



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, October 20, 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:

Today we took part in The Great BC ShakeOut earthquake drill. While potential earthquake hazards depend on your location, everywhere in BC is considered at high risk in relation to the rest of Canada. The drill provided the opportunity to practice how to be safer during earthquakes and engage students to practice 'Drop, Cover and Hold On'.

We have had a couple of close calls in our upper parking lot and in the drive-through/drop off/pick up area. Please remember that the upper lot is for **staff only** and should not be used as a drop off or pick up location for students. In addition, **cars should not be left unattended** when using the pull through lane or the parallel 'waiting' spots in the pull through area. If you are waiting in that lane for your child, please continue to move forward as space allows so that other cars can safely turn in off of Raymond Street. The two lower parking lots provide ample space for parent parking and quick access to the school grounds for students.

Have a good weekend.

Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OCT 23	OCT 24	OCT 25 Cross Country City Finals @ UVIC (Cedar Hill Corner)	OCT 26 Gr. 4/5 Soccer Jamboree 11:30-2:30 @ Hampton Park	OCT 27 Pumpkin Run  Halloween Dance 6:00-7:30pm

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- 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



Celebrate Halloween at The Victorian at McKenzie Retirement Residence! Join them for safe Trick-or-Treating from 3-7pm on Tuesday, October 31st
4000 Douglas Street

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!



POP-UP! SALE:

Saturday, October 21st 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!!!

SWAN LAKE CHRISTMAS HILL NATURE SANCTUARY PROGRAMS FOR PRO-D DAYS:

Junior Stewards Pro-D Days 🌱 focus on nature-based hands on activities, outdoor exploration, educational games, free play and mindfulness time.

Participants will learn about ecology, stewardship, native plants and animals, and find belonging in nature! Learn more [here \(URL Embedded\)](#).

October

Date: Friday October 20

Time: 9:30 - 3:30pm

Cost: \$105, 10% discount for members

Who: ages 8 - 12

[Registration Link](#)

November

Date: Monday November 20

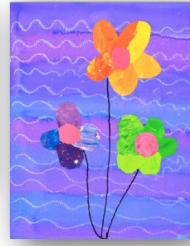
Time: 9:30 - 3:30pm

Cost: \$105, 10% discount for members

Who: ages 6 - 9

[Registration Link](#)

The Card PROJECT



Our fall fundraiser opens this Friday, October 20.

See *your child's art* online and
browse the beautiful products made with your child's art.

The **deadline for Priority Orders is Sunday, October 29**
with delivery in the week of November 20-24.

Go online to

www.TheCardProject.ca

Our school Access Code is: **MK70**

The **final order deadline** is Sunday, November 12 with delivery December 4-8.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcelle - Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca

FREE BRAINWORX PROGRAM THROUGH START2FINISH:

Start2Finish are a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide ongoing educational support for students in the form of an after-school program which **emphasizes social-emotional learning, literacy and fitness.**

Students can join one of the virtual programs - Brainworx is for students in grades 1-6. The programming is designed by educators & fitness experts, and integrates social-emotional learning as part of each session. **The program is run by live, trained volunteers and there is NO COST to anyone, it is FREE for families to register.** Visit Start2Finish for more information. Poster attached to this newsletter.

PAC NEWS

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.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/2967/140/false/true>

or via the QR code. Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20. Please share this far and wide. **Thank you so much for your support!**



McKenzie School Hallowe'en Dance:

A Halloween-themed poster for a school dance. The background is white with black and orange decorations. At the top, there are two pumpkins, a bat, and a star hanging from a string of orange beads. Spider webs are in the corners. The text is centered and reads: 'JOIN US FOR A Halloween dance FRIDAY 27 OCT. AT 6.00 PM- 7:30 PM'. Below that, it says 'ADMISSION BY DONATION (RECOMMENDED \$5 PER FAMILY)'. At the bottom, it says 'PIZZA, TREATS & DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE CASH ONLY'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with more pumpkins, bats, and stars hanging from a string of orange beads, with spider webs in the corners.

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