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## Newsletter #4 December 1, 2020

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 14	Purdy's Chocolates distribution @Broadway Church 2-4
December 15	PAC Meeting 5:30pm on Zoom
December 18	Final day of term
January 4, 2021	School reopens

*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

December is going to be unusual to say the least. We will endeavour to make it as special as we can and fill our students with light in the darkness of winter. Fun is not cancelled! 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 UPDATE

### PAC December Update

We hope your all managing to stay healthy and safe through the fall. Your PAC has been meeting regularly to get updates from the Principal and to plan and organize fundraising activities. As we've mentioned, our top fundraising activities haven't been possible this year because of COVID so we're trying out some new ones. There will be some trial and error on our part, so thanks for your patience with us when you receive yet another letter home about a new fundraising activity.

So far this year, your contributions to the PAC have paid for Raz Kids reading program for all grades, discretionary funds for all classrooms, software for music, the Grade 7 scholarship and a COVID contingency fund for the school in case any new supplies or resources are needed quickly.

[We meet virtually on the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm.](#) Please join us if you can. Our meetings always include an update from Mr. Sallee with lots of time to ask questions, and at our December 15 meeting, we'll be discussing supporting the BCTF's advocacy to make masks mandatory for all schools by bringing a motion forward to the District Parent Advisory Council for consideration and discussion.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy winter break!

## 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. Just a reminder that we are asking you to keep your students at home even if they are slightly ill. Students will be sent home if they are displaying any signs of illness at school.**

## Winter Concert Performances

The Winter Concert is alive and well! Mr. Tweedale has been doing an amazing job pulling things together as usual. We will send home a link to a prerecorded concert on Friday December 18 so that you may enjoy it then or throughout the holidays.

## TRAFFIC WOES!

Pickup at Maquinna continues to be an issue. Please ensure you are doing your best to park somewhere away from the site and walk to get your child if you are choosing to pickup by car. Also a reminder that the current Provincial Health Order forbids visiting on the sidewalk with people outside of your own household. Please continue to help us stay Covid safe.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2016 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.



**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](http://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)