

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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February 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We hope you are keeping warm with this blast of winter weather. January went by quickly with lots of new learning and we are heading into the February long weekend. February is Black History Month with many classes involved in activities to bring awareness. We continue to work on our School Learning plans in the area of Literacy, Numeracy, and Reconciliation, with staff focussing on Assessment. Please stop by if you have any questions or would like some more information.

Best regards,

Ms. Joyce Chong

This newsletter has updates and important school information. Please check your email (and junk/spam folder) daily for further updates through the month.

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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation)."

MAQUINNA SPIRIT WEAR FOR SALE UNTIL FEBRUARY 12, 2025

T-shirts and Hoodies in both Youth and Adult sizes, with the new Maquinna Dragons logo, will be available for purchase until February 12th, 2025. Sample sizes are available outside of the office as well as additional order forms. Attached is a digital copy of the order form with more information and pictures. If you would like to pay using School Cash Online, please submit your forms to the office with the words School Cash Online near the totals area. Thank you!

HOMEWORK NOT GETTING DONE? - COME TO HOMEWORK CLUB!

Homework club for Grades 4-7 continues on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Students will have time to complete homework or get 1:1 help with their homework from Van Tech students. We are asking families to either pick up students or instruct students to go home directly after homework club ends or when they have completed their homework. There is no supervision outside after 3:18 pm. Thank you.

GRADE 6/7 BASKETBALL TEAM:

The Grade 6/7 Basketball Team have been having regular practices to develop skills and have just started their games. Games are on Wednesday after schools for the month of February either at

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home or away. Please join us to cheer them on. A special thank you to Mr. Sabbagha and Mr. Coblenz for coaching and sponsoring the team.

PLANNING FOR 2025-26

It's hard to believe but we have started making plans for the 2025-26 school year. At this time, we are asking families if they will be returning to Maquinna School next year (this does not include grade 7 students). The district would like this information by February 14th. Please click on this link to complete the survey. <https://forms.office.com/r/1JDz6KZn21> Thank you for your help.

FREE SUBSTANCE USE WEBINAR FOR FAMILIES:

The Ministry of Education and Child Care in partnership with Dr. Hayley Watson will host 3 free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health needs. The session dates are February 20th, 25th and 26th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Participants must register in advance. Please see the attached flyer for registration information.

FLU AND COLD SEASON INFORMATION:

Tips to help prevent the spread of respiratory illness this season:

- Get all recommended vaccines, including influenza & COVID-19 booster vaccine doses.
- Stay at home/keep your child at home if they do not feel well and have symptoms
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces if you have symptoms.
- Cough/sneeze in your elbow.
- Clean your hands regularly & avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.

Thank you for helping to prevent the spread of illnesses.

Calendar of events for February 2025:

February 10 – Maquinna PAC Meeting – 6:00 pm in the Library (and online). Childcare provided.

Link to be sent on Monday.

February 13 – Valentine's Day Dance 1:30 in the gym – all welcome. Wear pink or red (optional)

February 14 – Professional Day for Staff – No school for students.

February 17 – Family Day – Statuary holiday – No school

February 21 – Rugby 7s Field Trip for Divisions 1-8

February 26 – Pink Shirt Day Assembly 9:05 – all welcome (Please wear something Pink on this day to support anti-bullying).

February 28 – Prince of Wales Leadership students at Maquinna (activities with Grades 6/7 students)

March 10 – CSL Updates to go home (Report Cards)

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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

RETURN-IT PAC ACCOUNT:

Just a reminder to drop off your recyclables to Return-It marked with the Schools phone number (604-713-4705) as the money from the recyclables will be directed back to Maquinna PAC and students. Thank you!



PAC Meeting:

The next PAC meeting will on February 10, 2025 from 6:00-7:00 m. It will be a hybrid meeting with those who can come in-person to the Maquinna Library and a digital meeting (on Zoom) for those who aren't able to be in the building. Babysitting is provided. All are welcome. The Zoom Link will be sent out via email closer to the time.

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 joining and taking a position on the Parent Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Maquinna School PAC

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