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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
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Reminders/Calendar

December 3	Frozen food order distribution 3pm Gym
December 12	Purdy's Chocolates distribution 3pm Library
December 18	Winter Concert Matinee (9:30-10:30)
December 19	Winter Concert Evening Performance (6:00-7:00)
December 21	Final day of term
January 6, 2020	School reopens

***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.***

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe it's December already. We can feel the excitement building day by day in the school. This is a great time of year to take some quiet time for yourself and your children as we could all use a bit of down time in all the busyness. Tennis lessons for all students began today so we're hoping to expend some energy through that as well! My hope for each and every student and each and every family at Maquinna is that you enjoy the break and fill it with love, happiness and some well deserved rest!

With respect,
Bruce

PAC MEETING DATES

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

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- January 8, 2020
- February 12, 2020
- March 11, 2020
- April 8, 2020
- May 13, 2020
- June 10, 20120

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Please remember to report absences by dialing 604-713-5159 and then entering the school code 49. You may do this 24/7. 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.

Winter Concert Performances

Forms will be coming hometoday for our winter concert performances. There will be a morning performance on Wednesday December 18 from 9:30-10:30 am. Admission will be by donation of non-perishable food items. For the evening performance, Thursday, December 20 from 6:00pm-7:00pm we will allow TWO family members maximum to attend. The cost will be \$5.00 per seat. As we did last year, students will "see" the concert the day before the matinee, so there will be LOTS of room on the Wednesday morning. We would encourage as many of you to come to that performance as possible to help us with our limited space for the evening performance. You may book more than two seats for the morning performance. Please pay for the evening performance using School Cash Online.

TRAFFIC WOES!

A friendly reminder to respect our school zone signs; we are finding people are not respecting the speed limit when coming to the school to pick up/drop off. I'm particularly concerned about the safety of our schools on these dark, wet days! Also a friendly reminder our tiny parking lot is for staff only.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2015 is open. Students who are registered before January 31, 2020 have priority for space in their catchment schools; if you are planning to apply for a choice program, your child **MUST** be enrolled by January 31. A reminder this is an online process now. Further information can be found on the VSB website.

FUNDRAISER PICKUP

Thank you to Ana Chang and her team for organizing the yummy frozen food sale. Pickup will be at 3pm on December 3 in the gym. We do not have sufficient space for storage of frozen foods beyond that day, so please ensure you pick up or have someone else pick up for you. If you absolutely need to make another arrangement, please do so in advance with Ana: anachang@telus.net



Winter Weather – With the colder weather upon us, students need to be dressed appropriately: coats, hats, gloves, waterproof foot wear. You may also wish to provide your child with a change of clothing, to be used if he / she gets wet.

The VSB monitors the weather and road conditions very carefully and has a thorough system in place to evaluate transportation routes and student and staff safety well before schools open in the morning. In the unlikely event of a school closure, the VSB will post information on its website (www.vsb.bc.ca) and provide updates to the following radio and TV stations:

CKNW (980 AM)
CBC RADIO (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
FAIRCHILD Radio (CJVB AM 1470/
CKHG FM 96.1)
CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM)
BCTV/Global (cable channel 11)
CITY TV (cable channel 13)