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## Newsletter #8 April 1, 2019

Office hours are 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE. PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE TRANSLATE IT**

**這是一份重要通告，請找人為你翻譯。중요 공지 - 영어를 읽지 못하는 분은 번역을 부탁드립니다.**

School news  
at your fingertips



### Reminders/Calendar

April 1	School Reopens
April 18	Earth Day Assembly
April 19	Good Friday-School Closed
April 21	Easter Monday-School Closed
April 26	Walk-a-thon-PM
April 29	Non-Instructional Day-No School for Students

### Quote of the Month

*The happiness of life is made of of little things-a smile, a hug, a moment of shared laughter.*

***We live, work and learn on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh Coast Salish people.  
We wish to acknowledge the history of our neighborhood and community as we have all benefited from the richness of their teachings.***

## **Principal's Message**

Welcome back everyone (that includes me...now back to full-time knock wood). I hope March break was a time for everyone to relax and regenerate. Students were super excited today and the school is full of a happy buzz. We are right back into the "busyness" of school-this week will kick off with follow up workshops to the performance we attended at the Chan Centre in February. April showers are apparently just around the corner...please remember to make sure your children have appropriate clothing so that they are prepared to be outside for recesses!

With respect,  
Bruce

## **PAC Meeting Dates**

All PAC meetings are at 6pm in our school library. Babysitting will be provided

- April 10, 2019
- May 8, 2019
- June 12, 2019

## **Truth and Reconciliation-Video Project**

The VSB has undertaken a special project under the theme of reconciliation as part of our ongoing commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Currently the themes of reconciliation are being explored in two ways: raising of a Reconciliation Pole at the VSB School Board Office and a documentary video on what reconciliation means.

Our students have an opportunity to participate in the video project, under the direction of Suzi Bekkattla, our Indigenous Enhancement Worker. As a school we can celebrate Indigenous education by interviewing elders, and elders can help by explaining how oral tradition was important. We are hoping by interviewing elders and witnessing carving, our students will learn more about ancient traditions. We are confident this will also be a healing process through art while bringing alive the impact of residential schools on Indigenous peoples across BC. This process is an important one for all Canadians of any ancestry.

We would greatly parent/grandparent/family member participation in this project. Once again, please let Suzi know if you would like to join in!

## **Spring Fair-Save the Date, and Please Donate!**

The Chief Maquinna PAC Year End BBQ will be held on Thursday, May 30th.

This year end event is a great way for all Maquinna staff, parents, and students to socialize; and help raise funds for programs and activities for the school.

At this time, we are seeking donation items for our raffle prizes.

If you have any new/unused items, gift cards or gift certificates that you wish to donate, please contact Ana by email: [anachang@telus.net](mailto:anachang@telus.net) You may also drop off donations with Mrs. Mah in the office.

## Seismic Mitigation

We continue to await decisions from the provincial government level to know more about a possible seismic mitigation project here at Maquinna. More details as they are forthcoming.

# Raising Digitally Responsible Youth



**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Tupper Secondary, Auditorium  
419 East 24<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**For Parents of School-Aged  
Children & Youth**

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**PARENTS: Do not miss this free event!**



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