



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, June 9, 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 extremely happy to see so many members of our McKenzie School community take advantage of our clothing give away today. There were lots of excellent items and we are very pleased that almost all of the items went to new homes. Going forward, we will no longer be accepting donations; however, there is talk of hosting a clothing exchange twice a year.

Please be informed of a decision that was made on Wednesday, May 31st by the Greater Victoria Board of Education. The Board of Education has voted to end the School Police Liaison Program in our District.

This decision by the Board is not a reflection of the dedicated liaison officers who have been serving our school. We deeply appreciate their efforts in community connection (eg: visits with the police cars and emergency vehicles) and providing safety programming (eg: the bike rodeos, Halloween safety talks, assistance during lockdown drills, etc). Moving forward, we will explore alternative strategies to our programming and continue to promote positive community connections.




As a result of this decision to end the School Police Liaison Committee Program we will be cancelling the Bike Rodeo that was scheduled to take place next week on June 13 & 14. We are currently looking for alternatives to replace this event.

We have entered the season of allergies and the warm 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 following link: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>

Have a great weekend!

Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jun 12 Div. 2 to Parliament Buildings Return ALL library books to Library 	Jun 13 Divs. 8 & 9 to Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea McKenzie Choir to perform at 6:15pm at Glanford School 	Jun 14 Divs. 1&3 to Observatory PAC Meeting	Jun 15	Jun 16 Div. 2 to Pearkes Teen Space PAC Hot Lunch 

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

June 19 – Div. 2 to Island View Beach

June 19-20 – Divs. 1 & 3 Camping at Goldstream Campground

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 22 – Kindergarten Celebration of Learning (1:30-2:30)

June 26 – Fun Day

June 27 – Gr. 5 Leaving Ceremony

June 27 – Take Home Day (for children's work/supplies etc.)

June 28 – Whole School Field Trip to Gyro (9:15-2:15)

June 29 – Last Day for School for students

WHOLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP ON JUNE 28TH:

On Wednesday, June 28th the whole school will be participating in a year end field trip to Gyro Park. We are hopeful that all students are able to attend this field trip, however **if you DO NOT wish for your child to attend, please be sure to return the reverse permission slip** that will be sent home with your child next week. Thank you.



Grade 5s and Their Families Are Invited to Our Grade 5 Celebration!

What: A Grade 5 Ceremony and Picnic

Who: McKenzie's Grade 5 students and their families

When: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 11:00 am

Where: On the school's lower field, near the garden

Bring: Your own blanket or chair to sit on, and a picnic lunch. Your child will bring their poster on a stake when they come to school (see below), to put into the lawn before our celebration.

CLASS PHOTO REPRINTS:

The first batch of classroom photos were printed incorrectly and were distributed before we realized the mistakes. We've had the photographer reprint with the correct grade, and the replacement photos have arrived and been distributed to teachers. When your child brings home the replacement photo you can keep or discard the first (incorrect) version as we don't need them back.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM



If we think of humanity as a large family, then to be inclusive means that everyone has a place at the table. No one is excluded, marginalized, or left out. Everyone has something to offer. Often inclusiveness is described as something we should do to benefit others. However when we are inclusive our world becomes larger and we gain relationships and experiences that enrich us.

Guiding your child to be an inclusive and compassionate individual may be a challenging task for a parent. People come from all different backgrounds and experiences, and while you don't have to know all the answers, making an effort to inform and educate yourself and your family can go a long way. If you're looking to encourage more inclusivity in your household, this Snapshot will provide some suggestions on how to do that.

[Diversity is a Fact – Inclusion is a Choice](#)