



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, January 21, 2022

Principal's Message:

As you may know, the BCCDC recently revised their self-isolation information. While I am still waiting for the district updated Daily Health and Safety Check, I can let you know the following (taken directly from the BCCDC website):

If you have mild symptoms of COVID -19 and testing is not recommended (anyone):

1. Stay home until you feel well enough to return to your regular activities.
2. Avoid non-essential high-risk settings such as long-term care facilities and individuals at higher risk for severe illness for 10 days after the start of your symptoms.

Mild symptoms are symptoms that can be managed at home.

If you are fully vaccinated OR under 18 years old (our students) and test positive for COVID -19:

If you tested positive and are managing your illness at home you can **end isolation when all three of these conditions are met:**

1. At least **5 days** have passed since your symptoms started, or from test date if you did not have symptoms.
2. Fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
3. Symptoms have improved.

You should avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings such as long term care facilities and gatherings, for another 5 days after ending isolation. Employees should follow their workplace guidance.

If you are **NOT** fully vaccinated and over 18 years of age (parents / staff) and test positive for COVID - 19:

If you are an adult who tested positive and you are not fully vaccinated and are managing your illness at home, **you can end isolation when all three of these conditions are met:**

1. At least **10 days** have passed since your symptoms started, or from the day you tested positive if you did not have symptoms.
2. Fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
3. Symptoms have improved.

Fully vaccinated means you received both doses of a 2-dose series (e.g. AstraZeneca, Pfizer, or Moderna vaccine) or it has been more than 14 days since you received a single dose of a 1-dose series (e.g. Janssen/ Johnson and Johnson).

Close Contacts:

When a person tests positive for COVID-19, they become a "case". The people they have spent time with during their infectious period may be considered "close contacts." At this stage in the pandemic, close contacts are not required to self-isolate or take any special measures.

Thanks for your continued diligence to helping keep our school open!

Have a wonderful and healthy weekend.

Joanna

Mark your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24	25	26 Spirit Day	27	28 Pro-D Day
Kindergarten Registration and Transfer Week Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration Week				

Dates to Note:



Feb. 7-11 – Grade 1-12 Registration and Transfer Week

Feb. 9 – PAC Meeting

Feb. 9 – Div.1 field trip to HCP

Feb. 11 – Deadline to submit transfer requests (no later than 3:30 p.m.)

Feb. 11 – Strong Start closed

Feb. 14 – Pink/Red/White Day

Feb. 18 – Pro-D Day

Feb. 21 – Family Day Stat

Feb. 23 – Pink Shirt Day

Kindergarten Registration

English Kindergarten registration is January 24th – 28th. All registrations are done online and open at 8:00a.m. on Monday, January 24th. Please refer to the district website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/> for more information.

Transfer Forms

For students wishing to apply to transfer to another school within our District, application forms should be collected from the office or online starting February 7th. They must be returned to the office before 3:30 pm on Friday, February 11th. The forms are given to the District and are reviewed based on the Student Enrolment Priorities and the availability of space at the desired school. Questions? Please refer to the school district website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/>



Literacy Week is January 23rd - 29th

Each January, families, schools, libraries and communities across BC celebrate Family Literacy Week. In honour of Literacy Week we will be dressing as our favourite book characters on Wednesday, January 26th. Here are some ways you can promote family literacy at home.

- Set aside time each day for reading
- Keep books visible around the house
- Make regular visits to the library
- Read the book version of your child's favourite movie



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1000 Books by Age Five **Children's Book Recycling Project** **Greater Victoria**

January 27 - Family
Literacy Day
...Donate books to increase
early literacy

Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. **January 27 is National Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop of gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box in the front hallway. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the 260,000 books donated over the last 10.5 years!

Please remind your child to bring their waterbottle to school. It helps to avoid crowding at the water fountains and encourages them to not drink directly from the spout.

McKenzie School Parents Advisory



**Our next PAC Meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30pm via ZOOM.**

Please mark your calendars and use the following link to join.

<https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/64740550783?pwd=d2RSaUsva3NOZjNrZ3VGd3VBcUxyUT09>

McKenzie Spirit Wear

Effective this coming Monday you can order McKenzie Spirit Wear!! All purchases for spirit wear must be made online on the Passions Sports website. Visit the following link to view your options!

<https://store.passionsports.ca/McKenzie>

