 2023 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. in the Maquinna Library. Please save the date and plan to attend. Babysitting provided. All are welcome. A Zoom link will be available closer to the date if you are not able to come in person.

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.

It is a great way to meet other families and to be connected with what's happening at Maquinna. Please consider coming to the PAC meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Maquinna School PAC

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