

# Chief Maquinna Elementary

November 2021

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*One of the most important thing a teacher can do is to send the pupil home in the afternoon liking themselves just a little bit better than when they came in in the morning.*

*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

Thank you everyone for your consistent efforts in making the roads and parking lot safer. Our school patrol program has also restarted (thank you Mr. Sabbagha and student volunteers!) which helps with the traffic flow in the immediate school surroundings.

There are rumours that more construction may start soon, likely in early December. Thank you to PAC for supporting our wish to finally have our students swinging!

I will be taking a few days for myself next week. Please feel free to contact the office at anytime; Mr. McEwan will be in to replace me. I will be sporadically checking emails while I'm out of the province.

## WEATHER

A friendly reminder to dress your students for the weather. It's getting colder and wetter again, and we're trying to avoid groups of students gathering inside as much as possible still. Having students properly dressed makes it easier for us to get them outside. Thanks for your help!

## MASKS

**Reminder that the province has now mandated mask wearing for all grades.** We will be following handwashing protocols throughout the day. Once again, you are responsible for doing a daily health check on your child. **That daily health check is your crucial part in making thing work smoothly.** It includes things like coughs that in the past we may have normally let slide. 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. For your reference here's a link to district information including the Daily Health Check. [VSB Daily Health Check](#)

## 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.

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## 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

November 3 PM Photo Retakes

November 10 Remembrance Day Assembly (virtual, in individual classes)

**November 11 Remembrance Day-School Closed**

November 24 PAC meeting @6:00pm. Zoom signup to follow

**November 26 Non-Instructional Day-No School for Students**

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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 Wednesday of every month (note exception for November). 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 have relaunched our hot lunch program; this is the major fundraiser that keeps our PAC going. Thank you to those parents who have generously sent in donations for our fall donation drive. See below for information about Purdy's chocolates in time for Christmas!

We hope you will join us on zoom at our next meeting on November 24 at 6:00 pm!

**2021 PURDYS CHOCOLATIER CHRISTMAS  
FUNDRAISER**



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We're fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier this year! This program gives 25% of the sales back to Chief Maquinna PAC. 100% of proceeds we receive go towards helping to pay for all Maquinna students' school programs, special events, school field trips, performances, extracurricular activities, and much more!

Purdys chocolates are made fresh in Vancouver from only 100% sustainable cocoa. They have a great selection of chocolate gifts so you can help us out while you get your Christmas shopping done. Thank you for your support!!!

To order online:

- go to this site <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1078474-85098>
- enter your email address, and click JOIN A CAMPAIGN (#57254)
- when completing the registration form:
  - under First Name, please enter your name
  - under Last Name, please enter the Maquinna Student's name & Division
- when registration form is complete, click JOIN A CAMPAIGN (#57254)
- click on SHOP ONLINE

o if you know what you want to order, click on USE ONLINE ORDER FORM

o if you want to see photos of items available, click USE MARKETPLACE

- select the item and quantity you wish to purchase, then click ADD TO BAG
- after you have added all your items, click VIEW BAG and confirm your order
- click on PROCEED TO CHECKOUT
- check Select all, then click on PAY SELECTED ORDERS
- enter credit card information, then click CONFIRM
- please invite friends and family to help by asking them to follow the same steps above

To order by paper form:

- browse through the Purdy's Chocolatier Christmas 2021 catalogue to find the chocolates you wish to order
- use the inserted sheet: British Columbia Order Form (Tax Included)
- fill out form, calculate GRAND TOTAL, and return order form with CASH or CHEQUE

made payable to: **Chief Maquinna PAC**

RETURN PAPER ORDER FORMS BY: MONDAY, NOV 15, 2021

SUBMIT ONLINE ORDERS BY: WEDNESDAY, NOV 17, 2021

PICK UP ORDERS (LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED): WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2021

If you have any questions, please contact Deanna: [maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com](mailto:maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com)

## Kindergarten registration for children born in 2017 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form

Step 2: Verifying documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set an appointment to bring your supporting
- Bring supporting documentation to your English school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2022.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space\* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

### Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

### Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31<sup>st</sup>

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

**Note:** There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

**For more information on kindergarten registration visit:** <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

\* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).



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