



McKenzie Weekly Memo

Friday, September 24th, 2021

Principal's Message:

Our first Pro D day is Monday and the staff at McKenzie will be focused on improving our numeracy teaching and assessment. One of our school goals is to "Continue to improve our numeracy skills within an inclusive environment, recognizing individual and personal strengths and needs." We will explore common assessments and work to develop scope and sequence for each grade. We will look at the BC Numeracy Network and the learning strands to prioritize. Woven within all that work will be the First Peoples Principles of Learning.

Our other school goal is to "provide opportunities to improve or increase the students' sense of belonging, and their physical and mental wellbeing." We plan to introduce students to a variety of life long recreation activities, learn to enjoy the outdoors in our community and develop strategies for building resilience in difficult times.

Mark your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 ProD – No School	28 Div 1 & 3 camping	29 Orange Shirt Day – wear your orange! Div 1 & 3 camping	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School	October 1
4	5 World Teacher's Day	6	7	8

COVID UPDATE

While we have our water fountains open as per BCCDC guidelines, we are encouraging students to bring a fillable water bottle to use while at school. These can be filled at either of the two filling stations in the building. Using these will help to minimize the germ spread during cold and flu season.

Please...drink from the fountains safely.

Do not put your mouth ON the water fountain as germs spread quickly there.





2021/2022 School Year Calendar

Professional Development Days: (Non-instructional days)	Monday, September 27, 2021 Friday, October 22, 2021 Friday, November 12, 2021 Friday, January 28, 2022 Friday, February 18, 2022 Friday, May 20, 2022
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Thursday, September 30, 2021
Thanksgiving	Monday, October 11, 2021
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021



The school garden is expanding and we need materials to get the soil ready. Please collect and send any used ground coffee (no filter paper).

The garden club sells fresh vegetables afterschool by donation so keep your eyes open for our veggie table in the lower field! All donations go back to the garden expansion.



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

Need help with lunches?

We receive some supplies from the Kids Klub organization to provide a handful of lunches to students in need. This is not intended to be a lunch program for a large number of students but for those who might go without. If you would like us to add your child to the list, please let me know.

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