

# CHIEF MAQUINNA ELEMENTARY

FEBRUARY 2021

## BUS WOES

Our struggles with pick up continue. Please ensure you are reviewing meeting places with your children.

The drivers have noticed with the cold weather that both parents and students are darting in between buses.

This is a HUGE safety risk. Please make sure to follow rules and common sense as we don't want anyone getting hurt! Thank you for your co-operation.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Amid all our COVID-19 concerns, we are still remembering to look for excitement. Our staff had the chance to review seismic progress at Maquinna. We are pleased to hear everything is still on schedule. The interior of the building is being painted and white boards will be installed (an unexpected bonus!) We will also be receiving new furniture ahead of schedule; we can see "home" just down the road.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION SPACE

Part of the renewal we will be working towards creating an outdoor education space as well. Ms Wilson has been hard at work planning and has secured a grant from World Wildlife Federation. Thank you for your tireless efforts! Finally, we are renewing the school mascot with input from our students. Stay tuned for more news!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 12	PROFESSIONAL DAY	NO SCHOOL (for students)
February 15	FAMILY DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
February 16	PAC MEETING	5:30pm via ZOOM
February 24	PINK SHIRT DAY	ALL DAY

## LOOKING AHEAD

March 3	STUDENT LED CONFERENCES (Early dismissal 1:45pm)	
March 4	STUDENT LED CONFERENCES (Early dismissal 1:45pm)	

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*A message from PAC*

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Hello Maquinna Community,

Please join us at our PAC meetings at 5:30 on the third Tuesday of every month. 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.

Our most recent meeting covered some ideas for an outdoor learning space at Maquinna, which will be partially funded through the school, through grants and through the money you have contributed to the PAC. We are also looking for ways to improve the playground equipment once we are back at Maquinna in September, and we recently met with our newly elected MLA, Niki Sharma, to explore options for government funding.

Do not forget that we currently have two active fundraising campaigns: recycling and gift cards. Please reach out to Deanna at [maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com](mailto:maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com) for more information.

We hope you will join us on zoom at our next meeting on February 16 at 5:30 pm!

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