



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, February 24, 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 everyone,

Once again we had a very busy week with Pink Shirt Day and various Jump Rope for Heart activities. We welcomed three Victoria Velocity jump rope team members on Tuesday and today. They provided a great array of jumping activities that were a HUGE hit with our students. In addition, our grade 4 and 5 students went to UVic to experience the Victoria Symphony; thank you so much to Ms. Salido for organizing this field trip.

As we complete the month of February and enter March, our staff are also working hard to complete the various posts on the students online portfolios or starting to write report cards. If your child is part of a classroom with an online portfolio; please take some time to look at their work and the progress they have made so far this year.

With the cold weather continuing, we encourage families to make sure that the children are dressed for the weather and have a spare change of clothing at school if they happen to get wet.

If it does snow tomorrow, as predicted; I hope you all get the chance to enjoy it some way.

Have a great weekend.

Mark your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb. 27	Feb.28	Mar. 1	Mar. 2	Mar. 3 Veselka Dance Performance @ 11:10 a.m.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Mar. 8 – PAC Meeting
- Mar. 9 – Skating Divs. 2 & 7
- Mar. 10 – Kindergarten hearing screening
- Mar. 12 – Daylight Savings
- Mar. 16 – Skating Divs. 1 & 3
- Mar. 16 & 17 – Strong Start Closed
- Mar. 17 – PAC Hot Lunch
- Mar. 17 – Student Reports posted
- Mar. 17 – Last day of school before Spring Break

JUMP ROPE WORKSHOPS:

We are grateful to the Velocity Jump Rope coaches who have donated their time to come and treat our students to jump rope workshops this past week! Velocity Victoria is a club based out of the Westshore and they are welcoming new jumpers for their upcoming 2023-2024 season.



Check out the QR code for details, or visit the family board in the front hallway for a business card.

As of Wednesday afternoon we have raised \$1495 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation! Great work McKenzie Community!!

HOBIIYEE:

Hobiyee is the Nisga'a new year celebrated every February or March. It signifies the emergence of the first crescent moon and begins the month Buxw-laks. Hobiyee comes from the phrase "Hobixis hee!" "meaning the "moon is in the shape of the hoobix". The hoobix is the bowl of the Nisga'a wooden spoon. Hobiyee thus signifies the potential for an abundant harvest (or filled spoon) if the crescent moon's edges point upward.



At Hobiyee, if the crescent moon is seen with its edges pointing upwards, it foretells an abundant year of salmon, oolichans (saak), berries and various other foods. The months Buxw-laks and Xsaak indicate the end of the winter and the emergence of oolichans in the rivers, the first food supply to arrive when winter resources were depleted.

When your child is going to be absent from school please let us know by email attendance27@sd61.bc.ca or phone 250-479-1691.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 2023



What is the theme for women's history month this year?



"Our History is Our Strength!"

The National Women's History Alliance, which spearheaded the movement for March being declared National Women's History Month, has announced the women's history theme for 2023, **"Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories."**

We are excited that Ms. Abbott has ordered a variety of new books for our school library to share with our students.



PARKS, RECREATION
& COMMUNITY SERVICES



THE UPSIDE YOUTH CENTRE

STEPPING UP TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

April 4th - June 13th
Tuesday's - 3:30 - 5:30

@ The Upside Youth Centre
Saanich Commonwealth Place

REGISTER HERE



A FREE social for
grade 5 students
looking to meet new
friends who are going
to the same middle
school next year.

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