



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, September 22, 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:



WOW! What a wonderful evening last night at the Back to School Carnival event. It was amazing to see our hallways and classrooms full of excited students and families. A HUGE THANK YOU to our PAC members organizing all of the events and food. We also greatly appreciate all of the additional parents & guardians that stepped up and volunteered to help with the food sales, food table assistance, games, popcorn, face painting tables, bouncy castle supervision and the end of evening clean up. It truly takes a village and we have a phenomenal community here at McKenzie. We look forward to our next PAC hosted event in October; the Halloween Family Dance!

Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits and vegetables to our students during class time. Our students will receive these healthy treats 12 times over the school year at **no charge!**

If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the BC School Fruit and Vegetable +milk program please advise the office.

Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 25	Sept 26 Orange Shirt Day – wear your orange! 	Sept 27	Sept 28 Popsicle Sale \$2 	Sept 29 Terry Fox Run

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Oct. 2 – Statutory Holiday (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
- Oct. 5 – Popsicle Sale
- Oct. 6 – Tour de Rock Riders visiting McKenzie
- Oct. 9 – Statutory Holiday (Thanksgiving Day)
- Oct. 16 – Photo Retakes
- Oct. 17 – Parent Teacher Interviews (regular dismissal)
- Oct. 18 – Parent Teacher Interviews (early dismissal @ 11:50am)

If your child is going to be absent from school please remember to let us know.

Either via email

attendance27@sd61.bc.ca

or call our office

250-479 1691.

Thank you!

STUDENT FORMS:

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

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. There is a donation box just outside the office for cash donations.

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>



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.

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!



PAC MEETINGS:

PAC Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are at 6:30pm and alternate between online (September, November, February, April, June) and in-person (October, December, March, May). For online meetings the link will be shared in the newsletter the week prior to the meeting.

THANK YOU to our
amazing PAC & Volunteers!
The BBQ & Carnival was a
HUGE success!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR STUDENT WITH:

- A water bottle each day.
- A change of clothes. As the weather is starting to change, please be sure to dress your child suitably for outdoor time. Children go outside for recess and lunch play every day - regardless of what the weather is doing.