

# Chief Maquinna Elementary Newsletter

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

May 2022

*We acknowledge that 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.*

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

~ Audrey Hepburn

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring is here and it feels like things are opening up again both in school and in the community! In the past month, we've brought back events such as assemblies, field trip planning, pizza lunches and face-to-face meetings like the student led conferencing that we all enjoyed this month. Classes are in the school garden, learning about photosynthesis and the different types of gardens that can be created. Also, we are in the process of planning end of school events so stay tuned for more information coming soon.

This newsletter has some updates as well as important school information. Please check your email (and spam folder) daily for updates and notices from the school or district. Thank you.

Ms. Joyce Chong

## TRACK & FIELD INFORMATION:

Track and Field has begun and is sponsored by Mr. Sabbagha, Ms. Plant and Mrs. Lougheed and is open to Grades 3-7 students. Practices and meets are through the month of May on Monday after school from 3:15 – 4:00 pm and Friday mornings from 8:15 to the bell. There is a mini-meet every Thursday in May afterschool at Van Tech and the Final Meet is all day on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## PLANNING FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR:

If your child will not be attending Chief Maquinna School in September, please let the office know by email: [maquinna@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:maquinna@vsb.bc.ca). This will help with our numbers and class organization for next year. Thank you.

For your reference, the 2022-23 Maquinna school calendar has been approved by the district and is attached in this email. The school website will be updated in the coming weeks. **Please note the 2 Professional Development Days that are flexible and chosen by the school: Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.**

## COVID-19 PROTOCOL INFORMATION:

vsb

The Ministry of Education and VCH have removed many of the Covid-19 protocols within schools and we have been able to resume many school activities that we had prior to Covid. We will continue to follow the Districts Communicable Disease Prevention plan (March 28, 2022) which can be found here: [VSB Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#). This includes hand hygiene, health awareness, respiratory etiquette, personal space, and not sharing food. Wearing masks is a personal decision and is respected by all.

### **DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT/PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES:**

Please continue to do a daily health assessment with your children before sending them to school. **Please help us by having your child stay home at the first hint of any illness/symptoms. We will be sending any students who are ill home, without exception. Thank you for your help.**

### **VISITORS**

Visitors on school business are welcome to come into the school using the school's front doors (East 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.) as of April 4<sup>th</sup>. All other doors will remain locked for safety. Thank you

### **SAFE ARRIVAL:**

Reminder: please call the Safe Arrival Line for absences, late arrivals, appointments, and early pick-ups. Thank you for letting the office know at (604) 713-4705, select 1 for Safe Arrivals or email the office at [maqsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:maqsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca).

### **THANK YOU TO MAQUINNA PAC!**

The students and staff at Maquinna would like to thank the PAC for their generous donation to the end of year activities such as Grade 6/7 trips and Beach Day coming up. We encourage all families to get involved with the school's PAC as it is a great way to get to know other families as well as supporting all students and the many events that happen at the school.

### **HELP WANTED:**

Maquinna PAC needs volunteers for Pizza days on Friday mornings throughout the month of May. Please email the PAC at [maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com](mailto:maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com) if you have some time to volunteer. This will include Sports Day lunch fundraiser on May 27<sup>th</sup> through Subway.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

May 8 – Mother's Day (Sunday)

May 23 – Victoria Day – Statutory holiday – no school

May 25 – Welcome to Kindergarten Event

May 27 – Sports Day

Please join us for Friday Assemblies usually held every Friday at approximately 9:05 a.m. You are welcome to enter through the Green GO door in the undercover area, sign in at the desk at the entrance of the gym, and proceed to the seating at the back of the gym.

---

*A message from PAC*

---



**Hello Maquinna Community,**

**Sports Day Lunch Fundraiser:**

The PAC will be offering a Sports Day Lunch fundraiser through Subway. You can purchase a lunch for your child on Sports Day (May 27<sup>th</sup>) through the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ByjD4hwhniCSbwymbadGGxo-Ypk-fw89iRRd2HaTEpw/edit?ts=6251cb67>

The deadline to order will be Friday, May 13.

**Growing Smiles Fundraising!**

As part of our ongoing fundraising efforts, your school PAC is bringing you a brand new way to support Chief Maquinna Elementary! We have the opportunity to raise much need funds by purchasing hanging baskets, patio planters, potting flowers, succulents and more with **Growing Smiles Fundraising!**

For every item ordered, a large portion goes directly to funding things to aid in our children's learning and overall experience at school. Profits range from \$2.55 all the way up to \$8.05 per item. Our biggest earners are the **succulents, hanging baskets and flower packs**. Things such as the swing set (to be installed soon!), reading and learning aids and even new gym equipment are funded in part by funds raised by you! Thank you!

Important dates to remember are;

Order deadline: **Wednesday May 18** (end of day)

Order pick up: **Wednesday June 1 3:00pm - 6:00pm** (in the undercover play area)

Please go to [Chief Maquinna Elementary](#) place your order!

JSB



Chief Maquinna Elementary

We are selling beautiful plants to help raise money for our programs. Plants are a great way to encourage our f...

**PAC meeting:**

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. 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 at the Maquinna PAC website:

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

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Maquinna School PAC

vsb