



# McKenzie NEWS

Please email or call:  
[attendance27@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:attendance27@sd61.bc.ca)  
250-479-1691 if your child  
will be late or absent.

Here is the news for Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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| 16<br>Kinder Coffee<br>8:45 | 17 | 18 | 19<br>Welcome BBQ &<br>meet the teacher<br>5:15 - 7 | 20<br>Strong Start<br>Closed (Pro D) |
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Professional Development Day – September 23, all day, no school.

## Principal Message

Welcome back! We have settled into our classes and have 12 divisions with 225 students in the school. Our intermediate class sizes are the lowest they can be which makes for a wonderful learning environment with a lot of teacher support. Our primary classes are also quite small which is helpful to learning. There are a few important pieces of information in this newsletter so please read it carefully and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect with us at the school. Ms. Sunny (Vice Principal) and I are always open to communication and welcome your thoughts or questions. Please contact us by email or by phone if you wish to set up a meeting.

Other important information to include (please feel free to pretty this up however works for you)

- PAC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month in the McKenzie Library. Come and hear what's happening in the school and have your say about projects and dreams for our community.
- We are an all-weather school! Please send your child with clothing for any weather as we send students outside rain or shine. It's best if they have a raincoat, boots or a change of shoes and a change of clothes just in case.
- PAC welcome BBQ is Thursday September 19 beginning at 5:15 in the big gym. Come and see who your child spends their day with and learn about what your PAC does for the school. \$5.00 will get you a burger, chips and some sliced cucumbers. McKenzie water bottles will be on sale for \$5 and are refillable with our water stations.
- Thursday October 13 is a Parent Education Night! Orla Colgate will be speaking about supporting your child with reading including how to help those reluctant readers! More information to come, but mark your calendars. Orla, a PhD graduate of the University of Sydney Australia, is a researcher currently working with the University of Victoria. Her current research project focuses on understanding the issues that families face in supporting their child with reading. Orla provides training programs for families, in partnership with school districts and non-profit organizations, to guide them in motivating and engaging children in reading.
- A reminder that the preferred method for paying for any school items (field trips, agendas, etc.) is through School Cash Online which is accessible through the McKenzie Website. You can pay by echeque or by credit card. We are trying to minimize and eventually eliminate any cash brought into the school.

### *Principal Message Cont.*

- Individual Photo Day is Friday September 27 in the morning. We start with our kindergarten students and work our way up to the grade five students. Photo orders will be done online through Edge Imaging once the photos have been taken. You will have the opportunity to choose the background you like with options for adding the date etc. You will receive more information about this closer to the date.

**LUV-A-RUG Services Inc. (250) 590-6210**

*"Helping You To Fall In Love With Your Rugs All Over Again!"*

A huge thank you to Dusty and the Luv a Rug team for donating a carpet for Strong Start and cleaning the existing carpets at half price!



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Thank you for bringing in your forms so quickly!



## HELP FEED A HUNGRY CHILD — JOIN THE #YYJPAJAMAPARTY!

Grab brunch in your pjs with friends and family at participating restaurants and help Breakfast2Music raise funds to feed school kids in need of a solid breakfast.

# Sunday, September 22

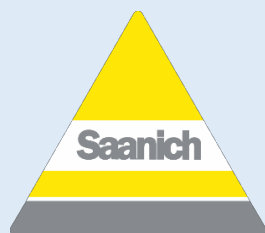
### PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

BLUE FOX CAFE • CROOKED GOOSE BISTRO • CUP OF JOE • DEMITASSE CAFE  
FERNWOOD INN • FIRESIDE GRILL • FIFTH STREET BAR & GRILL  
FLOYD'S DINER (MENZIES ST.) • FUEGO OLD TOWN EATERY  
HERON ROCK BISTRO • HOT AND COLD CAFE • LITTLE JUNE CAFE  
MOKA HOUSE (COOK ST.) • NORTHERN QUARTER • NOURISH KITCHEN & CAFE  
PLUTO'S • PRIMA STRADA (COOK ST.) • SHINE CAFE (BLANSHARD ST.)  
SHINE CAFE (FORT ST.) • THE VILLAGE (COOK ST.) • VISTA 18

HOURS OF PARTICIPATION VARY — PLEASE CHECK INDIVIDUAL WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION.

THEN JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC FROM BUČAN BUČAN & LOUISE ROSE — AND PANCAKES FOR THE KIDS!  
12-2PM • GOVERNMENT HOUSE BAND SHELL • 1401 ROCKLAND AVE

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# EMERGENCY PROGRAM

## Free Emergency Preparedness Presentations



When disaster strikes, your chances of staying safe, healthy and comfortable are much better if you are prepared. This 90-minute presentation offers the information you need to prepare yourself and your family to survive on your own for up to 7 days after any type of disaster. Each household participating in the presentation will receive a free workbook to help with emergency planning.

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 6:30-8 p.m.**

Saanich Commonwealth Place, 4636 Elk Lake Dr.  
Register for Course #24824 at 250-475-7600

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 7-8:30 p.m.**

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre, 3220 Cedar Hill Rd.  
Register for course #24925 at 250-475-7121

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 7-8:30 p.m.**

G.R. Pearkes Rec. Centre, 3100 Tillicum Rd. Register for Course #24121 at 250-475-5400

## Speakers Series



Speaker Series topics can include the hazards around us, the utilities we use or different perspectives on responding to an emergency. Check the calendar of events on [www.saanich.ca](http://www.saanich.ca) for speakers scheduled for these dates.

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 7-8 p.m.** Gordon Head Rec. Centre, 4100 Lambrick Way Register for course #21764 at 250-475-7100

**Wednesday, November 27, 2019, 7-8 p.m.**

G. R. Pearkes Rec. Centre, 3100 Tillicum Rd. Register for course #24120 at 250-475-5400

## Volunteer Information Session



Join us to discover the rewards of volunteering with the Saanich Emergency Program.

**Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 7-8 p.m.**

Saanich Commonwealth Place, 4636 Elk Lake Dr.  
Register for Course #23882 at 250-475-7600

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7-8 p.m.** Cedar Hill Rec. Centre, 3220 Cedar Hill Rd.  
Register for Course #25084 at 250-475-7121

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# 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

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| Professional Development Days:<br>(non-instructional days)<br>NO SCHOOL for students | Mon., September 23, 2019<br>Fri., October 25, 2019<br>Fri., November 22, 2019<br>Mon., January 20, 2020<br>Fri., February 14, 2020<br>Fri., May 15, 2020 |
| School Opening Day - <b>9 – 11:30</b>  | Tues, September 3, 2019,   |
| Thanksgiving Day   | Mon., October 14, 2019   |
| Remembrance Day  | Mon., November 11, 2019  |
| Parent Teacher Interviews – <b>NOON Dismissal</b>                                    | Wed. Nov. 13 – Tues., Nov. 14, 2019  |
| Last day of school before Winter Break   | Fri., December 20, 2019  |
| <b>Winter Break</b>  | <b>Dec. 23, 2019 to Jan. 3, 2020</b>   |
| Schools re-open after Winter Break   | Mon., January 6, 2020  |
| Family Day   | Mon., February 17, 2020  |
| Student Led Conferences – <b>NOON Dismissal</b>                                      | Thurs., February 27, 2020  |
| Last day of school before Spring Break   | Fri., March 13, 2020   |
| <b>Spring Break</b>  | <b>March 16, 2020 to March 27, 2020</b>  |
| Schools re-open after Spring Break   | Mon., March 30, 2020   |
| Good Fri.  | Fri., April 10, 2020   |
| Easter Mon.  | Mon., April 13, 2020   |
| Victoria Day   | Mon., May 18, 2020   |
| Last day of school for students  | Thurs., June 25, 2020  |
| Administrative Day –no students  | Fri., June 26, 2020  |

**Monday 8:48 – 2:44, Tuesday to Friday 8:46 – 2:44**

**NEW – Recess 10:20 – 10:35**

**NEW – Lunch 12:00 – 12:50**