

# Chief Maquinna Elementary

August 2021

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Breathe.*

*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

I hope you have all had a very restful summer. We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school next week. Because there are so many moving pieces, I thought it would be a good idea to send out a newsletter this week to bring you up to date with covid protocols and school organization.

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

**WEDNESDAY September 8 from 10am to 11am. K students begin THURSDAY Sept 9.** Normally school would start on the Tuesday after Labour Day but this year the entire district is engaged in anti-racism training that day.

In order to help with distancing, we will have our students line up on the gravel field (I'm saying no rain that day!). Students will line up according to grade level. Starting on Thursday, September 9, we will use entrances all around the school for students to enter and exit, as we did in June.

## MASKS

Students in grades 4-7 are required to wear masks at all times when indoors. Students in K-3 are strongly recommended to wear masks. They must wear masks when singing or engaging in physical activity. We will be following handwashing protocols throughout the day. Once again, you are responsible for doing a daily health check on your child. We will be sending any students who are ill home without exception. Just a note so you understand...when a child comes to school ill, we have a whole procedure we need to follow including masking up, isolation, cleaning classrooms, cleaning the medical room. Please help us by having your child stay home at the first hint of illness. We did SO well last year.

## LUNCHES

Lunches will continue to be eaten in classrooms. Please remember to send a water bottle to school as well so your child can fill it up at our fill station.

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## VISITORS

Unfortunately, we are still in the grips of the pandemic. In order to keep the schools safer, the VSB is continuing to request that anyone wishing to visit the building do so by appointment only. We will be happy to meet with you at any time, however, **please respect that the building is closed** except for students and staff.

## CLASS PLACEMENT

Placement of students in classes is a very time consuming process and much thought, time and effort goes into these decisions. Ultimately we work on placing students in the best learning environment to suit their specific needs. Students will be in combined grade classes no matter their grade level this year (except for K). Please understand that in every grade there is still a range of abilities. Teachers are well qualified to teach all grades in a combined class. We understand some of the impact that the pandemic has had on students; we know we don't understand it all. We are going to be especially vigilant with emotional health as students come back to school this year. If you feel your child is struggling emotionally please reach out immediately so the school can help. With the trust and support of home, we are confident that all children have been placed in classes that will allow them to have a productive, rewarding 2021/2022 school year.

## SAFE ARRIVALS

With our new phone system, the safe arrivals procedure has changed. If your child will be absent, please call the main line at the school (604) 713-4705 and press #1. You may do this 24/7. Please make sure you contact the office in the event of an absence instead of just notifying the teacher. Thanks in advance for helping us keep our students safe.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 8 First day of school for students (10am-11am)

September 9 First full day of school (9am-3:03pm) and first day of school for K

September 20 Election Day-gym closed

September 21 PAC meeting @6:00pm. Zoom signup to follow

**September 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day-School closed**

**For your planning, Photo Day will be Tuesday October 5.**

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*A message from PAC*

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Hello Maquinna Community,

Please join us at our PAC meetings at 6:00pm 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.

We are actively seeking new members of PAC! Now that we have moved back to Maquinna, we are especially hopeful that we can relaunch our hot lunch program; this is the major fundraiser that keeps our PAC going.

We hope you will join us on zoom at our next meeting on Sept. 21 at 6:00 pm!

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## Student Fees 2021-22

**Important Information – Please Translate**

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这是一份重要信息 — 请找人为您翻译

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**Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika**

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ-ਮਿਹਰਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ/ਕਰਵਾਓ

**Важная информация!Переведите,пожалуйста**

**Información importante - Por favor traducir**

*Avis important; veuillez traduire.*

**Thông tin quan trọng - Xin phiên dịch**

## GENERAL \$35.00 SUPPLY FEE

The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2021 – 2022 is \$35.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

## Student Agenda/Planner – \$7

Students at Chief Maquinna Elementary will be using an Agenda/Planner in all grades. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.

## FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, (insert name). All requests will be treated confidentially.

如果你需要经济帮助，请联系你们学校的负责人

- 如需經濟協助，請聯絡貴校校長
- Nếu bạn cần trợ cấp, xin liên lạc với Hiệu Trưởng Trường
- Tawagan ang tagapamahala o punongguro ng paaralan kung kailangan ninyo ng pinansyal na tulong.
- Si vous avez besoin d'aide financière, veuillez contacter la direction.
- Si necesita apoyo financiero, por favor contacte a la dirección de su escuela
- ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਸਕੂਲ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ
- 재정 지원이 필요하시면, 학교의 교장선생님께 문의하시기를 바랍니다

# BELL SCHEDULE 2021/22

<i><b>Morning Session</b></i>	9:00 - 10:50am
<i><b>Recess</b></i>	<i><b>10:50 - 11:10am*</b></i>
<i><b>Morning Session</b></i>	11:10 - 12:05 pm
<i><b>Lunch</b></i>	<i><b>12:05 - 12:52 pm</b></i>
<i><b>Afternoon Session</b></i>	12:52 - 3:03 pm

\*Please note this is the correct recess time!

Unless in a specific activity, students are unsupervised before 8:40 am and after 3:23 pm