



CHIEF MAQUINNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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**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.**

Reminders/Calendar

Tuesday, September 5	Students at school for one hour
Wednesday-Friday, September 7-9	Exploring the Seven Sacred Teachings
September 6	Assembly 9:10 *NOTE THURSDAY
September 12	PAC Meeting 6PM (Library)
September 14	Assembly 9:10
September 21	Terry Fox Run Assembly 9:10
September 24	Pro-D day no school for students
September 25	Comfort kits due/Meet the Teacher
September 28	Assembly 9:10



**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year! We all approach this time of year with excitement, and in some cases, a bit of nervousness. You can help your child have a great start to the year by reassuring them that they will make plenty of new friends in their classes if they are feeling a bit lonely as the school year starts. As well, all of us will benefit from getting a bit of extra rest over the next few weeks. This helps the children and us settle into new routines during what can be a stressful time. I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that I will be starting the school year off part time as I sustained a concussion in July. I know your children will be in fantastic hands with Mr. Ross Cassie who will be replacing me on Thursdays and Fridays until I get an OK from my doctor to be back full time. We welcome Emily Truong (grade 2/3) and Ashley Bailey (K) to the Maquinna family!

With respect,  
 Bruce

**IMPORTANT FORMS COMING HOME NEXT WEEK!** A package of important paperwork (address verification, emergency reunification etc.) will be sent home the week of Sept. 10. Please review these carefully and return them to the school as quickly as possible so our information is up to date. Thanks!

Our office hours are 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

## **CLASS PLACEMENT / ORGANIZATION**

We recognize that students and parents are all anxious to meet their “real” teacher and to start learning together! Over the summer there have been several new registrations and some transfers out. In order to confirm staffing and give us time to adjust class lists, students will begin the year with last year’s teacher or their replacement until we are ready to move into new classes. We have moved the students into tentative classes this morning, however, changes are still possible. It will be an excellent opportunity to review our Code of Conduct and safety routines and to refresh skills before moving to our new class organization. In adjusting student placements to match changes in our school organization the staff considers what we know about students as well as additional information parents may have shared with us in the spring. In the end, however, decisions on student placement are our responsibility. We will do our best to balance the many competing factors so that we have balanced, productive classes. We have very little room for movement as we need to follow the terms of the collective agreement regarding class size and composition, and happily, we are a very full school! Again, you can do your part by reassuring your child that these decisions have been made with a great deal of thought and caring by the adults at the school and that they will soon settle into their new class, learn a lot, and have a lot of fun!

### **Student Absence Reporting**

**The Vancouver School Board now has a 24/7 telephone line for reporting student absences. Please take a moment to read the separate orange sheet and keep it in a safe place for your future reference.**

**PAC** - The Chief Maquinna PAC would like to encourage all parents to become involved as members of the Parent Advisory Committee and come to the meetings this year. The PAC plays a significant role in supporting and enhancing special programs and directions in the school community. The first PAC meeting is on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the library. We have several vacant positions to fill on the executive including President, Secretary and Treasurer (several parents offered to stand for Treasurer in June so it would be lovely if you could attend the meeting!)

Safety is of paramount importance to us. A few easy requests from the school to the parents will help us out immensely:

- Please wait for your child(ren) outside the school rather than in the front entrance.
- If you have a specific job/purpose in the school, please be sure to sign in at the office and pick up a visitors badge.
- Students who have not been picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal should be reminded that they are to report to the Office so that we may contact you or an emergency contact.
- Safety is a major concern when children are coming to and going from school. Please exercise extreme caution when dropping off or picking up your child. It is a good idea to review with your child the rules for crossing a road and especially stress looking both ways and not crossing between parked cars.
- If you are stopping on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, please don't stop directly in front of the school, or stop in the middle of the road. Try to park a distance away and walk to the school to get your child. Stopping directly in front of the school creates blind spots and impedes all drivers operating their vehicles along that street. Illegal parking activity will be monitored and information sent to the VPD traffic division. Please make use of our crossing guards located at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Slocan.

### **Change of Address or Phone or email**

Please notify the school immediately if you change your address or phone number during the school year. You would be amazed at the number of “not in service” messages we receive when trying to contact families. This also applies to any Emergency Contact you provide the school. Please ensure that the names and phone numbers are current and in working order. We need all parents' email addresses as we would like to continue our environment sustainability program by reducing paper and photocopying ink. In that regard, this is the only newsletter you will be getting a physical copy of. Newsletters are regularly emailed out at the beginning of the month. I also endeavour to send out emails if there is important information we need to communicate to all families quickly.

Chinese Classes (Mandarin & Cantonese) are operated in this School on  
Wednesdays after School Hours (from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

For enquiries, please call Ms. Liu at 604 – 618 6026 ( evening ) or

604 – 821 1262 (Day Time) or visit : [www.puiying.org](http://www.puiying.org)

本校設有國語及粵語中文班，由培英中心主辦，逢星期三 下午  
3時30分 至 5時30分上課。

查詢請致電 劉校長：604 – 618 6026 (晚上) 或 604 – 821 1262 (日間)  
或進入網址：[www.puiying.org](http://www.puiying.org)

Date of Registration : Sept. 19 (2:50 p.m.) Date of Commencement : Sept. 26

註冊日期：9月19日 (2 : 50)

開課日期：9月26日

**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.**



## SCHOOL FEES for 2018-2019

Important Information – Please Translate

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Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

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Важная информация! Переведите, пожалуйста

## GENERAL \$25.00 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 2018 – 2019 is \$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.

Last year's school fee notice stated that the 2017-2018 school year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district. Please note that for 2018 - 2019, the VSB in fact is able to continue providing this service to parents and will charge the \$25.00 supply fee.

## SUPPLEMENTARY FEES

### Student Agenda/Planner – \$5 (where applicable)

Students at Chief Maquinna will be using an Agenda/Planner in grades 3-7. (Students in a combined grade 2/3 class will also use planners). 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.

### Performance Fee – \$15

We are pleased to enrich your child's learning through a wide variety of performances this year. This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. Parent support has made these opportunities possible and we appreciate your continued contribution.



## 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.

