



# McKenzie Weekly



Friday, March 3, 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:

We have had another busy week with snow, ice and the Veselka Dancers. We were so pleased to have this local Ukrainian group perform for our school today. The dancers were fantastic and our students were excellent audience members.

This next cycle of the moon (full moon on March 7) brings with it many cultural celebrations and holidays. Please take a moment to look up the upcoming holidays indicated on the calendar below with your family to learn more about some of the holidays that members of our school community celebrate.

There are several upcoming opportunities for parents and guardians to participate in conversations at the district level regarding upcoming budget and calendar decisions. Please see the details included in this newsletter in addition to the emails sent from our board office.

Have a wonderful weekend!

*Carmen*

## Mark your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mar. 6      Purim Jewish Holiday Mar. 6 & 7)	Mar. 7      Lailat al Bara's Muslim Holiday Starts Mar. 7 & 8	Mar. 8     Holi (Hindu & Sikh Holiday)  Hola Mohalla Sikh Holiday Mar. 8-10	Mar. 9 Skating Divs 2&7	Mar. 10 Kindergarten hearing and dental screening

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Mar. 15 – PAC Meeting *\*note new date\**

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

## **STAMP CLUB:**



Did you know that McKenzie Elementary has a stamp club? Students in grade 1-5 are invited to join Mrs. Sparrow on Thursdays at lunch recess to collect, sort and trade stamps.

We recently had a 'design your own stamp' contest. We had many beautiful stamps. The following students received top prizes for their entries: Brooklyn V., Kamaihra W., Michael, and Fiona. Congratulations and well done! New members are always welcome.

## **PROPOSED CALENDARS FOR GVSD61:**

The Greater Victoria School District is asking students, staff, and families to provide feedback on the proposed calendars for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 school years. The School District calendars highlight non-instructional days, school openings, vacation breaks, and the last day of classes.



To view the full proposed calendars, visit: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/calendars/proposed-2023-2024-2024-2025-school-year-calendar/>

## **PAC FUNDRAISER:**

Our PAC fundraiser is open until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Online shopping only. We suggest a minimum order of \$10.00. Be sure to add your child's name/classroom and your daytime contact information so a member of the PAC can deliver when the seeds arrive. Thank you for your support. Happy Gardening!



**West Coast Seeds™**

To place your order online, go to the product pages and choose your favourite seeds. Once you have filled your cart, go to checkout and select your organization: McKenzie Elementary PAC, add your name and contact information, confirm order and checkout.

<https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/collections/all>

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

## CANADA DENTAL BENEFIT FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12:

The Government of Canada has launched the [Canada Dental Benefit](#), to **help reduce dental costs for eligible families** earning less than \$90,000 per year. Parents and guardians can apply if the child receiving dental care is under 12 years old and they do not have access to a private dental insurance plan.

To help families navigate the application process, BCDA has collected resources and created an FAQ on the Canada Dental Benefit on our [yourdentalhealth.ca](#) public education website, including an information poster translated into several languages including Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Punjabi, Tagalog, and Ukrainian.

[Learn More](#)



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](#)

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