



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, September 15, 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 a fantastic first, full week at school and all of our classes have begun to settle into their new schedules and routines.


We have a variety of funding resources available at school for families and students that may need some help with extra items for meals at school (extra breakfast food and lunches), additional groceries, covering costs of school planners, school supplies and more. We know that the rising costs of living in Victoria continues to present challenges for many in our community and we have additional resources to help. If your family could use some additional support in these areas, please do not hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher or one of us in the office

We look forward to seeing everyone at our PAC sponsored Welcome Back BBQ and Carnival on Thursday. Please remember that next Friday, September 22 is our first Pro-D Day of the school year and students are not in session that day.

Have a great weekend.

Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21 PHOTO DAY  Welcome Back BBQ & Carnival 5-7pm	Sept 22 Pro-D Day (no school for students)

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Sept. 26 – Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 29 – Terry Fox Run
- Oct. 2 – Stat. Holiday (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
- Oct. 6 – Tour de Rock Riders
- Oct. 9 – Stat. Holiday (Thanksgiving Day)
- Oct. 16 – Photo Retakes
- Oct. 17 – Parent Teacher Interviews (regular dismissal)
- Oct. 18 – Parent Teacher Interviews (early dismissal @ 11:50am)



STUDENT FORMS:

You should have received, or will be receiving a package of important office forms. Please review ALL sections, make changes, sign and **return them to the school asap**.

PARENT CONNECT:

Parent Connect is the Greater Victoria School District online service used for signing digital forms and providing consent for use of digital tools in the classroom. Please log in (or sign up using the email address you provided the school) to Parent Connect and review the consent items where action is required. Additionally, you are encouraged to review items that you have previously consented to by selecting 'Forms' in the menu. Consent for all forms and digital tools rolls over from year-to-year. For additional information please visit the tech for learning site: <https://techforlearning.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-connect/>

MCKENZIE FUNDRAISERS:

We will be fundraising for two charitable organizations this fall – The Terry Fox Foundation and Cops for Cancer. On Friday, September 29th we will do our annual Terry Fox run around the school and on Friday, October 6 we will have the Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock team of riders coming to our school!

In past years we've collected 'Toonies For Terry' and all funds raised have gone to the Terry Fox Foundation. This year we will again be collecting, however we will split the cash donations equally between the two charitable organizations. Please assist us and consider sending a toonie (or more if you wish!) with your child during September 26 – October 6th to support these incredible organizations.

If you would prefer to donate online, please see the following two links:

https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR/CopsforCancer/COPS_NW_even_?team_id=502798&pg=team&fr_id=29021

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/McKenzieElementary>

DISTRICT SNAPSHOTS:

Snapshots will be provided on a bi-monthly basis and will have a focus on the significance of nurturing connection and community in your children's lives. The September/ October Snapshot explores some of the agencies and services in our community for families. These agencies can serve as valuable partners, offering a wide variety of services designed to bolster families and enhance their overall well-being. By collaborating with these organizations, parents can tap into a wealth of expertise, guidance, and programs that address a spectrum of needs.

Access the Snapshot Here: [September/October 2023 Snapshot – It Takes a Village](#)

PARKING REMINDER:

A friendly reminder that the staff parking lot on Raymond Street is very small and is for staff parking only. There are two additional lots at the back of the school, or street parking along Margaret and Raymond Streets. In addition, please remember to respect our neighbours by not blocking their driveways or parking on their lawns when you are dropping off or picking up your children.



**Please Consider Supporting our Grade 4/5 Fundraiser:
Popsicles For Sale
\$2 each**

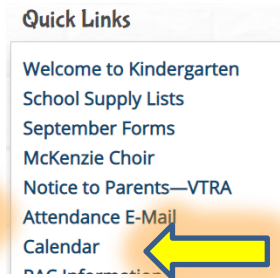


**For sale by the C doors, after school on:
Thursday, September 21, 28 and Thursday, October 5**

MCKENZIE SCHOOL WEBSITE:

On the website you will find a few quick links that are very helpful!

Online payments. Use the link on the McKenzie Website for paying for your child's field trips, etc. during the school year.



Our school calendar is also located on the website. As is an attendance email link If your child will be late or absent please use the attendance link on the McKenzie Website or this email: attendance27@sd61.bc.ca. Thank you.



NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION:

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30. September 25 – 30 is Truth and Reconciliation Week. On September 26, we encourage the McKenzie community to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Looking for Gently Used Books

1000X5 sends your gently used books for babies and preschoolers into homes where books may be few. This is Year 13 of sending gift bags each with 3 books. We have delivered 311,000 books which have been so kindly donated by you. Over the year, children may receive 30 books – transforming learning. There is a pink box for book collection in the front hallway of the school. Check out our website for more information: www.1000X5.ca

PAC NEWS

FUNDRAISER COUNTRY GROCER:

Did you know Mckenzie participates in the Country Grocer “Save a Tape” Program?

The PAC receives a % of all Royal Oak or Esquimalt Country Grocer receipts submitted to the Jug in front of the office in Gift Cards to use to support school events, celebrations and hampers.

So save your receipts and send them to school with your Kenzie Kid. Or level up and ask friends, family, co-workers, and neighbours to save their receipts for you as well, this is a great way to support our school while just doing your normal shopping.

Last year we collected enough receipts to get \$600 in gift cards!



WELCOME BACK BBQ/CARNIVAL:

Volunteers are needed for next Thursday September 21st 5-7pm

In order to make the Welcome Back BBQ/Carnival a success we need your help!

Please check out the Sign Up Genius Link below to sign up. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EAAAD2CA3F58-44340185-welcome>

JOIN US

BACK TO SCHOOL

CARNIVAL

Bouncy
Castle

Food,
Drinks &
Snacks

McKenzie Elementary School

September 21, 2023

Games

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM - check out the classrooms

Clown
Show

5:30 PM - festivities to start outside

Prizes

Facepaint

