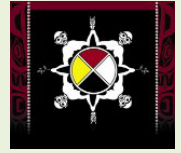




McKenzie Weekly



Friday, November 24, 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 had an amazing start to our Friday morning with the visiting ArtStarts group Ache Brasil! The group completely enthralled and engaged the students and staff. Ask your children about the amazing choreography, music and unique instruments.

Thursday was lots of fun with so many members of our school community dressing up as their 'Future Selves.' We had quite the range of professions, vocations and livelihoods represented. We also have a few staff members changing 'jobs' in the next few weeks. Today is Ms. Biccum's last day in division 5; she will be transitioning to her new role as a mother very soon! We wish Ms. Biccum and her husband all the best as they become a family of three. In addition, Ms. Fynn will be moving over to Colquitz Middle School to become the teacher librarian there beginning on December 11th. We will have a new job-share partner for Ms. McGregor placed shortly. Colquitz is very fortunate to be welcoming Ms. Fynn to their staff, we will certainly miss her here.

I hope everyone has the chance to get outside and enjoy the wonderful sunny, crisp weather we are having.

Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NOV 27	NOV 28 Div. 8 Commonwealth Pool	NOV 29	NOV 30	Dec 1 Divs. 4 & 10 Skating

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Dec. 5 – Div. 9 Field Trip to Commonwealth Pool
- Dec. 6 – Divs. 2 & 7 Skating
- Dec. 6 – PAC Meeting (in person)
- Dec. 8 – Hot Lunch (Subway & Sushi)
- Dec. 8 – PAC Family Movie Night
- Dec. 8 – Learning Updates available to parents
- Dec. 11 – Divs. 11&12 to Victorian @ McKenzie
- Dec. 12 – Div. 6 Field Trip to Commonwealth Pool
- Dec. 14 – Winter Concerts (2 Shows 1:15pm and 6:00pm)

STUDENT AGENDAS – ONLY \$5 PER STUDENT

If you haven't yet paid for your child's agenda, **please arrange payment asap**. Just visit the following link <https://mckenzie.sd61.bc.ca/> then 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.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:



WET Coast weather is upon us. Please send your child dressed for the weather. McKenzie students go **outside** rain or shine! It's a good idea to send some extra clothes for your child to change into should they get wet or muddy.

Indoor shoes are strongly encouraged for all our students. If you have not already done so, please send a pair to leave at the school.

If you need financial assistance, please reach out to one of the staff in the school office.

PAC NEWS:

PURDY'S CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER:

Consider supporting our PAC by purchasing some sweet gifts for friends, family and yourself! Join our group by visiting the following link.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1829933-112572>

Order deadline is December 3, 2023.

If you have any questions please email Lana at lanahansen@hansenpearce.ca



CHOIR UPDATES:

Congratulations to Ms. Salido and the McKenzie Choirs! The videos below featuring our Kindie Choir and our Senior Choir have been entered into the CBC Music Class Channel on Youtube.

We wish them all the luck in this Canadian wide competition. Happy viewing!

Kindie Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBP9jzjZb98>

Senior McKenzie Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyJhAAWxDxI>

ACHE BRASIL PERFORMANCE:

What a terrific treat for our school this morning! Thank you Ache Brasil dancers!

