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REMINDER
All visitors, please report
to the office



Maquinna News

March 2023

Mark Your Calendar



Special points of interest:

March 10	Popcorn Day
March 13-24	Spring Break – School Closed
March 31	Hat Extravaganza Day
April 6	Spirit Gear Store closes
April 7 & 10	Easter – School Closed
April 21	Professional Dev. Day – no school for students
April 24	Class pictures
April 28	Sports Team Day
May 15	Professional Dev. Day – no school for students
May 22	Victoria Day – School Closed
May 25	PAC Pizza Day
May 26	Tie Dye 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 2018 are ready to be registered for the 2023/2024 school year starting **February 1, 2023**. 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 2023-2024 school year will occur in two phases:

PHASE 1: Catchment Students

Prior to **February 28, 2023**, the following students should register at their current catchment area school:

- Children born in 2018 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.



Maquinna's Spirit Gear Store is open now through April 6th.

You'll find t-shirts, baseball tees, crewneck sweatshirts, hoodies, joggers and hats in multiple colours, 2 different logos and youth/adult sizing!

Check it out at
<https://maquinnaspiritwear.itemorder.com>

Orders close April 6th and the gear will be delivered 2-3 weeks later.

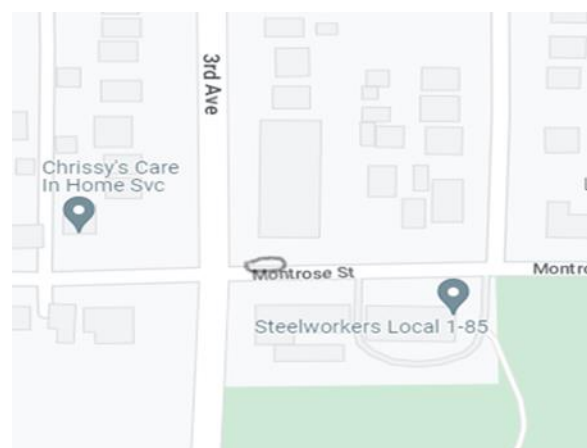
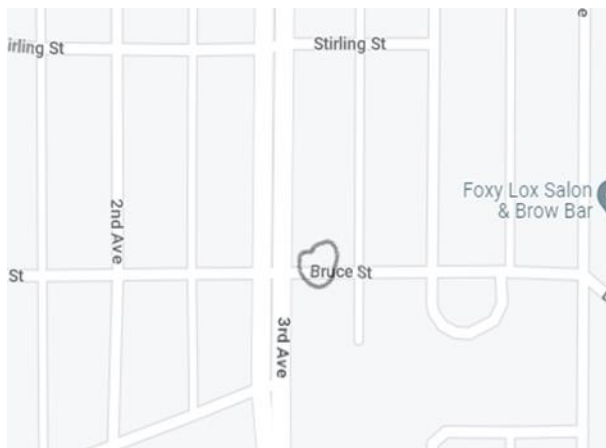
Dear Parents/Guardians of EJ Dunn & Maquinna Elementary School Students Utilizing Bus Route 3 After School

The purpose of this letter is to officially notify you of changes to school bus service for students who utilize Bus Route 3 to the bus stops at 3rd & Bruce St and 3rd & Montrose St, after school.

The following change is to after school bus service only, morning service is unaffected. These changes will be effective on **March 27, 2023**.

The reason for this change is to increase student safety at these stops. We are experiencing many vehicles passing through the school bus's red, alternating lights. Students rely on these lights to cross the road safely. We feel as though it will be safer for the students to cross the road without the bus's lights and blockage of vision and sounds of other vehicles.

The bus stop that was on 3rd Ave at Bruce St. will be moved on to Bruce St. between 3rd Ave. & 4th Ave. The bus stop that was on 3rd Ave. at Montrose St. will be move on to Montrose St. between 3rd Ave and 4th Ave.



Happy Spring-break to families and students, February was Kindness month for us and we are very thankful for all the kind acts that we saw in and around Maquinna. We just completed our Intermediate Basketball season and our Grade 6/7 students showed incredible improvement, development and sportsmanship. Well done students and coaches. Our Library club, Math club and new Chess Club have also been very well attended. Lastly, our students have shown significant academic growth since the Winter break. We are very proud of their achievements and we are very appreciative of all the extra efforts our staff have done in supporting them.

Sean Petersen and Julie Dawson