



CHIEF MAQUINNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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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



Reminders/Calendar

- October 3 Early Dismissal at 2PM for Goal Setting Conferences
- October 4 Early Dismissal at 2PM for Goal Setting Conferences
- October 5 Thanksgiving and Food Bank Assembly 9AM
- October 8 Thanksgiving-School Closed
- October 10 PAC Meeting 6PM School Library
- October 11 Individual Photo Day
- October 12 Assembly 9AM
- October 18 Grade 6 Immunizations
- October 19 Provincial Conference Day-No School for Students
- October 26 Assembly 9AM
- October 31 Halloween Dance 1:30-2:30

Planning ahead for November

- November 2 Photo Retakes
- November 8 Remembrance Day assembly
- November 9 Curriculum Day-No School for Students
- November 12 School Closed in Observation of Remembrance Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The leaves are changing colours, the rain is bringing freshness (and not coming down in torrents!)...October is upon us. Please take the time this week to meet with your child's teacher for goal setting conferences. Also please remember to send in non-perishable goods over the next week for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. As we settle into the business of the year, a reminder to make sure your child is getting enough sleep, nourishment, and that you are taking care to limit screen time. A recent article in the Globe and Mail showed a marked increase in cognitive function for children who had limited screen time and more outdoor time. As I continue my recovery, I'm trying to remember those two things myself. And now...over to Ross.

Greetings to the Maquinna School Community

I would like to briefly introduce myself to the Maquinna Community. My name is Ross Cassie, and I will be here as the Acting Principal on Thursdays / Fridays for the next little while. I recently retired in 2017 as an Elementary School Principal in Vancouver. During my 30 year career with the Vancouver School Board I was a teacher for 7 years; Vice Principal for 4 years and a Principal for 19 years retiring as the Principal of Sexsmith Elementary in June 2017. During my first year of retirement last year I was the Acting Principal at Elsie Roy for two days a week for most of the school year.

I grew up in Vancouver and attended Bayview Elementary and Kitsilano High Schools. My wife is also a teacher in Vancouver. I have 4 children the eldest being 33 and the youngest is 21. I am also blessed with 3 grandchildren and their ages range from 2 to 9 years old who I don't see enough as they live in Victoria. In my spare time I like to golf, maintaining our garden and travelling.

I am really looking forward to working with the students and staff and meeting the parents here at Maquinna. Please do not hesitate to come in and see me on the days I am here.

With respect,
Bruce and Ross

PAC MEETING DATES

Our PAC does amazing work raising extra funds that enable us to do many things with students that would otherwise be impossible. Some examples of things PAC has supported in the past year are: supporting our Fine Arts programs, purchasing iPads for the school, running our hot lunches, and now also relaunching Fruit and Veggie and Milk program!

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

- October 10, 2017
- November 14, 2017

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

The Vancouver School Board has a 24/7 dedicated system for reporting student absences. Please remember to report absences by dialing 604-713-5159 and then entering the school code 49. Students who arrive at school AFTER attendance is taken are reminded to come to the office to get a welcome slip so their teacher knows we have recorded their arrival.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Every child's favourite day during the month of October is Halloween! This year, classes will be participating in a variety of Halloween activities. Students are encouraged to wear costumes to school. Please remember that students are not permitted to bring replica or toy weapons to school even if they're part of the costume. Please ensure that your child does not come to school with any inappropriate toys. In the days leading up to Halloween, please review Halloween safety tips with your child.

http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/halloween_safety

During the Halloween season, we regrettably hear about children who are seriously injured by fireworks. Please review safety precautions with your child and model the safe use of fireworks to your children.



SCHOOL FEES for 2018

Important Information – Please Translate

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اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید

Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

Важная информация! Переведите, пожалуйста

We are still working at collecting our school fees for the year. A gentle reminder to please submit fees as soon as you possibly can. If you cannot pay the fees, please contact Mr. Sallee in confidence as soon as possible.

Maquinna School Student Fees

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 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. The advantages of the Board providing families with supplies include convenience, cost savings through a one-time fee, and the standardization of supplies used in the classroom.

While parents and/or guardians are free to purchase school supplies for students and not pay this fee, please know that the \$25 school supplies fee does provide the necessary school supplies at a cost which is less than you would pay if these items were purchased independently.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEE

Student Agenda/Planner – \$5 Divisions 1-6

We believe that helping students become organized, contributing members of society starts with teaching them to be organized and accept responsibility for their actions and studies. 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.

Book Bag Fee \$7 (new students to the school)

We are pleased offer home reading book bags to all students. These prove to be very useful/ water resistant bags for reading materials. We encourage all parents to purchase them.

Field Studies – TBA (per individual teacher)

Throughout the school year your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

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. All requests will be treated confidentially.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE/E-MAIL

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.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I am grateful for what I am and what I have. My Thanksgiving is perpetual.

Henry David Thoreau

Take some time at home, as we are at school, to discuss what you as a family are thankful for.

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.