

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/chief-maquinna/Pages/default.aspx>

June 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it." – Maya Angelou

We are quickly approaching the end of another school year, and the last month promises to be filled with fun, celebrational year-end events and good-byes. We are looking forward to the PAC BBQ this coming Friday and we would like to say a very big thank-you ahead of time to the organizers, contributors and volunteers who make this event such a successful community collaboration every year. Sport's Day was a lot of fun as well. A big thank you to Maquinna Alumni who volunteered to run the stations. As we speed through this last month, we ask students and families to reflect on their year at Maquinna and how much each student has grown, the highlights of their learning and personal accomplishments.

This newsletter has some updates as well as important school information. Please check your email (and spam folder) daily for updates and notices from the school or district. Thank you.

Ms. Joyce Chong

REMINDER: NO PAC PIZZA DAY ON FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH

There will not be a PAC pizza lunch on Friday June 6th as the PAC will be preparing for the Spring BBQ in the afternoon. Please pack a lunch for your child.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

PLEASE DO NOT WALK YOUR CHILD THROUGH THE PARKING LOT AND PLEASE SUPERVISE STUDENTS PLAYING AFTERSCHOOL- NEAR MISS OCCURRED LAST WEEK AND A CHILD COULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY HURT IN THE PARKING LOT.

MRS. LOUGHEED IS RETIRING!

Our beloved Resource Teacher, Mrs. Lily Lougheed has decided to retire at the end of June. Please join us in saying goodbye at our Year End assembly on June 26th, the last day of school at 9:00 a.m.

PARENT VOLUNTEER TEA – JUNE 12th 2:00 PM LIBRARY

Invitation have been sent out to parents, caregivers and friends who have been involved in any volunteer capacity to our Appreciation Tea on Thursday, June 12th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Library. Please join us so we can show our appreciation and spend some time with you. Invitations have been sent home. Childcare will be available.

TRACK & FIELD INFORMATION:

Thank you to Mrs. Loughheed, Ms. Plant, Mr. Sabbagha, Ms. Aimee and Mr. Coblenz for sponsoring Track and Field from May to June this year. They held weekly practices, attended the District mini-meets and took the entire team to the District Track Meet at Van Tech which concluded the Track & Field season. Congratulations to all the students who were part of the Maquinna Track & Field Team! We are so proud of all of you and your efforts!

PLANNING FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR:

If your child will not be attending Chief Maquinna School in September, please let the office know by email: maquinna@vsb.bc.ca. This will help with our numbers and class organization for next year.

Attached to this newsletter is the 2025 Notice of Late Return. If you are planning to be away for the first few days of school in September, please complete the form and return to the office so we can hold your child's spot at the school. This will help with our numbers and staffing. Thank you.

THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:

For your reference, the 2025-26 Maquinna school calendar has been approved by the district and is attached in this email. The school website will be updated as well.

LAST DAY FOR HOMEWORK CLUB – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH

The last day for Homework Club this year will be on Wednesday June 11th. We have had a decreasing number of students as final projects are coming to a close in this last month of school. A big thank you to our Van Tech student tutors and to Frog Hollow staff for their work with Maquinna Students. We hope to continue this program next year as many students and families report positive progress with this extra help with homework.

WALK-A-THON

A big thank-you to families and students who helped make our Walk-A-Thon fundraiser a huge success. Funds will go towards items for classes and students which will be determined shortly.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. KWOK IN THE LIBRARY:

Dear families,

It has been a wonderful year of reading and enjoying books together in the library, and it is almost time for the library to shut down for year-end clean up. We would really appreciate your help to get all the books back to the library on time (note the important dates below).

You can help by:

- Checking your child's library account to see which books they have checked out (see attached information sheet for instructions)
- Checking your email for overdue notices
- Helping your child to find and return any library books they have at home

Friday, May 30: Last day of book exchanges
Thursday, June 5: All library books due

Note that we don't charge fines for books. We'd just really appreciate getting them back so more students can enjoy them!

Thank you for your support!

Ms. Dora Kwok
Teacher-Librarian

MESSAGE FROM THE VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Have fun all summer long with free programs and activities for kids and families. Summer Reading Club registrations starts June 16th

VPL's Summer Reading Club is a library program for school-aged children (K – Grade 7) that helps kids keep reading skills strong and makes summertime learning fun. Participants receive a reading record, set their own goals, and track their accomplishments to earn online badges, collectible stickers and a Summer Reading Club medal at the end of the program.

It's fun. It's easy. It's FREE!

<https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club>

VSU EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT DIPLOMA PROGRAM:

Please see the attachment in this email for more information on a rewarding job working in the school setting support children with special need. There is an ongoing need for qualified Educational Assistants in B.C.Schools.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

June 6 – No PAC Pizza Lunch – please provide a lunch for your child.
June 6 – PAC Spring BBQ 4:00 – 7:00 pm – all welcome, bring cash please.
June 9 – PAC Meeting – 6:00 pm – in the library or via ZOOM link below
June 11 – Last day of Homework Club in the Library
June 12 – Volunteer Tea from 2:00 – 3:00 pm in the Library
June 19 – Grade 7 Leaving Dinner and Ceremony
June 23 – Beach Day
June 23 – CSL reports to go home.
June 26 – End of Year and Grade 7 Leaving Assembly – all welcome 9:05 a.m.
June 26 – Last day of school for students (full day)
June 27 – Administration Day for Staff

Please join us for Friday Assembly usually held every Friday at approximately 9:05 a.m. You are welcome to enter through the Green GO door in the undercover area, sign in at the desk at the entrance of the gym, and proceed to the seating at the back of the gym.

A message from PAC

The last PAC meeting for this school year will be Monday, June 9th at 6:00 pm in the library.
A digital link to join virtually

here: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/62573679738?pwd=b3jWUXsTHVFn1sTHfge41kZe5zBQpm.1>



VSU

Our PAC's AGM meeting will be held as part of our September meeting. The primary purpose of the AGM will be to close the PAC accounts for the past school year and open them for the new School year. Additionally, we need to elect the council positions of PAC Chair, PAC Treasure, and PAC Secretary. We need some fresh faces in those positions this coming school year. Please consider volunteering.

Spring BBQ is this Friday!

Dear Maquinna Families,

Perfect weather is forecasted for this Friday's BBQ! We hope to see you all there (4-7pm). Here are a few important reminders:

Bring Loonies and Quarters!

Our carnival games will be cash-only, and most games will cost \$0.50 to \$2, so please bring lots of change for the kids to enjoy the fun.

Bring Your Own Water Bottle

To reduce waste, we won't be selling bottled water. Juice, pop, and Bubly will be available at the concession.

Raffle Tickets Are Still On Sale!

We have a fantastic lineup of prizes, including an **iPad**, **Playland passes**, **gift cards** and more! Purchase your tickets and find the full list of prizes on our [online ticketing site](#).

👉 Please spread the word and share the raffle with family and friends — we would love to see more tickets sold to help support our school!

We Still Need Volunteers!

If you can help out for even an hour, whether it's setting up, grilling, running a game booth, or cleaning up, we'd be so grateful.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Chief Maquinna PAC

Join our [Facebook](#) group!

✓SB