



McKenzie Weekly Memo

Friday, October 15th, 2021

Principal's Message:




Sadly we are saying goodbye to a few staff over the next few weeks. We would like to thank Breeann Keen for starting the school year in Division 10. We wish you the best for the coming year. At the same time we welcome teacher Sydney Wilson to the McKenzie team in Division 10. Our EA Ryan White has accepted a permanent position at another school. All the best to you Ryan.

Your kids will also see a new face in the office. Janet Buchanan will be retiring next week, Friday, October 22nd. Welcome to Val Irwin who will be McKenzie's new Administrative Assistant. She comes to us from Spectrum where she has been for two years. Prior to this she was the Admin Assistant at Esquimalt for 7 years, and prior to that worked at both Craigflower and Frank Hobbs as an Admin Assistant. While she has been at high schools in the past two positions, she is looking forward to being back in an elementary school again!

The last week of October we will also say goodbye to Miss Kayla in the office. She has successfully landed a full time position with the Coast Guard. We wish her the best.

Thank you for a great week everyone! We look forward to a great **next week**.

Mark your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Send 2 masks each day with your child.				
18	19 Parent teacher interviews 1:45 DISMISSAL	20 Parent teacher interviews 1:45 DISMISSAL BAKE SALE Div 1 & 4	21	22 Pro D – No school for students
25	26 Div 7 Not all Bugs Need Drugs Presentation	27  Div 2/3 Salish Sea Presentation Spirit Day	28  Soccer Jamboree	29  Pumpkin Run

2021/2022 School Year Calendar

Professional Development Days: (Non-instructional days)	Friday, October 22, 2021 Friday, November 12, 2021
Thanksgiving	Monday, October 11, 2021
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021

Bake Sale



Division 1 & 4 are having a bake sale to raise money for the Salish Sea Program. We will be selling individually packaged baked goods to each class on Wednesday, October 20th at recess time. **All items will be bagged and worth 50¢** Please consider supporting our program by sending a few quarters with your child to school on Wednesday to buy some yummy treats.

Thank you

Ms. Sunny, Ms. Gibson



MESSAGE TO STAFF/STUDENTS/FAMILIES

Dear Parents,

The Greater Victoria School District (SD61) is reviewing the School Police Liaison Officer (SPLO) Program. It is seeking input from all members of the learning community through a survey from October 12 until October 26, 2021, to gather input on perspectives and experiences with the program.

We are encouraging all members of our learning community to participate. All input provided will help shape recommendations about the future of the program and will be presented for the Board's consideration in spring 2022.

SURVEY: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SD61-SPLO-Program>

**Survey closes on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 4 p.m.*

School Police Liaison Officer Program Review – Key Messages Greater Victoria School District No. 61

KEY MESSAGES

- Our School District is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and culturally responsive learning environment for all students.
- Last year, the Board of Education passed a motion to form a committee to review the School Police Liaison (SPLO) Program.
- The committee is made up of representatives from the following groups: students, Indigenous Nation(s), Greater Victoria Teachers' Association, CUPE, Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, Victoria Police Department, Saanich Police Department, Senior Leadership, Communications, School Administrators, and two Trustees.
- As part of the program review, the committee has developed a survey to help capture feedback and experiences about the SPLO program. The survey starts October 12th and runs for two weeks.
- We encourage all members of our learning community to participate. All input will help shape recommendations about the future of the program and will be presented for the Board's consideration in spring 2022.
- To find out more information please contact us at community@sd61.bc.ca or 250-475-3212.



PLEASE HELP! The clothing exchange is in need of PANTS.
With the wet weather upon us and little accidents we are really running low!
Thank you.



Bottle Drive

November 20th

12pm-4pm

**AT Glandford Bottle Depot
4261 Glandford Ave.**

Divisions 1 and 4 will be hosting a Bottle Drive in order to raise much needed funds for the amazing Exploring The Salish Sea Program. We need to raise \$1600 in total for our two classes. We will be hosting a Bottle Drive at the Glandford Bottle Depot: 461 Glandford Ave on Nov 20, from 12:00 to 4:00pm. McKenzie students will be happily waiting at the tent in the far right on the parking lot to sort your returnables. (no need to sort beforehand...bonus). This is a hugely valuable learning experience for our students both in the program itself as well as in doing the hard work beforehand in order to participate.

If you have donations but are unable to come on November 20th, we would be happy to accept your donations at the school the previous week (Nov 15 – 19th) we will store them if needed. Storage space at McKenzie is LIMITED. Please contact Misha to arrange a drop off, mgibson@sd61.bc.ca.

It is preferred for you to keep your saved bottles until the bottle drive day! Please Spread the word! As always, we hugely appreciate the amazing support of our Marvelous McKenzie Families!

Thank you so much!

Ms Gibson and Ms Sunny.



Parents please send *extra clothes* for your child just in case! We are running very low on clothes after a wet recess.

PAC NEWS



Dear McKenzie Parents,
Grandparents, and Guardians,

Welcome back to school from the McKenzie Parent Advisory Council (PAC)! We hope everyone is settling in well.

We are looking forward to the re-introduction of school events in 2022. Some examples of the events we have hosted in previous years include Movie Nights, Game Nights, Family Dances, Parent Education Workshops, Hot Dog/Pizza Days, Spring Fair etc. We operate with 100% volunteers, so events are not only COVID depending but also based on the great ideas put forward by those who want to run fun events for our school community!

The PAC fundraises throughout the year to help support the school and PAC initiatives. The PAC has been working towards funding "The Outdoor Project" with the goal to enhance the school grounds by adding more seating, natural play spaces, trees, and outdoor learning spaces our Facebook page has more information about these plans. The PAC also supports the school by funding a lot of other areas where there may be gaps in funding including:

- Library Resources - School buses for Field trips
- Classroom funds for each teacher - Teacher/Student Appreciation
- Music program - Gym equipment & Swim/Skate Lessons
- Chromebooks/Technology - Grounds improvements
- Shed and earthquake supplies - Performing Arts visits to the schools

Last year with COVID limiting in-school activities and fundraising opportunities we started a Donation Drive. The idea is simple: Donations at the beginning of the school year help us fund projects right away and reduce the need for fundraisers later in the year. The more donations we receive now, the less we all must focus on fundraising later.

We hope you'll join us and support our teachers and our students' learning at McKenzie. Even if you can't give the suggested donation of \$40 per child or \$70 per family, we're grateful for whatever you can give. Every amount will help.

Please feel free to join us at any of our PAC meetings, where you can hear about what we have planned for our community and hear the Principal or Vice Principal's update on happenings at the school. The PAC meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month and will be held on in a combination of Zoom & In person meetings in the Library (COVID dependent). Check the Friday school newsletters or the McKenzie PAC Facebook page for the link to join.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity,

McKenzie Elementary School PAC