



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, September 8, 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:

It has been a wonderful week; full of excitement, laughter and some nerves. Our new kindergarten students started to attend in small groups today; please be sure to say 'Hi' to the graduating class of 2036!

Due to a large number of new registrations to the McKenzie School Community, we have just received notification from the district that we will be hosting 12 divisions this year. As a result we will be working hard to place our students into a completely new class structure grid for next week. Our goal is to have students into their 2023/24 classes as early in the week as possible.

Please stay tuned for further announcements early next week. Thank you so much for your patience while we work hard to create the best learning environments we can for your children.

Enjoy your weekend!
Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 11	Sept 12	Sept 13 PAC meeting @ 6:30pm – details to come	Sept 14	Sept 15

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Sept. 21 – PAC Welcome Back Event
- Sept. 21 – Photo Day
- Sept. 22 – Pro-D Day (no school for students)

2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

If you ordered school supplies, they have arrived and are sorted by grades in the large gym. The supplies are in paper bags and some are fairly heavy, so it's likely best if an adult can assist with the pickup.

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/>

ACCESSIBILITY FEEDBACK TOOL:

In accordance with the Accessible BC Act, GVSD 61 has launched an accessibility feedback tool, and is looking for members of our learning community to join the GVSD Accessibility Advisory Group as we finalize the first multi-year GVSD Accessibility Plan. [Click here to learn more](#) and/or to provide feedback.

ALLERGY AWARENESS:

McKenzie Elementary has a number of students and staff with severe allergies. **All types of nuts (peanuts and tree nuts), fish, shellfish, sesame, cherries and bees are the items of greatest concern. For some students and staff members, these foods cause an anaphylaxis reaction which could result in death.** We also have a number of children who are Celiac and / or gluten intolerant. ***When preparing lunches, we strongly encourage the use of alternatives to peanut or nut butters and we ask that you avoid sending peanuts, all types of tree nuts, fish/shellfish and cherries.***

Students that do happen to bring allergens in their lunch will be asked to eat at a specific table / desk so that the surfaces can be properly cleaned to reduce exposure and risk



Reducing the risk for these students and staff members is of great importance. Thank you for your support and effort to make McKenzie Elementary a healthy, safe and caring place for everyone!

Please visit School District #61's Healthy, Safe and Caring Schools **webpage**

(<https://healthyschools.sd61.bc.ca/student-health/tool-kit-for-management-of-emergency-medical-conditions/>) for information on anaphylaxis training, childhood diseases and ailments. In addition, here is a **link** (<https://www.allergyaware.ca/courses/>) for FREE anaphylaxis training. This is the same course that all of our staff members take each year. If your child has a friend or classmate with a severe, or anaphylactic allergy, this is great information for you to have for playdates and birthdays.

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



**For sale by the C doors, after school on:
Thursday, September 14, 21, 28 and Thursday, October 5**

ATTENDANCE:

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.