



McKenzie Weekly Memo

Friday, October 1st, 2021

Principal's Message:

Next week, all students at McKenzie will be participating in our fall School Wide Write (SWW). The SWW is not a test. It is a useful tool for assessing how our students write and it provides a unique opportunity to hear their voices on a singular topic. With this write we build individual and class goals for writing development. This term, we have chosen to focus on a personal narrative where students will write about the best or worst day ever! We use anchor books to spark the creativity. You may have read Daniel's Good Day by Micha Archer or Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst. These will be two of the anchor books that we use this year. Students participate in planning sessions and are encouraged to talk about this topic at home with their families. You can help by discussing the chosen topic and helping your child generate ideas for the writing that will take place next week.

COVID UPDATE:

As per new provincial guidelines **ALL students will be required to wear a mask at school beginning on Monday.** This means our Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 students in addition to the Grade 4 & 5 students will need to be masked while in the building. Please send **at least two masks per day** with your child. Students with special needs who are unable to wear a mask can be exempted.

Mark your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Send 2 masks each day with your child.				
4 School Wide Write Week	5 World Teacher's Day	6	7	8
11 Thanksgiving day- No school...what are you thankful for.	12	13 PAC Meeting 6:30 via zoom Div. 1 To Horticultural Centre	Photo Re-take Morning!	15

A big thank you to all the McKenzie families for supporting our students and staff by keeping your children home when they are sick. Your dedication to keeping our community safe has really helped our school to thrive in this challenging time. We really appreciate your communication with us when your child has a snuffle, a sore throat, or other coughs and more. Thank you for keeping them home when they are unwell and keeping all of our learning community safe.

2021/2022 School Year Calendar

Thanksgiving – No School

Monday, October 11, 2021

Professional Development Days:
(Non-instructional days)

Friday, October 22, 2021

Save the date:

Parent teacher interviews are on Tuesday October 19 and Wednesday October 20. Both days students will be dismissed at 1:45. Parent teacher interviews will be held by ZOOM this year. Teachers will send links closer to the time.

PAC NEWS



Country Grocer “Save a Tape” Program- save your receipts from Royal Oak or Esquimalt Country Grocer and send them to school with your Kenzie Kid. We receive a % of all receipts submitted to the program in Country Grocer Gift Cards. Ask friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to save their receipts for you as well, this is a great way to support while just doing your normal shopping.



Clothing Exchange

The Clothing Exchange is a FREE resource for ALL McKenzie families, it also comes in handy when kids have accidents or falls at school. Come check out our selection of gently used items and take home what your family needs, it's good for the environment and the pocketbook!

If you'd like to donate, we're also always looking for freshly laundered (we don't have washing machines available) gently used items for sizes preschool to pre-teen, especially socks, underwear, outerwear, rain wear, and boots. Please contact the office to set up a time to either visit the clothing exchange or make a drop off.

Thanks,

Tracy Len

Special Food Days 2021-2022

Our Special Food Day Program returns this year brought to you by the PAC! This has once again been set up through **mckenzie.hotlunches.net** where we encourage you to register (or re-register) to help ensure accuracy with the orders and to make the process as easy for everyone as possible. Please see the attachment that came with this newsletter for details.

Our first SFD is Friday October 8 and orders must be in by Monday October 4 at midnight.

For more information, please contact mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com

Need help with lunches?

We receive some supplies from the Kids Klub organization to provide a handful of lunches to students in need. If you would like us to add your child to the list, please let me know.

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