

Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/chief-maquinna/Pages/default.aspx>

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We live, work and learn on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

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

Hello Maquinna Families,

It's been wonderful to see almost a full return of students to Maquinna after Winter Break this week. February is busy with Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, and celebrating Black History month at the school. Students are currently enjoying Pickleball in the gym and learning about self-regulation and calm down strategies when they are needed. Communicating Student Learning reports have gone home at the end of January: a "snapshot" of where your child is in terms of their learning so far this year.

We are continuing with all Covid-19 protocols and are appreciative of being in school face-to-face. Thank you everyone for your flexibility, kindness, and resilience during these interesting times.

Thank you for checking your email (and junk/spam folder) daily for updates and notices from the school or district. I will try my best to be outside at drop off and pick-up if you have questions or concerns. Please come by and say "Hello!".

Ms. Joyce Chong

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND INFORMATION:

Thank you to all students and families for:

- Completing the Daily Health Check every morning at [VSB Daily Health Check](#)
Please help us by having your child stay home at the first hint of illness/symptoms.
We will be sending any students who are ill home, without exception.
- Wearing masks indoors (K-7)
- Washing hands throughout the day
- Spreading out in the space available
- Following the school procedures and guidelines set by the BCCDC

Covid-19 information: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

As always, we will not share your personal health information with others. If there is a positive case in your family, we encourage you to report it to: <https://reportcovidresults.bccdc.ca>.

VISITORS

With the current situation, please respect that the **school building is temporarily closed** except for students and staff. Please call for an appointment if needed (604)713-4705. Thank-you.

WINTER/WET WEATHER

With the cold and wet weather upon us, students need to be dressed appropriately: coats, hats, gloves, waterproof footwear as we spend recess and lunch outside. You may also wish to provide your child with a change of clothing to be stored in their classroom, to be used if they get wet.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 14 – Valentine’s Day

February 18 – Professional Day – Students do not attend school

February 21 – Family Day in BC – School is closed. It is a provincial statutory holiday.

February 23 – Pink Shirt Day – Please wear something pink to support kindness and anti-bullying.

SAFE ARRIVALS (FOR ABSENT, LATE OR EARLY PICK UP OF STUDENTS):

If your child will be absent or late, please call the main line at the school (604) 713-4705 and press #1 to leave a message or email maqsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca. This line is open 24 hours and you can leave a message for future absences as well. Please include in the message:

Students first name, Last name, Division, and reason for absence.

Late students must sign in at the office before going to class.

A message from PAC

Hello Maquinna Community,

Please join us at our PAC meetings at 6:00pm on the third Wednesday of every month (note exception for December). 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.



Link to register is here:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/chief-maquinna/Families/Parent-Advisory-Council/Pages/default.aspx>

http://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZakf-iuqDIjHtwLa_ADjASO8hLlkxuf3af

Our next PAC meeting is Feb. 16/2022 at 6pm, registration to attend will be posted on the PAC website over the weekend.

Any parents interested in the VSB budget are welcome to attend the Vancouver DPAC’s next general meeting on Feb. 17/2022 at 7pm, they can register from the Vancouver DPAC website. <http://vancouverdpac.org/>

The PAC would like to remind parents about our **Return It account**, and all milk containers must have an expiry date after Feb 1st to be accepted at all Return It locations for refund. Also, I was interviewed by CBC about our program:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/10-cent-deposit-milk-containers-1.6332118>

The PAC is glad to be able to restart our **hot lunch program** again this month, ordering is enabled on the school website or at [C'est Mon Cafe](#).

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser – please order your Frozen Foods by February 21st, 2022 for the March 3rd delivery date. Please see the PAC webpage on the Maquinna School Website for more information.

