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**REMINDER**  
 All visitors,  
 please report to  
 the office.  
 Late students  
 to sign-in in the  
 office.

# Maquinna News

October 2023

## Mark Your Calendar

- October 19 Great BC Shakeout at 10:19 a.m.
- October 20 Provincial Pro Day – **No School for Students**
- October 24-26 Book Fair
- October 25-26 Fall Learning Conferences – Early Dismissal 12:00
- October 27 Grade 6 immunizations (am)
- October 27 Wild Sock Day
- October 31 Hallowe'en Parade @11:15
- November 1 District Cross Country Meet
- November 3 Wrestling Tournament @ ADSS
- November 6 Boston Pizza Lunch Day
- November 7 Individual photo re-takes
- November 8 Remembrance Day Ceremony @11:00
- November 10 Volleyball wrap-up @ ADSS
- November 13 **Remembrance Day Holiday – No School**
- November 20 Pro Day – **No School for Students**
- November 24 Sports Team Day



**Picture Days are coming!**  
**Tuesday, November 7.**

### A New Way of Ordering!

1. All students will be photographed on Picture Day.
2. Proofs and ordering information will be printed and sent home with your student.
3. Review pictures and then purchase online or with order form.

Make it simple by ordering your portraits online, using your Picture Day ID and child's first name to get started. If you prefer to order on paper, an order form will be sent home as well.

## Early Dismissal Days

Please note that Maquinna will be hosting our Fall Learning Conferences on the following days: Wednesday, October 25  
 Thursday, October 26

**Students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. on BOTH days** to allow teachers to meet with parents/guardians for scheduled interviews. You should have received a notice with your appointment time. If you are not able to make your scheduled appointment, please call the office or contact your teacher to reschedule. Students who are on our Lunch Program will receive lunches to take home on early dismissal days. The bus **will be** running to accommodate early dismissal.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT

Some fun to look forward to! Let's show some school spirit with fun theme days!

- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – Wild Sock Day
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – Sports Team Day
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Red and Green Day
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – PJ Day
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – When I Grow Up I Want To Be Day
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Hat Extravaganza Day
- April 26<sup>th</sup> – Wacky Hair Day
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Fancy Schmancy Day
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Tie Dye Day



## Earthquake Preparedness

Our School will be joining thousands of people who will Drop, Cover, and Hold On, October 19, at 10:19 a.m., during the *Great British Columbia ShakeOut!* 49.8 million people are registered to participate in ShakeOut drills world-wide this year, so far. Participating is a great way for your family or organization to become better prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes.



## Maquinna Spirit Gear



Now available until  
November 26, 2023

**MAQUINNA SPIRIT STORE! Grade 7 Fundraiser!** The link is live and runs until November 26<sup>th</sup>. New this year, personalization available on select items!! Gear is set to arrive before our winter break.

Shop at: <https://maquinnaspiritwear2023.itemorder.com/>

### **Hallowe'en Celebrations – Tuesday, October 31st**

Unless otherwise discussed with your child's classroom teacher, students are welcome to arrive dressed in their costumes. Please make sure your costume is elementary school appropriate. We ask that all weapons and weapon accessories (fake knives, swords, guns, etc.) please be left at home. **For safety reasons, we ask that any parent that arrives on school grounds in costume, to please remove any costume mask prior to coming on the grounds and be sensitive to costumes that can scare young children.** Thank you.

We are excited to host our first Boston Pizza Lunch Day on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Orders are due no later than October 30 @ 3pm.**

#### **HOT LUNCH ORDERING**

Login with the credentials you used previously or follow the directions below...

- ✓ Go to **maquinna.hotlunches.net**
- ✓ Click on "Click Here to Register"
- ✓ Complete the rest of the registration form. (Including your email address will ensure you receive reminder emails about hot lunch order deadlines, and your student's hot lunch order for the upcoming week)
- ✓ Click the "**Register Now**" button at the bottom
- ✓ Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends **Maquinna**. Once your student(s) are registered, click on "Orders"
- ✓ Proceed to order hot lunch for your student(s)

Paper order forms have been sent home with students and are available in the office.



**RAINY DAYS** Unfortunately, this is the time of year when the rain begins. Please send children to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. **It is usually a good idea to leave an extra change of clothing at the school in case a child falls and gets wet.** Thank you for your support.



### **October 24-26**

#### **Mark your calendars!**

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

Our school's Scholastic Book Fair will take place October 24-26 in the library.

Tuesday: 2:30-3:30pm

Wednesday and Thursday: noon-3:30pm

Your investment in your reader helps our whole school. All purchases earn Scholastic Dollars that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school's library.

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on!  
See you at the Fair!

**SAVE  
the  
DATE**

**#ScholasticBookFairs**