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## Newsletter #9 May 1, 2018

Office hours are 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE. PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE TRANSLATE IT**

**這是一份重要通告，請找人為你翻譯。중요 공지 - 영어를 읽지 못하는 분은 번역을 부탁드립니다.**

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### Reminders/Calendar

May 2	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 3	Class and Panoramic Photos
May 4	Walk-a-thon 1:30-2:30-no morning assembly
May 8	Big 1 at 1 Earthquake Drill
May 9	PAC Meeting at 6PM in Library
May 17	Sports Day
May 18	School Closure Day
May 21	Victoria Day-no school
May 25	Walk-a-thon Awards Assembly-no morning assembly
May 30	Spring BBQ

As you can tell, May is going to be VERY busy.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Learn more; then you will know how much more you need to learn.*

***We live, work and learn on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-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 May Day everyone! May and June are my favourite months of the school year. We work hard and also get to play hard! A quick glance at the calendar above gives you a glimpse into everything that is going on at Maquinna this month (there is more!) Once again, we are well into the planning stages for next year, so please, again, a request to let the office know if your plans for next year do not include staying at Maquinna. I've received a few parent requests for placement for next year; please see the section below for guidance on submitting those requests. For those of you planning way ahead, I have submitted our school calendar to the district for approval and expect to be able to send it out a bit later this month. Some of you may have noticed drilling rigs outside the school on the professional day on April 30. We are in the planning stages for seismic upgrade as announced by the school board and the province. I'm excited at the prospect of a much safer school and look forward to sharing details with you as they become available.

With respect,  
Bruce

## PAC MEETING DATES

All PAC meetings are at 6pm in our school library.

- May 9, 2018
- June 13, 2018

**This month's PAC meeting will focus on planning for the spring fair. More hands are always welcome!**

## SCHOOL FEES 2018-19

### 2018-19 General School Fees

The 2017-18 School Fees notice sent home in May of last year stated that this school year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district and that starting in September 2018, parents would need to purchase items on their own.

**Please note that the general school supplies fee will still be charged for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.**

The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 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.

### Organization and Student Placement 2018/2019

We are already beginning to plan for a successful 2018/19 school year. Staff assignments, and during many years, class placements are not decided until enrolment has been confirmed during the first week of school in September. 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. If you feel your child requires special consideration when we make placements for classes please put your request **in writing**, outlining the program you feel would best meet your child's academic and social needs. Please note that **specific teacher requests will not be considered**. As well, please do not request for your child to be placed with specific friends. Friends can always see each other at recess, lunch or after school. Some students will be in classes that have combined grades and there is no guarantee that if a child was in a combined class this year that he/she will be in a single grade class next year. Please understand that even in a single grade there is still a range of abilities. Teachers are well qualified to teach both grades in a combined class. With the trust and support of home, we are confident that all children will be placed in classes that will allow them to have a productive, rewarding 2018/19 school year. Your patience and understanding regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.