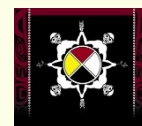




McKenzie Weekly



Friday, May 20, 2022

McKenzie Elementary School wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

Mark your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 23 Victoria Day Stat. No School	24 Div. 1 Paddle boarding at Thetis Lake	25 Div. 2 Francis King Park	26	27 Track Meet @ UVIC

Dates to Note:

May 31 – Grade 5 and Whole School Photo Day

- Jun 1 – Rhythm Resource Performance
- Jun 1 – Welcome to Kindergarten
- Jun 3 – Div. 3 & 4 Gyro Park
- Jun 7 – Div. 3 CRD Forest Program
- Jun 8 – Div. 1 HCP Field Trip
- Jun 8 – PAC Meeting
- Jun 10 – Stages Dance Performance
- Jun 13 – Div. 10, 11 & 12 Beckwith Park
- Jun 15 – Spirit Day
- Jun 17 – Div. 1 Beckwith Park
- Jun 17 – Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony
- Jun 20 – Whole School Field Trip to Fort Rodd Hill
- Jun 21 – Div. 8 & 9 Hyacinth Park
- Jun 22 – School Fun Day
- Jun 22 & 23 – Strong Start Closed for Cleaning
- Jun 23 – Grade Five Year End Celebration
- Jun 23 – Last Day of School for Students



PARKING:



Parents/Guardians: PLEASE remember to NOT park in staff parking lot or in the pull through at the front of the school. The pull through at the front of the school is only for pulling through. There is parking available in the lower parking lot near the playground. Please DO NOT PARK in the NO PARKING and NO STOPPING ZONES - this is a safety issue.

MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY ONLINE SPRING RAFFLE:
SALES START TODAY!



Tickets are \$5 each with the chance to win one of 7 giftcards, with 1000 tickets available. Tickets will be sold online until June 3rd, with the draw June 6th. Follow this link to purchase or share this URL with your friends & family.

HOT TIP- Have your Kenzie Kid record a sales pitch video & send it with the URL to friends & family or share on Social Media and help to increase our sales :)

<https://www.fundingchange.ca/mckenzie-elementary-pac/YmWh58ENZT0auOP9?ref=YBi2BHVUaCk1fYUW>

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS FAIR:

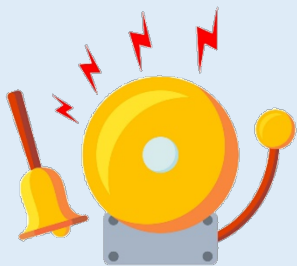


Thank you for supporting our Young Entrepreneurs Fair this year! You helped to make the event a success. Even if a student did not make a profit, everyone learned many valuable lessons, and our Grade 4 and 5 students had the authentic and real-life experience of starting their own business.

One requirement of the program is for Grades 4 and 5 students to donate a percentage of their profits to a charity. This year, 67 students in Divisions 1, 2, and 3 participated and they raised a total of \$409.32 for charity! 😊

Thank you for your support in this wonderful program.

NEW BELL SCHEDULE FOR NEXT YEAR



SCHOOL BELL

Monday to Friday Morning Bell	8:45
Recess	10:20 – 10:35
Lunch	11:50 – 12:35
End of Day	2:37

When your child is going to be absent from school please let us know by email attendance27@sd61.bc.ca or phone 250-479-1691.

McKenzie Elementary School Student Placement Policy 2022-2023:

Our goal at McKenzie Elementary is to provide optimal learning experiences for every child. The process of student placement is a complex task which we undertake thoughtfully. The unique needs of all learners are carefully considered as we address a variety of factors. Staff expertise and educational experience with class configuration are the drivers for this work. Our staff do an exceptional job of planning for student success at all grade levels and we appreciate your trust and support as we undertake this process.

Process for Student Placements: The School District allocates staffing based on projections for student enrolment and we anticipate some changes in the fall. Staff moves, teaching assignments and grade configurations change annually. Configuration of classes must adhere to provincial class size legislation as well as District policy and contractual obligations. Please note: Class configurations often include “combined” classes of two grades. This is standard practice and is educationally sound. All students work on provincially prescribed curriculum and teachers differentiate instruction for all students. There may be circumstances where it is advantageous for a child to have the same teacher two years in a row. While we appreciate that specific friendships are important to children, we also acknowledge that getting to know others and learning to work together is a crucial aspect of learning and social development.

Considerations for Student Placement: Once tentative classes are organized, we begin to allocate students to proposed classes. Staff discussions concerning student placements will happen during a number of meetings with teachers, support staff and administration. We carefully consider the following criteria:

- Numbers of students permitted in each class (Collective Agreement / District Policy),
- Academic needs and learning styles
- Social and behavioural needs
- Previous class placements
- Provision of support staff working with students with Ministry Designations

In exceptional circumstances, parents may have additional information to share about their child. While parental input is considered, we cannot guarantee parent requests will be met.

Please note: Requests for specific teachers cannot be considered or discussed. Thank you for not putting staff in an ethically compromising position by discussing your preferences for your child's classroom placement.

If you have additional information to share about your child, please contact Mrs. Snow by **Wednesday June 1st**. Thank you.



LOST AND FOUND:

Do you recognize any of these items? Our Lost and Found is very full. Please pop by the school and take a quick look for any of your child's missing items.

2022/2023 IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES – Next Year

Designation	Dates
Non-instructional Days:	Friday, September 23, 2022 Friday, October 21, 2022 Monday, November 14, 2022 Friday, February 17, 2023 Friday, May 19, 2023 Friday, January 27, 2023 (school chosen)
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Friday, September 30, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2022
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
Last day of school before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 16, 2022
Schools re-open after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2023
Last day of school before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 17, 2023
Schools re-open after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 3, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2023
Last day of school for students	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Year-end Administrative Day (<i>School closing day/year-end</i>)	Friday, June 30, 2023