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REMINDER
All visitors, please report
to the office

Maquinna News

March 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Special points of interest:



March 15	Hat Extravaganza Day
March 18-29	Spring Break – School Closed
April 1	Easter Monday
April 2	School re-opens
April 19	Professional Dev. Day – no school for students
April 23	Class pictures & individual pictures
April 26	PAC Pizza Day
April 26	Wacky Hair Day
May 1-2	Learning Conferences – students out at noon
May 6	Grade 6 immunizations
May 13	Professional Dev. Day – no school for students
May 20	Victoria Day – School Closed
May 31	Fancy/Schmancy Day

Important Safety Reminder
No drop-off or pick-up of students in the staff parking lot.
Please remind your students not to walk through the parking lot.

Head Lice

This is just a reminder to guardians to check their child's head on a regular basis and if any live lice or nits are found please treat accordingly. Please visit the Healthlink BC website for more information at:
<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children born in 2019 are ready to be registered for the 2024/2025 school year starting **February 1, 2024**. Staffing allocations will be made based on enrollment. Accurate numbers are critical. Please register your child in your neighbourhood school as soon as possible. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate and Care Card, as well as proof of address, when registering. Registration forms are available at the school.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

Student registrations for the 2024-2025 school year will occur in two phases:

PHASE 1: Catchment Students

Prior to **February 28, 2024**, the following students should register at their current catchment area school:

- Children born in 2019 registering for Kindergarten.
- Children currently attending another SD70 school, but intending to enroll in their catchment area school for next September.

It is expected that catchment area children currently attending their catchment school or currently enrolled in French Immersion, will continue to attend their current school/program in the following school year. These students do not need to re-register.

PHASE 2: Out-of-Catchment Students

Out-of-catchment students are subject to available space and will be processed only after all catchment area students meeting the **February 28th** deadline have been accommodated. It is expected that decisions regarding catchment and out-of-catchment registrations will be made as of **April 15th** each year. Individual schools will maintain waitlists of out-of-catchment requests until the end of the first week of school in September.

When registering your child in your catchment area school, please ensure that you have the child's birth certificate and care card, as well as proof of residency in the catchment area.

For additional information on student admissions and school of choice, please contact the school principal or refer to Policy 500 at www.sd70.bc.ca.





Backpack PROGRAM

Our Backpack Program provides weekend groceries to elementary students and their families who could benefit from weekly food support. These groceries are now available to all our elementary school families throughout our valley as well as to some students in the Eighth Avenue Learning Center and Hummingbird Daycare. Each week we provide our families with **the makings of a good healthy meal along with extras to help their escalating expenses.**

It is well known, that a child can focus more on their learning and achieve their best in their studies if they eat properly. School breakfast and lunch programs support children's learning with meals during the week. Our program is meant to supplement these programs by providing our students and their families with food on weekends.

We are very fortunate to receive wonderful community participation. As a result, we are often able to help with extras, such as, fresh fruits and vegetables and more. Our aim is to provide our families with the best support possible.

Each week 27 volunteers shop for groceries, put them in bins, add recipes and deliver to most of our schools on Thursdays. Parents **bring a bag to pick up food** either at their children's schools or at the United Church on Church Street. Some children bring the groceries home by bus. If transportation is a real concern food can be delivered.

If you are interested in your family becoming a part of our Backpack Program, **please ask the secretary at your school for a form. Please fill in the information and return the form to the office.**



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart to empower kids to build healthy habits for a healthy life and learn the importance of giving.

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/43970>

To help our school reach our fundraising goal click "**Register to Participate**" and set up your own fundraising page!

