

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.

## Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

I hope that all of our McKenzie Families were able to enjoy the snow and found time to rest and relax over the holidays. It was wonderful to see all of your children back in the building this week.

We would like to welcome Ms. Angela Xie to our staff as the new teacher in division 4, Ms. Anne Lee the new Friday teacher in division 2 and Mr. Thomas Pickett our new school counsellor. If you happen to see them in the hallways please give them a warm McKenzie Elementary welcome.

This is the season of registrations and transitions. Our grade 5 families will have received an email earlier today indicating which middle school their child will automatically be enrolled in for grade 6. Please be sure to check your emails for this important information.

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2018 will take place between January 23-27<sup>th</sup>. Registration is to be completed online and the supporting documents will need to be uploaded. Please see the following link for all registration and transition information <a href="https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/">https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/</a>.

Kindergarten – grade 4 students already attending McKenzie do not need to re-enroll; your children will automatically be moved forward to the next grade for September. If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending McKenzie Elementary next school year, please let us know as soon as possible. For students wishing to transfer to another school for the 2023-24 school year the student transfer process will begin on February 6<sup>th</sup> and forms must be returned to the school office prior to Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the following link for more information <a href="https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/">https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/</a>

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, term one report cards were sent home for some classes and CSL Portfolios were updated for other classes with 'Points of Progress'. Please be sure to log on and review your child's progress and make a couple of comments so that our teaching staff know that you have seen the reports. We would also ask that any white report card envelopes be returned to the classroom teachers so that they can be reused in June.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Carmen

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!					
Monday Jan. 9	Tuesday Jan. 10	Wednesday Jan. 11  PAC Meeting @6:00 P.M.	Thursday Jan. 12  Skating Div. 2 and 6 @9:30-10:15 A.M.	Friday Jan. 13	

## **UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE**

Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 19 - Skating Div. 1 and 3

Jan. 20 - PAC Hot Lunch

Jan. 22 - Lunar New Year

Jan. 26 - Skating Div. 4 and 5

Jan. 27 - Professional Development Day (No school for students)

Feb. 2 - Skating Div. 8 and 12

Feb. 8 - PAC Meeting

Feb. 9 - ART Show

Feb. 9 - Student Led Conferences

# LATE FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHT:

On January 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a virtual Open House to discuss Late French Immersion.

We will discuss the concept of a District Program of choice, what to expect in grade 6 Late Frim, registration and we will have plenty of time for you to ask questions.

- When? Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:30 8:00 P.M.
- Where? Via Zoom, please click here to attend:

https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/67320101228?pwd=SFVhSzVPSkovdzZ1T2hTQmx1aEFBZz09

#### **SUPPORT MCKENZIE PAC!**

Tree Chipping (by donation) will be taking place this weekend – from 10-2 on Saturday & Sunday at the back parking lot of the school.

# **McKenzie School Parents Advisory Meeting**



# Our next PAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm via TEAMS.

Click here to join the meeting

# REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR STARTS SOON

The Greater Victoria School District's annual registration and transfer request process is set to begin next week, starting with registration for Early French Immersion. All children born in 2018 will be able to register for Kindergarten or Early French Immersion (Kindergarten or Grade One) for the 2023-2024 school year. Important upcoming registration periods include Early French Immersion (January 9-13), English Kindergarten (January 23-27), Late French Immersion (January 23-27) and the K-12 transfer process (February 6-10). All student registrations can be completed online. Prior to registering a student online, there are key documents for parents and guardians to gather to make online registration as seamless as possible. It is important that families have confirmed their catchment school and have the required documentation ready to upload.

### **REGISTRATION DATES:**

January 9 - 13, 2023	Early French Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade One) Registration Week	
January 23 - 27, 2023	<ul> <li>Kindergarten Registration and Kindergarten Transfer Week</li> <li>Late French Immersion (Grade Six) Registration Week</li> </ul>	
January 27, 2023	Deadline to submit Secondary Programs of Choice and Career Program Applications	
February 6 - 10, 2023	Kindergarten to Grade 12 transfer process Registration open for all new Grade 112 students for 2023-2024 school year	
February 10, 2023, by 3:30 p.m.	Deadline to submit transfer requests	
On or before March 17, 2023	Notification of all transfer decisions will be communicated to families	

Questions about school registration? Please visit the SD61 website or click on the following link https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/