



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, February 17, 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:

It has been a busy and productive week. The students have been actively involved with Jump Rope for Heart and so far the school has raised over \$1200 for this cause which is AMAZING! Thank you so much for your support.

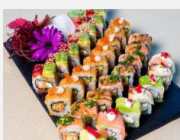
We have a few upcoming staffing changes over the next few weeks. Today we said good bye and good luck to Ms. Amy; one of our amazing educational assistants. In addition, we will also be saying 'see you soon', to Ms. Lama who has been an assisting teacher in our primary grades for the last few months. We will be welcoming Ms. Ruth Mariveles into Ms. Lama's role at the end of the month and a new educational assistant will be joining our staff in the next few weeks as well. In addition, we will be welcoming Ms. Samantha Blair to our office at the end of the month. Ms. Blair was the successful candidate into Ms. Daniela's role at the front desk. Please make sure to say goodbye to our departing staff and hello to our new staff if the opportunity presents itself.

I hope you all have a great long Family Day weekend!

Mark your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb. 20 Family Day (No School for Students) 	Feb.21 Jump Rope for Heart Workshop  Basketball Game at Marigold School (2:45-4:15pm)	Feb.22 Pink Shirt Day Assembly @ 9:15  Strong Start Closed Today	Feb. 23 Skating Div. 8 & 11 Victoria Symphony 10:30-12:30 Div. 1,2 & 3 	Feb. 24 PAC Hot Lunch Jump Rope for Heart Workshop 

SPECIAL FOOD DAY:



The Special Food Day is next Friday the 24th, for Subway and Sushi. **Order deadline is on Sunday, February 19th.** Orders can be placed by visiting:

<https://mckenzie.hotlunches.net>

<https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/42399/140/False/True>



Any questions? Please email: mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Mar. 2, 3, 4 – Nisga'a New Year Hoobiye

Mar. 8 – PAC Meeting

Mar. 9 – Skating Divs. 2 & 7

Mar. 16 – Skating Divs. 1 & 3

Mar. 16 & 17 – Strong Start Closed



BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

For Black History Month, SD61 has created a page on the District website profiling and celebrating Black Canadians, recognizing their roles in shaping our local communities, our province and our country.

In addition, the webpage outlines local events taking place in the capital region to celebrate the month through art, music, film, etc. Please visit the following link for additional information.

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/february-marks-black-history-month-a-time-to-celebrate-black-canadians/>



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:



We recently hosted our Jump Rope for Heart kick-off assembly to launch this year's program. From now until our Jump Event, students will learn fun ways to get active for heart health while raising awareness and support for Heart & Stroke. Jump encourages kids to be active and live healthily. A lesson they will value for life! Kids can move their way by jumping, dancing, wheeling and more, on their schedule, at school or home.

Fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart is all online through the following website <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/19546> and will be running from February 6 – 24.



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