



CHIEF MAQUINNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Office hours are 8:00 am to 3:00 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.

*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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We continue to be in a new reality of social distancing at school- somewhat of a challenge but Seymour and Maquinna staff have really pulled together to make this school safe, clean and welcoming.

As you know, we expect every parent to ask their child about their health each day before sending them to school. This health declaration is very important for both adults and children. If your child becomes sick at school, they will be sent home. Please contact 811 or your health care provider for medical advice. Your child may return to school if they have no symptoms. **Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.**

At Maquinna, we have approximately 20% attending school and the majority continuing with online instruction. Some families have chosen not to engage online but are working on teacher-provided paper learning packages.

During this stressful period, do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or want support.

Report Cards will be a bit different this year. The final term is focussed on Literacy, Numeracy, and Social/Emotional Learning. Teachers documented other work done up to March 13th but there will be less assessment information than usual. Communicating Students' Learning is very important to us and staff will try to give the best feedback they possibly can during these exceptional times.

Classroom teachers will contact each parent to indicate when Report Cards are ready. Parents and Guardians will be asked to pick up Report Cards at a specific time starting Monday, June 22nd.

Should you not be able to pick up Report Cards when it is your scheduled time, we will hold them for you until the return to school in September. **Grade 7 students' reports will be mailed home the final week of June, if NOT picked up.**

The final day of school will be Thursday, June 25th - if that is the day your child would regularly attend. **There is only 1 hour of instruction that day as it is to pick up the Report Cards and personal effects.** The children of Essential Service Workers may attend to 3:00 pm if that is helpful for your family. Please let Ms Mah or myself know what the status of your child's attendance will be for that day.

It is unfortunate that we can not have our usual good-bye ceremonies but we have to follow the protocol of the Public Health Office to ensure the safety of our staff, students, and families.

I am sure the last few weeks will continue to be ones of change but I will do my best to keep you posted about any new developments at Maquinna.

Wishing you all health and happiness.

With respect,

Bruce