




# McKenzie Weekly



Friday, October 7, 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
<b>Oct. 10</b> Thanksgiving Day  <b>Statutory Holiday</b> <b>(School closed)</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>Oct. 12</b>  PAC Meeting 6pm in the Library in-person	<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>Oct. 14</b> Photo Retakes  

## DATES TO NOTE:

- Oct. 20 – Great Canadian Shake Out (Earthquake drill)
- Oct. 21 – Professional Development Day (No school for students)
- Oct. 26 & 27 – Parent Teacher Interviews
- Oct. 28 – Pumpkin Run
- Oct. 28 – Halloween Dance

## REMINDER: STUDENT AGENDA PAYMENTS DUE

Please ensure you paid for your child's agendas to help us offset the costs. We are asking for *\$5 per child*, which is a great deal this year!

Please send cash or refer to our website, where you will find a quick link on the menu at left side calls "*school cash online payments*". <https://mckenzie.sd61.bc.ca/>

Please refer to the attachment to see step by step the instructions on how to use online payment method.

About Us  
Handbook / Conduct

\$ SCHOOLCASH ONLINE PAYMENTS

\$ MAKE A DONATION

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

OCT 5, 2022  
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

We have a variety of funding resources available at school for families and students that may need some help with extra items for meals at school (extra breakfast food and lunches), additional groceries, covering costs of school planners, school supplies, and more. We know that the rising costs of living in Victoria continues to present challenges for many in our community and we have been provided additional resources to help. If your family could use some additional support in these areas, please do not hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher or one of us in the office.

## PAC MEETING:

### Mark your calendar!

Next Wednesday October 12th will be an in-person PAC Meeting at 6pm in the Library (first one in since Feb 2020!) We will be voting on this year's budget, other topics may include a Halloween Dance, Parent Education & Winter Fundraisers. A Babysitter will be on site to assist with childcare in a nearby classroom for those who need to bring their kiddos (paid by the PAC).

## DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A BIKE?

### **Re-Buy-Cycle Shop:**

Re-Buy-Cycle Shop has a program call "Children's bike exchange program". This will allow ANY family to receive and up-size their child's bike for no charge. For more information, please visit its website: <https://rebuycycle.ca/bike-program>

### **Optimist Club of Victoria:**

Optimist Club of Victoria refurbishes bikes and donates them to children. They also supply helmets. For more information contact the school office.



## HOT LUNCHES:

### *Special Food Days 2022 - 2023*

Our Special Food Day Program returns this year brought to you by the PAC! This has once again been set up through [www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net](http://www.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.



## DONATE PICTURE BOOKS:

As you prepare for the end of the month celebrations with fun costumes and food, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin in the main entrance beside the gym door. These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended.

**277.000 books in 12 years!!**

**Thank you!**

## Campus View Elementary Holiday Craft Fair

Campus View Elementary School is hosting a **Holiday Craft Fair** after a two year pause on **Saturday, December 10th, 2022 from 11 am to 3 pm.**

**You are invited to apply for a table:**

- Youth vendor table: \$10
- Adult vendor table: \$35

Students who may be interested in participating as a vendor or volunteer, please email [campusviewcraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:campusviewcraftfair@gmail.com)

## School Trustee Candidate Profile Guide now available:

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, voters in the capital region will vote to elect nine school trustees for a four-year term to serve on the Greater Victoria School Board. For the first time, to help voters access information about the candidates in the upcoming General Location Election, an online School Trustee Candidate Profile Guide is being provided. Consistent with many local governments, the guide makes information more accessible to the public and informs the community about who is seeking a seat on the Board of Education.

Given the high number of candidates, the guide aims to provide candidate information in one document that is only a few clicks away for families to review. There are 30 candidates for School Trustee in this election. Also new this year, students helped create a video to increase voter engagement and awareness about the role of a School Trustee. They lend their voices to inform voters on how and where to vote, and what documentation is required. The School Trustee Candidate Profile Guide and student video are available on the District's website.

- Candidate Profile Guide: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/board-of-education/trustee-elections/>
- Student-led Election Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfkbqgB2tBA&feature=youtu.be>



# Putting Students First

## A guide for school trustee candidates

B.C. local elections October 15, 2022

BCSTA  
British Columbia  
School Trustees  
Association



Free Programs



Intergenerational  
**PenPal Club**  
ages 10-17



**ESL Support**  
Gr 3-12



School Support  
**1:1 Tutoring**  
Gr 3-12



**eReading Club**  
Gr 2-6

Paid Programs



**Advantage  
Tutoring**  
Gr 1-10

For more information:

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**GARDEN UPDATE:**

Thank you for donations for our harvest this week!  
Keep your eyes out for the garden table outside the  
Strong Start doors in the days to come.

**HUGE SHOUT-OUTS TO:**

- Jon Wiens for donating an edger and small spades.
- Chloe Faught and Shelley Pugh for garlic bulbs.
- Shari Holmes-Saltzman and Geir Opdahl for Dahlia bulbs.
- Jenn Balaam and Krystalynn for flower and veggie seeds.

*\* We are hoping to offer a garden club to students once a week, but we would need several parent or grandparent helpers to run this program during lunchtime.*

**Please reach out to Mrs. Chloe McConchie K/1 teacher if interested. [cmconchie@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cmconchie@sd61.bc.ca)**



**REMEMBER...** to send your child with a water bottle each day!

A change of clothes is not a bad idea either.

As the weather is starting to change, please be sure to dress your child suitably for outdoor time. Children go outside for recess and lunch play every day - regardless of what the weather is doing.