



# McKenzie Weekly



**December 2, 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.

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Happy Friday,

As many of you are aware, we have had a number of staffing changes over the last month. Our Vice Principal, Mrs. Michelle Haidar, has been on medical leave for the last six weeks. Unfortunately, she has had to extend her leave until the end of June. Ms. Misha Gibson has been our acting Vice Principal during Mrs. Haidar's absence; and we are very grateful to announce that she has agreed to remain in this role for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Bronwyn Zho has been covering Mrs. Haidar's Division 4 classroom for the last 6 weeks and we are very hopeful that she will be the successful candidate into this position beginning in January.

In addition, we would like to welcome Mr. Chris Horwood into our school library and as the Friday teacher for Division 2. Mr. Horwood will be with us until the winter holidays; we will be welcoming back Mrs. Abbot in January.

Today, is also a celebration day for our student teacher, Ms. Emma Dorland. Ms. Dorland has successfully completed her final practicum in Division 7 and is now officially a professional teacher. We anticipate that Ms. Doland will be back in our building in the near future as a paid teacher on call. We wish Ms. Dorland all the best in her new career; our profession is very fortunate to have such a fabulous new teacher.

*Carmen*

Carmen Gauvreau (she/her)  
Principal

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### **Monday Dec. 5**

**10 Days of Giving**  
Treat day

Spectrum Band Performance at 1:00 P.M.

### **Tuesday Dec. 6**

**10 Days of Giving**  
Boxed Goods

The Choir performance at City Hall At 12:25 P.M.

### **Wednesday Dec. 7**

**10 Days of Giving**  
Pocket Snacks!

### **Thursday Dec. 8**

**10 Days of Giving**  
Condiments & Spices!

### **Friday Dec. 9**

**10 Days of Giving**  
Anything goes

**PAC Hot Lunch**  
Div. 1: Field trip to China Town @ 9:00 A.M.

**Jingle Bell Run**

## **UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE**

- Dec. 14 - PAC Meeting
- Dec. 14 - 16: Strong start closed
- Dec. 15 - Winter Concert
- Dec. 16 - Report Cards Home
- Jan. 3 - Welcome back from Winter break!
- Jan. 12 - Skating Div. 2 and 6
- Jan. 19 - Skating Div. 1 and 3

## **CHOIR AT CITY HALL**

The McKenzie Choir (Gr. 3/4/5) will be singing at Victoria City Hall (1 Centennial Square) on Tuesday, Dec. 6. McKenzie will be performing at 12:25 - 12:40 P.M.

**Guests are welcome to come and watch!**

## **WEAR FESTIVE CLOTHING:**

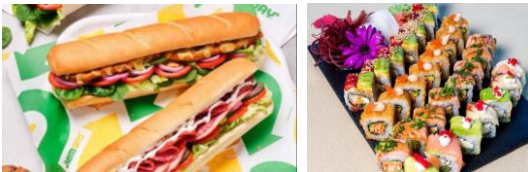
On Friday, December 9, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. We will be doing the "Jingle Bell Run".

**Dress up in festive clothing or accessories and bring a bell.**

**Parents are welcome to join us and little siblings!**

## **SPECIAL FOOD DAY**

The Special Food Day is next Friday, December 9 for Subway and Sushi. **Order deadline is on Sunday, December 4.**



Orders can be placed by visiting:  
<https://mckenzie.hotlunches.net>

Any questions? Please email:  
[mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com)

## **REMINDER:**

We sent out the winter concert ticket order on Tuesday, November 29. We are encouraging you to send us the ticket orders if you have not done yet.

Please, remind tickets are limited to 300 seats. **Thank you!**

# 10 DAYS OF GIVING AT MCKENZIE SCHOOL

We need your help!



Please join us in filling classroom boxes with hamper items for some of our McKenzie families who would appreciate a little help at this time of year. We will be collecting items starting Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> through until Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please ensure all items donated are:

- Unopened
- Commercially packaged (sorry, no home canned items).
- NOT expired - please check the expiry date before sending the items to the school

On the 3 <sup>rd</sup> to last day of November McKenzie Family	On the 2 <sup>nd</sup> to last day of November McKenzie Family	On the last day of November McKenzie Family donates:	On the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of December McKenzie Family donates:	On the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of December McKenzie Family donates: <i>Anything Goes!</i>
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**Wow! What an amazing McKenzie Community we are!  
Thank you for all the generous donations to our hampers.**

	<i>paper towel, napkins)</i>			
On the 5 <sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Family donates: <i>Treat Day!</i> (ie. Cookies, popcorn, licorice, chips, chocolate)	On the 6 <sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Family donates: <i>Boxed Goods!</i> (ie. Crackers, stuffing, coffee, tea)	On the 7 <sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Family donates: <i>Pocket Snacks!</i> (ie. Granola Bars, wagon wheels, fruit cups)	On the 8 <sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Family donates: <i>Condiments &amp; Spices!</i> (ie. Ketchup, mustard, syrup, pickles, salt, pepper)	On the 9 <sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Family donates: <i>Anything Goes!</i>  <b>Happy Holidays</b>

## WINTER FAMILY FUN PROJECT

Dec. 2nd, 2022

Dear McKenzie Families,

It's that time of year again! We are excited to continue the Winter Family Fun Project for our school community!

To add to the festive holiday season, we are sending home a tag board with a pencil tracing of a holiday shape for you and your family to decorate. This year's shape will be a star as our theme is: "Holiday Wishes"! The decorated stars will be displayed on the gym walls to add to the winter holiday spirit for our school concerts.

### Instructions:

1. Gather together with your family and your star shape.
2. Cut out your star from the tag board.
3. Start decorating! You may use paints, markers, fabric, cotton balls, ribbons, buttons, family photos, foam shapes, and so on to decorate your star. The possibilities are endless! **\*We would ask that you avoid using foods such as popcorn, candy, etc. Please also be aware of the weight of things attached so that the projects will stick to the wall and stay there.** The shapes will be attached using masking tape.



4. Write your **FAMILY NAME** on the **FRONT** of your star
5. Write your **youngest child's name** and **division** on the **back!**

We hope to have all the projects hung up by Dec. 12th so that we can enjoy them for the Winter Concerts on December 15th.

Staff and students are looking forward to seeing the results of your family creativity and teamwork!

**\*Please return your finished projects to the tables outside the office,**



prior to or on Dec. 12th.

Thank you and happy decorating!



We are sending home one star per family. The star will send home with the youngest member of the family.

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KIDS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS  
**WINTER 2023**

### KIDS PROGRAMS

#### Power Physical Literacy #6603

Jan 21 - Mar 18 | SAT  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | FREE  
Ages 18 mon - 4 years

#### Move to Music! #6605

Jan 21 - Feb 25 | SAT  
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM | \$30  
Ages 4-8

#### Active Development #6604

Jan 21 - Mar 18 | SAT  
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM | \$20  
Ages 4-10



### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### Youth Fitness Foundations

AGES 11-13 | #6672  
11:00 AM-12:30 PM  
Jan 14 - Mar 18  
\$163

AGES 14-17 | #6673  
1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
Jan 14 - Mar 18  
\$163

### PISE SPRING BREAK CAMPS

**Ages 5-7** Mar 20 - 24 | #6599  
9:00AM - 4:00PM  
\$240.00

Mar 27 - 31 | #6600  
9:00AM - 4:00PM  
\$240.00

**Ages 8-10** Mar 20 - 24 | #6601  
9:00AM - 4:00PM  
\$240.00

Mar 27 - 31 | #6602  
9:00AM - 4:00PM  
\$240.00

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# WINTER BREAK CAMP

DEC 19-23  
AGES 6-9 & 9-12

TRANSPORTATION  
AVAILABLE

Join us for fun outdoor winter break day camp in the Greater Victoria Area! Victoria Winter Break Day Camp activities may include like Forest games, archery, canoeing, survival skills, plant ID, foraging, fire-building, shelter building, fire starter making, hiking, wilderness navigation, creek/beach exploration, marine biology, geocaching, orienteering, exploring and more. Throughout the week participants will decide as a group which activities they would like to do most. Come try something different, educational and active this winter break!

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