



# 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>23</b> Professional Development Day – No school for students	<b>24</b> Div 1 & 3 Camping	<b>25</b> Div 1 & 3 Camping  Assembly 2:00	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Photo Day All students
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## Principal Message

It was great to see so many families out at our PAC sponsored Welcome BBQ! Thanks to all of the helpers and especially to the Optimists Club for cooking all of those burgers! Yum! On Monday, September 23 the staff at McKenzie will be participating in a workshop about co-teaching. We have a facilitator coming in to share tips and tricks about the best way to optimize two teachers in one classroom. We are excited for this learning and welcome students back on Tuesday September 24!

This year, our monthly assemblies will again take place on the last Wednesday afternoon of the month at 2:00 in the big gym. These are an opportunity to gather as a whole school community and celebrate learning in various ways. This month, we have a fencing demonstration from a local fencing club which should be quite sensational. In the past, we have presented certificates to a few students from each class with the idea that we highlight students who have shown exceptional skill in a particular area. As a staff we have decided to change this routine and celebrate classes who have something special to showcase. We are excited for this change and hope that students will be interested in seeing what other classes are working on during the school day.

As always, please be sure to look at the calendar dates and mark them on your calendar!

Your administration team,  
Joanna Snow and Sunny Jun

### Orange Shirt Day



September 30 is the national day to recognize and remember the impact of residential schools on indigenous peoples. Please take some time to talk you're your children about the legacy of residential schools. Students are encouraged to wear an Orange Shirt on this day as a sign of reconciliation and to ensure that we never repeat the mistakes of the past. Friday, September 27, there will be an assembly from 1:45 – 2:30 for grades 2-5 only, parents are welcome to attend.

**Please complete all the forms and be sure to sign them all. If you have any questions call the school.**



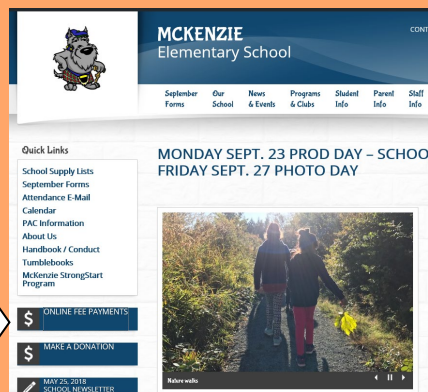
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## Online Payments

Some families have been asking about Online Payments. All school purchases will be managed by our own online service. This is the preferred method of payment as directed by the school District. Here are detailed instructions to registering for online payments. You can pay with **credit card OR E cheque** which is just like writing a cheque or paying with debit card. There are no additional fees to worry about. You only need to register once for each child. The office is happy to help if you are having trouble.

- Go to the McKenzie School website <https://mckenzie.sd61.bc.ca/>.
- Click Online Fee payments on the left.
- Click Register
  - Follow the messages, email, password,
  - Select school, child's name, birthdate,
  - Authorize that you are the parent, then you can add (register) another child if needed
- Begin to purchase what is being offered.

Thank you for your support with this.



## SOGI Parent Information Night

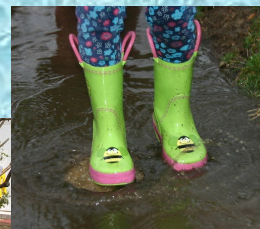
Our school, district and province are leaders in implementing Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Policy and programming in our schools. SOGI is a Ministry of Education supported network and program that aims to help educators make schools inclusive and safe for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities (SOGI). Our Social-Emotional Wellness Teacher, Matt Christie is the SOGI lead for our school and will be hosting a parent information night on Wednesday, October 9, from 5-6 PM in the school library. This is a great opportunity to learn more about SOGI, how it supports students and how you can get involved. Please email any questions to Matt Christie at [mchristie@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mchristie@sd61.bc.ca).

Hope to see you all there!

## Wet coast weather is upon us!

Please be sure your child is dressed for all kinds of weather.

Coats and boots are certainly in style! Consider sending a change of clothes in case of a mud puddle accident! Or a wet grass slip'N'slide.





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**THRIFTY FOODS**



## **Kids Run**



**October 13, 2019**  
**10:30 am**

***Register Today!***

Start & Finish on Government Street next to the BC Parliament Buildings.  
\$20 early registration includes t-shirt, race bib & a few treats!



**To register visit: [runvictoriamarathon.com](http://runvictoriamarathon.com)**