

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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March 2025

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 x̱məθḵ'əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh Nation)."

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Maquinna Families,

We hope that Spring is arriving soon, especially with Spring Break just around the corner. It's been a busy February, celebrating Black History Month as well as the kindness theme for Valentines Day and Pink Shirt Day. We would like to thank families for keeping students, who are unwell, at home the past few weeks. Colds and flu have been circulating, and we appreciate your support. Classrooms are getting an extra cleaning, especially areas of high contact. Staff have been busy writing the mid-year CSL updates that will be coming home on March 10th. This is a "snapshot" of your child's progress at this point in the year and there are many other ways to see how your child is doing at school.

Thank you for checking your email (and junk/spam folder) daily for updates and notices from the school or district. I will try my best to be outside at drop off and pick-up if you have questions or concerns or please give me a call or drop by my office.

Ms. Joyce Chong

CSL UPDATES TO GO HOME ON MARCH 10, 2025:

Please expect your child's CSL Update (Communicating Student Learning) to go home on Monday, March 10th with your child. This is one "snapshot" of your child's learning. Please see the website link for more information on CSL:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/chief-maquinna/page/912/assessment-and-reporting>

MAQUINNA SPIRIT WEAR ORDERED!

Thank you to all who ordered t-shirts and hoodies as part of the Maquinna Spirit Wear featuring the new Maquinna Dragons logo. The order has been placed, and we are waiting a delivery date. Please stay tuned.

PAC HOT DOG, PIZZA, AND HAMBURGER ORDERS FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2025 DUE ON MARCH 13TH, 2025:

The new order forms for PAC Pizza and Hot dog (and Hamburgers!) orders will be coming home on Tuesday or Wednesday this week. If you would like to order, please complete the forms and payment, and send them back to your classroom teacher by Thursday, March 14th. Reminder: No late orders will be accepted. Thank you for supporting the Maquinna PAC.

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26

Plans are underway for the next school year. It would be helpful if you could let the school know if you will not be returning to Maquinna next school year. Grade 7 families do not need to report this. Please email: maquinna@vsb.bc.ca with the information. Thank you.

GRADE 7 BASKETBALL:

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Congratulations to the Grade 7 Basketball team for a great season this year! The players developed their skills and team play during the season and had a lot of fun. A very big thank you to Mr. Sabbagha and Mr. Coblenz for their considerable time coaching, holding practices, planning games and refereeing.

BUDGET SURVEY

VSB Budget Survey Open! Please complete the VSB 2025-2026 Budget Survey!

Students, their families, staff and the wider community are encouraged to participate. Feedback helps inform the Board's budget decisions – have your say! [Survey](#) open until March 16!

VSB AFTER THE BELL: LIVE– an online learning series for families

Introducing VSB After the Bell: Live, a new series of information sessions designed to provide families with direct access to educators and experts on key topics affecting student learning and well-being.

As an extension of our [podcast, After the Bell](#), the learning series is designed to be accessible and informative, featuring education subject matter experts, live Q&A and practical takeaways for families. For March, we will be exploring how to navigate social media, AI and online safety.

VSB After the Bell: Live

Topic: Helping kids navigate social media, AI and online safety

Date: March 11, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Who: Jeff Spence, VSB District Principal of Information technology and Christina Walker, VSB Digital Literacy Mentor Teacher

In an increasingly digital world, understanding how to be a responsible and informed online citizen is more important than ever. Join VSB After the Bell: Live for an engaging session on digital literacy, where we'll explore how students can safely and responsibly navigate the online space.

Join experts in the field to discuss key topics including navigating social media platforms (Snapchat, Discord, Instagram, TikTok), the impact of Generative AI (Copilot, ChatGPT) and essential student online safety strategies. Learn how VSB is supporting both students and educators on this journey and gain practical insights to help your child thrive in the digital age.

Have questions? Ask ahead of time to get them answered live. Submit questions [here](#).

A link to the information will be sent a day before the event.

Calendar of events:

March 10 – Mid-term CSL reports to go home with your child.

March 11 – Class photos and Panorama (a.m.) photo to be taken.

March 13 – PAC Pizza and Hot dog orders forms and payment are due to Classroom Teacher (optional).

March 14 – Last day of School before spring break

March 31 – School re-opens after spring break

April 18-21 – Easter break – No school.

April 23/24 – Student Led conferencing (more info to come)

A message from PAC

Hello Maquinna Community,

Please join us at our PAC meetings at 6:00pm on Thursday, April 3rd, in person in the library or online. Any guardian can attend the meetings, and it is okay to just listen in without your video camera on. 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. Childcare is provided.

Meeting link will be sent in April.

