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Maquinna News

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Walking Together in Truth and Reconciliation

At Maquinna Elementary, Truth and Reconciliation is an important and ongoing commitment that guides how we learn, build relationships, and grow together as a school community.

We are grateful to live, learn, and work within the traditional territories of the **čišaaʔath (Tseshaht) and Hupačasath (Hupacasath) Nations**. We recognize and honour the deep history, knowledge, languages, cultures, and continued presence of the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples in the Alberni Valley.

As we recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day, we honour the children who never returned home, the Survivors of residential schools, and their families and communities. We recognize that reconciliation requires more than acknowledgement—it requires listening, learning, building meaningful relationships, and taking action.

At Maquinna, we want our students to understand the truths of our shared history while also celebrating the strength, knowledge, culture, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples. Through our relationships with **čišaaʔath and Hupačasath**, and by continuing to learn from Nuu-chah-nulth knowledge, language, culture, and teachings, we will work toward creating a school where every student feels welcomed, respected, valued, and a strong sense of belonging.

Reconciliation is a journey we take together—through listening, learning, respect, relationships, and meaningful action.

Pacific Rim School District is situated on the ʔaʔuʔi of the čišaaʔath, huupačasʔath, ʔaʔuukʷiʔath, huuʔiiʔath First Nations and yuʔuʔiʔath Government, and acknowledges that we work alongside all nuučaʔaʔuʔ Nations as well as the Métis Nation of British Columbia to serve the children and youth of the Alberni-Clayoquot region

We are asking all students and staff to wear orange on Tuesday if you can!

Truth and Reconciliation Walk to 8th Avenue Learning Centre: Tuesday September 29th

On Tuesday September 29th Maquinna Students and Staff in **Grade 1 to 7** will be walking to 8th Avenue Learning Center. Below is the shape of the day our walking plan. We will be meeting up with students and staff from EJ Dunn Elementary and 8th Avenue Learning Centre.

- **12:50 pm** Maquinna students and staff start the walk to 8th Avenue Learning Centre. **(Down Bruce Street, then down Anderson Avenue, and crossing to 8th Avenue Field)**
- **1:15 pm to 1:20 pm** Gathering and Greeting on the field at 8th Avenue Learning Centre
- **1:25 pm** Michelle Colyn-Welcome, Acknowledgment of Day and Place
 - DES Student Introduction
 - MES Student introduction.
 - Aaron Watts: Importance of Reconciliation
 - Aaron Watts: *našuk?aʔin*
 - Michelle Colyn: Thank you to students and staff for participating
- **1:50 pm** Maquinna will walk back to school. **We should be back by 2:15 PM.**

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School for Students

Mr. S. Brown,
Principal

Mrs. L. Fryer
Vice Principal

