



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, May 5, 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 were simply amazed at all of the wonderful products that our students from division 1, 2, and 3 produced for our Young Entrepreneurs Fair this past week. The range, quality and originality of the items was very impressive. Thank you so much to all of the parents and school community members that came out to support these projects.



We have a variety of sporting events happening over the next few weeks as well. Ms. Gibson has been the teacher representative for our Rugby team and McKenzie hosted a mini tournament yesterday with teams from Oaklands and Tillicum Elementary schools. The McKenzie Rugby team played really well and the kids should be very proud of their efforts. The District Rugby Jamboree will be held next week on May 12th at Gordon Head School.

Ms. Gibson, Mrs. Bushell and Mrs. Liss have also been coaching the Gr. 3-5 Track Team over the last month. Our students are getting stronger and faster and we are looking forward to racing at our zone track meet at UVIC on Wednesday May 31st.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Carmen

Mark your calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 8 Div. 2 to Christmas Hill	May 9 PAC Event at Strawberry Vale <i>(see 3rd page of this newsletter for details)</i>	May 10 PAC Meeting @ 6:30 in library	May 11 Div. 5 to Island View Beach Gr. 5 Popsicle Sale @ 3pm Strong Start Closed	May 12 Div. 11 to Bear N Bee Farm Rugby Jamboree 10am - 1pm @ Gordon Head School

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- May 15-19 – School Wide Write
- May 16 – Grade 5s to Camp Thunderbird
- May 16 – Divs. 8 & 9 to Island View Beach
- May 17 – Strings Performance 7pm @ UVIC
- May 18 – Grade 5 District Transition Day
- May 19 – Professional Development Day – No school for students
- May 22- Victoria Day Statutory Holiday



May is [Asian Heritage Month](#)

May is [Jewish Heritage Month](#)



May 5th is Cinco de Mayo
Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on May 5 because it recognizes the day in 1862 when Mexico's army defeated France in the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. It's also known as Battle of Puebla Day.

May 5 is Vesak
Millions around the world follow the teachings of the Buddha and on the Day of Vesak commemorate the birth, the attainment of enlightenment and the passing away of the Buddha.

PAC MEETING NEXT WEEK:

Save the Date: PAC Meeting Wednesday, May 10th @6:30pm live and in person! Please join in for snacks & discussion on elections, the outdoor project and more. See you in the Library!

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS
SNAPSHOT

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM



The end of the school year can be an exciting and nervous time for students, especially for those who will be making a major transition. For these students, there are many curiosities and questions about academic difficulty, managing a social life and handling coursework.

At each transition your child generally undergoes many different changes. These can be anything from an increase in the size of the school, to a change in friends that they meet. Every child adapts to transitions differently and there are a number of factors that influence how easily they adapt. This Snapshot offers you some guidance to support a successful transition to the next major stepping stone for your child.

Visit the following link for more information: [Guiding Children Through School Transition](#)

Allison Rees

Sidestepping the Power Struggle

Tuesday May 9th 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Location: Strawberry Vale Elementary School gym

Free parent education night
brought to you by
Strawberry Vale & McKenzie Elementary PACs &
Strawberry Vale Preschool

Well known Victoria Parenting expert, Dr. Allison Rees, is coming to Strawberry Vale Elementary on May 9th to present her much loved and highly recommended talk for parents of school-aged children:

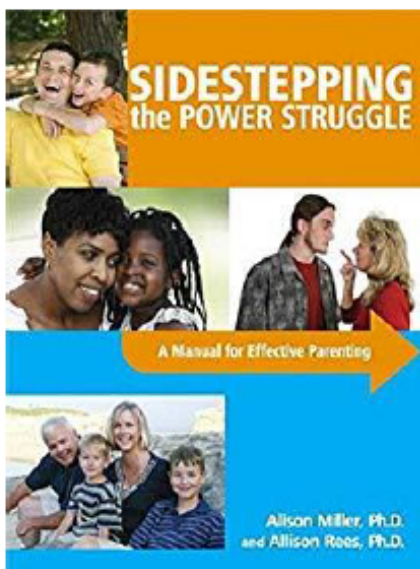
Sidestepping the Power Struggle

An evening packed with valuable information and insight.



Dr. Allison Rees
LIFE Seminars
Lifeseminars.com

***Please join us for
this in-person
education night!!***





SAANICH PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES E-NEWSLETTER

Check out the following link for the current Saanich Newsletter:
<http://secure.campaigner.com/csb/Public/show/bkmr-2oh3ut--13bm2g-527t6gd9>

Saturday, May 6th is
PISE FAMILY FESTIVAL
11 am – 3 pm

At Camosun College Interurban Campus

Check out <https://pise.ca/family-festival-2023/> for more information.

MOVING?

We are starting to look at building classes for next year. If your child will not be returning to McKenzie and will be in grade 1-5 next year, please let us know right away! You can email mckenzie@sd61.bc.ca to let us know which school your child will be moving to for September.



LOST AND FOUND:

Our lost and found box, that's located in the hallway in front of the office, is very full. Please remind your children to look for any items they may be missing from home.



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. Thank you!!