



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, April 14, 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:

Our third term has started off strong and we are well into our spring routines.

We have entered the season of allergies and the warmer weather has also lead to a few cases of head lice. We encourage families to routinely check their children's hair for signs of nits or adult lice. Children do not need to stay home if they have head lice; we would encourage longer hair to be tied up or braided if you do find some of the little critters. We always ask that children avoid sharing hats, toques, hair brushes, clips, etc. There are many treatment options if you do find yourselves dealing with a case of head lice; many of which can be found at the link below:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>

Construction continues on our new parking lot and in the building of our two child care centers. Large vehicles will not be active during the times of day surrounding our daily drop-off and pick-up times; however they are moving around during the school day, so if you are arriving late or early, please be mindful of the dump trucks and excavators.

Have a great weekend.

Carmen

Mark your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apr. 17	Apr. 18 Laylat al-Qadr (Muslim)	Apr. 19 Dress as a Twin Day! Strong Start Closed	Apr. 20 Ridvan (Baha'i) Eid al-Fitr (Muslim) →	Apr. 21

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Apr. 28 – Strong Start Closed
- May 2 – Young Entrepreneur Fair
- May 3 – Class and Whole School Photos
- May 10 – PAC Meeting
- May 11 – Div. 5 to Island View Beach
- May 12 – Div. 11 to Bear N Bee Farm
- May 12 – Rugby Jamboree



GRADE 5 FUNDRAISERS:

Our grade 5 students have a fieldtrip to Camp Thunderbird coming up at the end of May. In order to offset costs for families there will be some fundraising events in the coming month. Please consider supporting the following fundraisers:

Popsicle Sale \$2 each

Thursday, April 20
Thursday, April 27
&
Thursday, May 4



Outside door B near the
Grade 5 classrooms

Pizza Sale – April 28th

We are having an extra Pizza Day with the profits going towards the Grade 5 field trip to Camp Thunderbird. Please order on <https://mckenzie.hotlunches.net/> (the same place where you order for Special Food Days).

Order deadline is April 25 at 8 pm.

Thank you to the PAC for helping the Grade 5s with this fundraiser!



We have had several complaints about dogs running around off leash during school hours. Please be reminded that **ALL dogs must remain ON LEASH** while on school grounds during before and after school drop off and pickup. In addition to this being School District Policy, we have several children who are fearful of dogs. Please be respectful of this policy.



If your child is in Kindergarten to grade four this year and you are planning on attending another school next year please let us know ASAP!



REPORT CARD ENVELOPES:

Please return your child's report card envelope so that it can be reused in June. There is a box just outside the office for collection.

RISE FLAG FOOTBALL:

As winter sports come to a close and summer sports prepare to start, spring is the perfect time for your young athletes to play flag football.

Not only is our season short—running for only eight weeks from May to June, but it also runs only one night a week, meaning children stay active without parents having to make a considerable time commitment.

At UA RISE Flag Football, we believe playing multiple sports can provide young athletes with many benefits, including:

- Developing whole-body skills like balance, quickness, and core strength.
- Preventing injuries and ultimately improving your child's athletic ability and performance across the other sports they play.
- Building essential life skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, communication, and responsibility.
- Keeping young athletes alert, engaged, and, literally, on their toes.

By applying the essential lessons they'll learn from playing flag football, they'll strengthen their grit, tenacity, and will to compete, which will ultimately help them become better athletes overall.

So if you're still sitting on the sideline, we're here to tell you that it's time to get off the bench and register your young athlete for flag football this spring. Our season kicks off in less than a month, and registration across our leagues will be closing soon!

[REGISTER FOR THE SPRING SEASON NOW](#)

Questions??: vancouverisland@uaflag.ca

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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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