

CHIEF MAQUINNA ELEMENTARY

April 2021

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

What is done for children they will do for society.

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

Happy April! The weather seems to finally be cooperating so we're hopeful students can be outside even more. Once again, please ensure you are following covid protocols including the daily health check. Any student displaying symptoms will be sent home. Also a big thanks to the work you're doing with your older children given the new mask mandate. We are fully masked in grades 4-7 every day, and in my class visits I notice that the majority of students in K-3 are also wearing masks. Thank you for helping us all stay safe.

MOVING??

It's hard to believe but we are already well into the process of planning for the 2021-22 school year. If you plan on moving or attending elsewhere next year, could you please let the office know as soon as you possibly could so that we can start firming up our numbers for planning purposes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 26 PROFESSIONAL DAY-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

BREAKING NEWS!

The VSB has approved outdoor/socially distanced school photos. Our students will be getting individual pictures taken on May 6. Artona will be creating virtual class photos and a virtual panorama pic from the individual photos.

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A message from PAC

Hello Maquinna Community,

Please join us at our PAC meetings at 5:30 on the third Tuesday of every month. Any guardian can attend the meetings, and it is okay to just listen in without your video camera on. We always have an update from the principal about how things are going at school, we decide on how to spend fundraised dollars to support the student's educational needs, and we sometimes talk about policies to bring forward to other parent advisory councils to improve the student experience.

Our most recent meeting covered some ideas for an outdoor learning space at Maquinna, which will be partially funded through the school, through grants and through the money you have contributed to the PAC. We are also looking for ways to improve the playground equipment once we are back at Maquinna in September, and we recently met with our newly elected MLA, Niki Sharma, to explore options for government funding.

Do not forget that we currently have two active fundraising campaigns: recycling and gift cards. Please reach out to Deanna at maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com for more information.

We hope you will join us on zoom at our next meeting on April 20 at 5:30 pm!

JSB