

Hello Macaulay Families,

It was lovely to meet many of you at our Meet the Staff/PAC Welcome Back event last night. On behalf of our entire school community, I would like to thank Country Grocer for supplying the food and the Esquimalt Lions Club for serving hundreds of hot dogs at our PAC BBQ welcome social. Many thanks also to the PAC volunteers who made this event possible!

On Monday, September 29th, we will participate in a whole-school Truth and Reconciliation event to recognize the lasting impacts of residential schools and the legacy they have left. Building on last year, our event will include student voices and a collaborative art project that students have been working on to support classroom discussions and learning.

We warmly invite parents and guardians to join us on the field (north side of the school) at 2:00 pm on Monday. Students will form two circles. Each class will bring its feather to the center of the circle upon entering. These feathers will later be displayed on the bulletin board in the front hallway.

During the event, we will listen to voice recordings of some of our Grade 4 and 5 students who wrote many of the statements you will hear. We wish to thank them for their meaningful contributions. Following this, several staff members will perform Frank Nelson's Residential School Song on drums. We will then stand in silence for 1 minute and there will be no applauding.

We encourage everyone to wear an orange shirt for this solemn occasion, as a symbol of support for residential school survivors and in remembrance of the children who never returned home.

Jeanne Humphries
Principal/Directrice

Looking Ahead
<u>Sept 29</u> - Orange shirt day and PAC Costume swap early evening
<u>Sept 30</u> - No School – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
<u>Oct 8</u> - PAC meeting at 6:30 pm
<u>Oct 13</u> - No School – Thanksgiving

<u>Oct 17</u> - PAC Fun Lunch and Dance
<u>Oct 24</u> – No School – Professional Development Day
<u>Oct 31</u> – Halloween – Students may wear costumes or black and orange

More Information Items:

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is already getting quite full. Labeling your child's clothing, whenever possible, can make it much easier for us to return lost items to their owners.

Socks and Pants

We are looking for donations of gently used, clean socks and pants to help provide a change of clothes for students when needed. Thank you for your support!

Head Lice Awareness



Head lice are common in BC communities. Although they are a bother, **head lice are not a health risk.**

Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur.

You can help by:

- Checking your child's head with the wet combing method of detection once a week throughout the year.
- Review the pamphlet [How to Get Rid of Head Lice Wet Combing](#), available online, at your school and [Public Health Unit](#).
- Encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back.
- Treating if you notice live lice on your child's head.
- Reminding family and friends about the importance of routine head checks, using the wet combing method.

For more information:

- Your local [Public Health Unit](#)
- Read the HealthLink BC File on Head Lice [HealthLink BC File #06 Head Lice](#)

Community Information Items:

Volunteer Opportunity



The Esquimalt Seniors Community Centre [ESCC] is looking for Volunteers who are interested in participating in new and exciting intergenerational program called the “Wisdom and Wonder”. This program is designed to bring Seniors and elementary school grades 1-3 students together and share stories, have fun and experience the wonder of youth.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Will be supported and guided by our orientation program;
- Demonstrate an ability and desire to work as part of a larger team;
- Express a willingness to share, care, and create new friends;
- Successful participants will be required to complete a criminal history check; and
- Provide two reliable references who can be contacted.

***We are looking for Seniors who have 4-6-hours per month to share;
A deep respect and caring for children; and
Have a story to share, a song to sing or a willing heart for listening.***

Interested – please contact:

Sharon at esquimalt.memorial.hall@gmail.com

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***Make a difference,
Enhance the sense of community for our youth, and
Reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation.***

Catch the Spirit at the Kids Takeover Match!

Starlight Stadium invites you to join the Kids Takeover Match on October 5th, a day dedicated to celebrating kids and families! Enjoy mini games on the field, a talent show, halftime activities, an inflatable obstacle course, food vendors, and exciting VR experiences—all alongside the action on the pitch.

Special highlight: players will warm up in SpongeBob jerseys! Tickets are available at a discounted rate to make the day as accessible as possible.

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Kidstakeover60>

Bring the whole family and experience the excitement of the island's professional soccer team at Starlight Stadium!

Story Fest Heroes

Help us celebrate the 20th year of Esquimalt's Story Festival with another awesome line-up of great story tellers. The Lion's club will be serving a by-donation lunch, sponsored by the generous Country Grocer. **All donations go to help fund the Macaulay literacy program.**

Developing literacy allows children to use their imagination, dream big dreams and express themselves better. Storytelling provides a platform for growth and development and we hope your family will join us in celebrating this.



The poster for 'Story Fest Heroes' features a central graphic with the text 'ESQUIMALT PARKS + RECREATION Story Fest HEROES from superheroes to your favorite teacher'. Below this, a green banner indicates the date and time: 'Sat, Sept 27th • 10:30am-1:00pm • Esquimalt Town Square'. To the left is a photo of a man playing guitar to children. To the right is a list of activities: 'LIVE STORY TELLERS', 'LIONS CLUB BBQ', 'THEATRE AL DENTE', 'PHOTOBOOTH', 'ENH CRAFT STATION', 'COMMUNITY GROUPS', 'FREE BOOKS DONATED BY 1000X5', and 'STORY STATION WITH THE STORY STUDIO'. Below the list, it says 'Costumes Encouraged!'. At the bottom are logos for 'GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY', 'COUNTRY GROCER', 'ESQUIMALT PARKS + RECREATION', and 'LIONS CLUB'.

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Funds raised will go to Macaulay School to support Literacy.