



CHIEF MAQUINNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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## Newsletter October 1, 2020

Office hours are 8:15 am to 3:15 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. We will need to send them home.**

A friendly reminder to help us with the parking situation at the Maquinna site. Your children do not need to be dropped off and picked up directly at the bus. Please walk to the school or park a block or two away and walk in.

Families who have chosen the transition program have received an email this morning asking if they wish to return to in-person learning beginning October 13. Please respond to this email if you wish to return. The other entry dates at this point are November 13 and January 5.

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

Websites which may be of interest to you:

The VSB's website for Safe and Inclusive Schools

[https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student\\_Support/Safe\\_Caring/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Support/Safe_Caring/Pages/default.aspx)

The Ministry of Education's ERASE webpage - Building safe and caring school communities

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

Student anonymous reporting tool for bullying and unsafe behaviours

<https://erasereportit.gov.bc.ca>



Reminders/Calendar

October 1 **Early Dismissal at 145PM for Goal Setting Conferences**

October 12 **Thanksgiving-School Closed**

October 13 PAC Meeting on Zoom

October 23 **Provincial Conference Day-No School for Students**

Planning ahead for November

November 10 Remembrance Day Assembly-stay tuned for virtual details!

November 11 **Remembrance Day-School Closed**

November 27 **Professional Day-No School for Students**

### **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. If your child is arriving late, please phone into the school when arriving so we know they are here (604) 713-4705.**

### **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.

## **Forms and Student Fees**

You will have received a link to fill out forms that are normally distributed at the start of the school year. Please take a moment to visit this link and fill out the forms.

Families of students attending in person have also received a bright green and a bright pink form to send back to school. Please do so as soon as possible.

Families of students attending in person have also received a link to pay student fees. Once again, please do so as soon as possible.

Families who have chosen the Transitions program will receive the pink and green forms and a prorated student fee link when their child begins attending in person.