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Maquinna News

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This school year has been a fabulous and rewarding year. Our students have worked hard, and their academic improvement has been tremendous. We are also immensely proud of all the acts of kindness that our students have regularly displayed. On behalf of all our staff, we feel incredibly lucky to work with such an amazing group of students. We would like to wish our Grade 7 students all the best at Alberni District Secondary School next year. Good luck and we are confident that you will enjoy your new school!

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our Maquinna families. Your support, trust, and willingness to help us and our students through an eventful year is very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful, safe summer,

Mr. S. Petersen, Principal

Mrs. J. Dawson, Vice-Principal

Farewell

As with every year, changes are bound to happen. At the end of June, we must say farewell to Mr. Carey, Ms. Clydesdale, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Goode and Mrs. S. Johnson. We wish them luck next year. We will miss you all and appreciate everything you have done here at Maquinna. Good Luck!

2024-25 School Year

We are currently planning for the 2024-25 school year and our staffing is heavily dependent on the number of children we have registered. If you have a **child born in 2019** and have not registered for Kindergarten, please do so as soon as you can. **If your child will NOT be attending Maquinna this September, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can factor that into our overall numbers.** Conversely, if you know families **moving into our neighbourhood with children that would be attending Maquinna, please have them contact us.** Thank you.

First day of school next year will be September 3rd, 10 am – noon, for all students except Kindergarten. Kindergarten students will receive a package in August detailing their individual start schedule. On Friday, August 30th, parents will receive an email with class placements and informational items. Please make sure your email address is up-to-date.

Our PAC has worked extremely hard this past school year at staying connected and supporting our students. We want to thank them for their dedication to our school community. PAC is always looking for new members so please contact the school for further information.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply lists for next year will be sent home *with report cards and will also be available at Walmart & Staples*. We have also partnered with Teachers File to offer a one stop shop! All supply bags ordered will arrive at the school before the first day ready for your student. To order, go to <http://packs.teachersfile.ca>

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found bin is overflowing. Please have your students take a look. All unclaimed items will be donated.

SCHOOL ITEMS

With the end of the year quickly approaching we are beginning to take stock of our resources. It is with this in mind that we are asking parents to please take a few minutes to look around your home and return any items that belong to the school. ***We are looking for library books, classroom home reading books, school uniforms etc.*** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Summer Reading Tips for Parents

Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading. Research about how much ground is lost over the summer is well documented. Harris Cooper of Duke University notes, "Overall, children experience an average summer learning loss in reading ... of about **one month**" (1996).

Kids do not have to lose over the summer. In fact, you can encourage your child to have a summer of fun *and* learning. Remember that children need free time in the summer to ***relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood***. So summer reading should be fun. Here are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

<i>Read aloud together with your child every day.</i>	Make it fun by reading outdoors. Read on the front steps, the patio, at the beach or at the park. Also, let your child read to you.
<i>Read it again, Sam</i>	Encourage your child to reread favourite books and make it fun! Repeated reading improves children's fluency and comprehension. They also provide opportunities to practice reading with expression. Children will enjoy giving the wolf a scary growl or using a squeaky little voice for a mouse.
<i>Set a good example!</i>	Parents must be willing to model behaviour for their children. Keep reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad. When the TV is on, turn on the Closed Captioning and turn the volume down – reading anytime, anywhere counts!
<i>Take your children to the library regularly.</i>	The Vancouver Island Regional Library sponsors a summer reading club with easy-to-reach goals. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. The library can also help you find additional reading material which your child can read with success.
<i>Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.</i>	Show your child how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let him or her take turns being the navigator.
<i>Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.</i>	Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities e.g. picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos, etc. Have your child write the captions and read them as you look at the book together.