



# McKenzie Weekly



Friday, October 13, 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:


So many firsts this week and next; our first special food day today (THANK YOU PAC VOLUNTEERS!), the VIKES Soccer team was here twice this week sponsoring soccer games at lunch and parent-teacher interviews are next week (please remember we dismiss early next Wednesday).

Our X-country season is quickly coming to a close (only two more meets) and the soccer team has started practicing in preparation for a soccer jamboree at the end of the month. Thank you so much to all of our staff members that have volunteered to coach and supervise these activities.

Have a wonderful weekend!

*Carmen*

## Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Oct. 16</b> Photo Retakes 	<b>Oct. 17</b> Cross Country at Beckwith park  Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>Oct. 18</b> <b>11:50 Dismissal</b> - Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>Oct. 19</b> Great Canadian Shake Out Earthquake Drill	<b>Oct. 20</b> PRO-D Day No School for Students

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Oct. 25 – Cross Country at UVIC (Cedar Hill Corner)
- Oct. 27 – Pumpkin Run / PAC Halloween Dance
- Oct. 31 – Halloween Day (Costume Parade)
- Nov. 1 – PAC Meeting (online)
- Nov. 10 – Hot Lunch Day (Pizza & Sushi)
- Nov. 13 – Statutory Holiday (Remembrance Day)
- Nov. 16 – PAC Board Game Night

**A letter from the PAC is included with your newsletter this week.**

**Please have a read.**

**THE CARD PROJECT**

Made with your child's art!

Visit [www.TheCardProject.ca](http://www.TheCardProject.ca)

Sales open on Friday, October 20th.  
Our school access code-MK70

Priority order deadline is October 29  
Final Orders are due November 12

## **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:**

We are looking forward to meeting with parents and guardians on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for Parent Teacher interviews. Interviews are scheduled using School Appointments.com and go live for booking beginning this evening (Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>). Please visit <http://mck.schoolappointments.com> and click on the **REGISTER** tab & complete form to register. Parents can then schedule appointments by clicking on the **APPOINTMENTS** button beside the student's name. Select teacher names that you'd like to meet with and click the check box. Once the appointments are booked, the screen will display your appointment(s).

**Tuesday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>** – students will be **dismissed at the regular time (2:37pm)**

**Thursday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** – students will be **dismissed EARLY at the lunch bell (11:50am)**

## **STUDENT PLANNERS HAVE ARRIVED! Cost is \$5.00 per student**

Good News! We have received the student planners and have distributed them to the classroom teachers. If you hadn't previously heard, our planners are late in coming to us because they were in a warehouse in Ontario that burned to the ground. Fortunately no one was injured in the fire, but the stock in the warehouse was all lost in the fire.

The cost of each planner is \$8.00, so we are asking families to help us offset the cost by paying **\$5 per agenda**. Please refer to our website <https://mckenzie.sd61.bc.ca/>, where you will find a quick link on the menu at left side '**school cash online payments**' or if you'd rather, we will also accept cash.

Thank you!

## **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.





Are you interested in soccer? The UVIC Vikes Men's soccer team plays this weekend. Games are Friday and Saturday evening and with the following promo code you buy one adult ticket and get one youth free! Promo code: VIKESKICKCANCER23



UVIC Vikes vs UBC Okanagan Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Stadium 7:15pm



UVIC Vikes vs Thompson Rivers Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Stadium 7:15pm

Fabulous clothes to donate?  
Clear out to help out...  
and feed hungry kids!



Breakfast2Music & House of Savoy invite you to

## NOURISH STYLE

A pre-loved clothing sale to support children's breakfasts

### POP-UP! SALE:

Saturday,  
October 21<sup>st</sup>  
10am-4pm

Address:  
#108-1841 Oak  
Bay Ave (next  
door to 'Good  
Things').

There are some phenomenal clothes in a variety of styles and sizes in great condition. Please help spread the word!!!

### DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

WET Coast weather is upon us.  
**Please be prepared and dress for the weather. McKenzie goes outside rain or shine!**

Please consider sending extra clothes for your child to have on hand...in case of an emergency!



DID YOU KNOW??  
October is:

- Canadian Islamic History Month
- German Heritage Month
- Latin American Heritage Month
- LGBTQ2+ History Month
- Women's History Month

# The Nature Playground Project

McKenzie PAC needs your help to make this project happen! The PAC has already raised \$20,000 towards the \$33,000 goal to build this awesome nature playground. You can donate online here: <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/2967/140/false/true> or via the QR code below. Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20. Please share this far and wide.

Thank you so much for your support!

