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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

May 1	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 2	Class and Panoramic Photos (AM)
May 2	Big 1 at 2 Earthquake Drill
May 8	PAC Meeting at 6PM in Library
May 10	No Friday Assembly
May 15	Walk-a-thon Awards Assembly-no Friday assembly
May 16	Sports Day
May 17	Professional Day-no school for students
May 20	Victoria Day-no school
May 30	Spring Fair

As you can tell, May is going to be VERY busy.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

To Learn is to change. Education is a process that changes the learner..

***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

Happy May Day everyone! May and June are my favourite months of the school year. We work hard and also get to play hard! A quick glance at the calendar above gives you a glimpse into everything that is going on at Maquinna this month (there is more!) Once again, we are well into the planning stages for next year, so please, again, a request to let the office know if your plans for next year do not include staying at Maquinna. I've received a few parent requests for placement for next year; please see the section below for guidance on submitting those requests.

As you know, we have received funding from the provincial government for a seismic mitigation project at Maquinna. We anticipate construction will begin in March 2020. The school district will be holding an information evening in the weeks to come. We have three parents who sit on the Seismic Advisory Group; they have offered to collate questions to make answering them easier. Please email your questions to maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com. Of course I also remain completely available and open to answering your questions as best I can. A common question so far has been about transportation; students will be bussed to and from the swing site at Seymour. Further details will be forthcoming.

With respect,
Bruce

PAC MEETING DATES

All PAC meetings are at 6pm in our school library.

- May 8, 2019
- June 12, 2019

Michael Rossi from the VSB will attend the May 8 meeting to answer questions regarding seismic mitigation.

Organization and Student Placement 2019/2020

We are already beginning to plan for a successful 2019/20 school year. Staff assignments, and during many years, class placements are not decided until enrolment has been confirmed during the first week of school in September. Placement of students in classes is a very time consuming process and much thought, time and effort goes into these decisions. Ultimately we work on placing students in the best learning environment to suit their specific needs. If you feel your child requires special consideration when we make placements for classes please put your request **in writing**, outlining the program you feel would best meet your child's academic and social needs. Please note that **specific teacher requests will not be considered**. As well, please do not request for your child to be placed with specific friends. Friends can always see each other at recess, lunch or after school. Some students will be in classes that have combined grades and there is no guarantee that if a child was in a combined class this year that he/she will be in a single grade class next year. Please understand that even in a single grade there is still a range of abilities. Teachers are well qualified to teach both grades in a combined class. With the trust and support of home, we are confident that all children will be placed in classes that will allow them to have a productive, rewarding 2019/20 school year. Your patience and understanding regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Spring Fair is Coming!

The 2019 Spring Fair will be on **May 30th**, 2019, 4:00PM - 7:00PM. Mark this day on your calendar and come out to this great community event RAIN or SHINE!

Please help support the school by selling Spring Fair Raffle Tickets. The raffle ticket booklets have been given to every student. Our goal is for each student to sell a minimum of 1 booklet (10 tickets).

The Grand Prize is an Apple iPad! Ticket prices are **\$2 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets, \$10 for 10 tickets** (best value)!!!

In order for our Spring Fair to be a success we need volunteers; and donation items for our raffle prizes, cake walk, and loonie toss. If you have any new/unused items, prizes, gift cards, gift certificates that you wish to donate, please drop it off with Mrs. Mah in the school office. If you are able to contribute to the cake walk or volunteer on the day of the Spring Fair, please sign up either using the form that was handed out to all the students, or online: <https://maguinnapac.ivolunteer.com/maguinnapac>

New Website!

Our new website is up and running. It's still very much a work in progress so please bear with us as we fill it with news and information. Please visit:

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

A great feature is that if you subscribe to the calendar, you will receive automatic updates as we add things on to it!



Host an International Student - Join Langara Homestay

Langara College invites you and your family to join our highly regarded Homestay Program by hosting a VSB international student this year. Our students come from Europe, Asia and South America - usually stay for five to 10 months, and are keen to experience life with a Vancouver family. Generous reimbursement is provided. Please

call [604.323.5696](tel:604.323.5696) or email homestay@langara.ca for more information.

THE EMOTIONAL CUP

Imagine that every child has a cup that needs to be filled -- with affection, love, security, and attention. Some seem to have a full cup most of the time, or know good ways to get a refill. But most children get a little nervous when their cup gets near empty.

Some ways that children deal with having an empty cup:

- steal from other people's cups
- misbehave to get your attention and show that they need a refill
- seem to have bottomless cups, or need constant 'topping off'
- can't sit still for refills or actively refuse them
- bounce off the walls when they approach 'empty'
- think they have to fight or compete for every refill

What fills a child's cup:

- play
- friendship
- one-on-one time
- love and affection
- connection
- succeeding
- doing what they love to do or what they choose to do



What empties the cup:

- stress and strain
- rejection by peers
- loneliness and isolation
- yelling and punishment
- failing
- fatigue
- doing what they're forced to do or they hate to do

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