



# McKenzie Weekly



Friday, January 20, 2023

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!

Lunar New Year celebrations begin this Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This holiday is celebrated over 15 days and often includes festivities such as street parades, fireworks and grand meals. Please see the links below for some celebration activities in the Greater Victoria area; including the Lion Dance Parade, Kung Fu demonstrations and more:

- <https://do250.com/chinese-new-year-celebrations-victoria-2023>
- <https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--victoria/chinese-new-year-festival/>

Next week we will celebrate Literacy Week in advance of Family Literacy Day on the weekend. The theme this year is "***Celebrate your Heritage***". Included with your newsletter is a family literacy week bingo sheet. Families are welcome to take part in the bingo activities and students are encouraged to return the sheet to the office on Monday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> to enter into a draw for some fun prizes.

We are starting off the week with an assembly, whole-school hallway reading on Monday, **dress as your favourite book character** on Wednesday and multiple activities options on Thursday afternoon for our students. Over the weekend we encourage our families to take time to explore and learn more about their heritage. Celebrate what you've found and share your culture with others; there is no better way to learn about your family than together as a family.

Due to the wet weather we have been having, we have had to close the playing fields to students at this time. We have recently purchased new playground equipment (soccer balls, basket balls, jump ropes, sand toys, etc.) and the students are doing well with just staying on the blacktop areas. In addition, the two entrances to the playing fields off of Margaret Street have been closed in order to keep our students safe. With the upcoming construction happening on our property, there will be an increase in large trucks and equipment coming and going in the area and we want to ensure that all of our students are remaining on the property and not able to bolt out of these fence openings.

*Carmen*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Monday**  
**Jan. 23**

Story studio  
workshop  
Div. 2  
@9:30-11:50 A.M.

Assembly  
@9:00 A.M.

**Tuesday**  
**Jan. 24**

**Wednesday**  
**Jan. 25**

Dress like your  
favorite book  
character!



**Thursday**  
**Jan. 26**

Skating  
Div. 4 and 5  
@9:30-10:15 A.M.

**Friday**  
**Jan. 27**

Professional  
Development Day  
**(No school  
for  
students)**

Online kindergarten registration begins at 8am on Monday, Jan. 23 and runs until Friday, Jan. 27.

[To register click here](#)

Please encourage your family and friends, with children born in 2018 to register!

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- Feb. 2 - Skating Div. 8 and 12
- Feb. 6 - Grade 4s MDI Survey
- Feb. 8 - PAC Meeting
- Feb. 9 - Early Dismissal for Student Led Conferences
- Feb. 9 - ART Show
- Feb. 10 - PAC sponsored Valentine Family Dance
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16 - Skating Div. 2 and 9
- Feb. 17 - Professional Development Day (**No school for students**)
- Feb. 20 - Family Day (**No school**)
- Feb. 21 - Nisga's New Year Hoobiye
- Feb. 23 - Family Day
- Feb. 24 - PAC Hot Lunch
- Feb. 27 - Shift energy solar power presentation Div. 1, 2, 3.
- Mar. 2 - Skating Div. 2 and 7
- Mar. 8 - PAC Meeting
- Mar. 10 - Kindergarten screening
- Mar. 12 - Daylight savings
- Mar. 16 - Skating Div. 1 and 3
- Mar. 17 - PAC Hot Lunch
- Mar. 17 - Report cards posted
- Mar. 20 to Mar. 31 - SPRING BREAK!



Literacy Week is  
next week!!

January 23-26

*Congratulations to Miss Daniela our office & library assistant who has won a new, fulltime position at Monterey Middle School. We wish her all the best as she starts her new position effective January 30<sup>th</sup>.*

# Mckenzie Elementary School Wear 2023

Online School Apparel Store

store.passionsports.ca/**McKenzie23**



## Order by Feb. 12

**McKenzie School Spirit Wear is now on sale!** Orders must be done online by visiting the Passion Sports online store. All orders must be received by Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade 5 Grad Wear** is also ordered through Passion Sports and the link was shared via email, on Friday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, to our grade five families only.

### 1000X5

#### 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 main entrance beside of Parents information board/table.

All very young children benefit from being read to - help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the 285,000 books donated over the last 12 years!

