



CHIEF MAQUINNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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## Newsletter #2 October 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**



### Reminders/Calendar

- October 2 **Early Dismissal at 2PM for Goal Setting Conferences**
- October 2 Cross Country Meet 3:30-4:40
- October 3 **Early Dismissal at 2PM for Goal Setting Conferences**
- October 9 PAC Meeting 6PM School Library
- October 11 Thanksgiving Assembly 9AM/Walkathon PM
- October 14 **Thanksgiving-School Closed**
- October 15 Photo Day
- October 17 District Cross Country Meet 1PM-3PM
- October 18 Grade 6 Immunizations
- October 22 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip for Primary Students
- October 25 **Provincial Conference Day-No School for Students**
- October 30 Walkathon Assembly 1PM (no Friday Assembly this week)
- October 31 Halloween Dance 1:30-2:30

### Planning ahead for November

- November 6 Photo Retakes
- November 7 Remembrance Day assembly
- November 8 **Professional Day-No School for Students**
- November 11 **Remembrance Day-School Closed**

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

The leaves are changing colours, the rain is bringing freshness (and not coming down in torrents!)...October is upon us. Please take the time this week to meet with your child's teacher for goal setting conferences. Super Science Club starts this week. Students are involved in Cross Country (thank you to our coaches, Ms Loughheed and Ms Plant) with practices every Friday morning before school. Ms Young has rebooted the Acapella Choir. Maquinna is a busy place! A gentle reminder that we are still collecting student fees for the year. If you require help with paying those fees, please contact me in confidence.

With respect,  
Bruce

## **PAC MEETING DATES**

Our PAC does amazing work raising extra funds that enable us to do many things with students that would otherwise be impossible. Some examples of things PAC has supported in the past year are: supporting our Fine Arts programs, purchasing iPads for the school, running our hot lunches, and Fruit and Veggie and Milk program!

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

- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

## **STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING**

**The Vancouver School Board has a 24/7 dedicated system for reporting student absences. Please remember to report absences by dialing 604-713-5159 and then entering the school code 49. Students who arrive at school AFTER attendance is taken are reminded to come to the office to get a welcome slip so their teacher knows we have recorded their arrival.**

## **HALLOWEEN SAFETY**

Every child's favourite day during the month of October is Halloween! This year, classes will be participating in a variety of Halloween activities. Students are encouraged to wear costumes to school. Please remember that students are not permitted to bring replica or toy weapons to school even if they're part of the costume. Please ensure that your child does not come to school with any inappropriate toys. In the days leading up to Halloween, please review Halloween safety tips with your child.

[http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/halloween\\_safety](http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/halloween_safety)

During the Halloween season, we regrettably hear about children who are seriously injured by fireworks. Please review safety precautions with your child and model the safe use of fireworks to your children.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE/E-MAIL

Please notify the school immediately if you change your address or phone number during the school year. You would be amazed at the number of “not in service” messages we receive when trying to contact families. This also applies to any Emergency Contact you provide the school. Please ensure that the names and phone numbers are current and in working order. We need all parents' email addresses as we would like to continue our environment sustainability program by reducing paper and photocopying ink.

## BUS SURVEY

### **Maquinna Elementary Busing Survey to Forecast Demand**

As you are aware, Maquinna Elementary will be starting a seismic upgrade project on the current building in the Spring (2020). The temporary accommodations for Maquinna while it is under construction is Seymour Elementary School, located at 1130 Keefer Street.

This survey has been developed for planning purposes to assess how many families will be using the provided school bus service to get to and from Seymour each day.

This is just a survey to determine interest. More busing detail and registration forms will be shared at a later date.

Please complete one survey per child before **October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.  
Thank you.

**The survey is 4 questions. To complete the survey please click on the following link.**

<https://survey.vsb.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=86KH3p6K>

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*I am grateful for what I am and what I have. My Thanksgiving is perpetual.*

Henry David Thoreau

Take some time at home, as we are at school, to discuss what you as a family are thankful for.

***We live, work and learn on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-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.***