



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, November 3, 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! Two months of school finished already?!?!





We hope that everyone has recovered from their Halloween adventures. We are now into the season of colds and flus. We are encouraging students to stay home when they are not feeling well, covering their mouths when they cough and sneeze, and to wash their hands OFTEN. We have also had a few cases of head lice over the last few weeks. Please remember to check your children's heads carefully, and regularly, and treat as needed. You can find more information at:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>.

Have a great weekend.

Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NOV 6	NOV 7 International Inuit Day 	NOV 8 SOGI Parent Information Session Indigenous Veterans Day 	NOV 9	NOV 10 Remembrance Day  Assembly @ 10:45am Hot Lunch Day (Pizza & Sushi) 

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Nov. 13 – Statutory Holiday (November 11th is Remembrance Day)
- Nov. 14 - Div. 7 Field Trip to Commonwealth Pool
- Nov. 16 – PAC Board Game Night
- Nov. 20 – Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- Nov. 21 – Divs. 1,2,3 & 4 Salish Sea Field Trip
- Nov. 21 – Div.5 Field Trip to Commonwealth Pool
- Nov. 28 – Div. 8 Field Trip to Commonwealth Pool

Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday, November 5th

Time to fall back



Turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday.

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.schoolcashonline.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!

SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Next Friday, November 10th is Special Food Day at McKenzie!

Pizza and Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday, November 5th.

To order, visit

<https://mckenzie.hotlunches.net>

Access Code is MEHL

Questions? Please email

mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com



PURDY'S CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER:

Consider supporting our PAC by purchasing some very sweet gifts for friends, family and yourself! Please visit the following link for more information.

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



THE CARD PROJECT:

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

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.

Questions?? Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca

3 Books = 1 Gift Help with a literacy gift for others



This is the beginning month of the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books into 1000 gift bags: three books for each receiving child.

If each child in McKenzie Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 768 books, enough for gift bags of books to 256 children. **Let's make it happen.**

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the front hallway just outside the gym.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SNAPSHOT TOPIC: Parent Child Connection



When parents are responsive and empathetic to their children's emotions it communicates to the child that their feelings are important and worthy of attention, which, in turn, strengthens the bond between parent and child. Over time, children learn to rely on their parents as a source of comfort and support, making them more likely to openly communicate and seek guidance when facing challenges or experiencing difficult emotions.

[What to Say to Your Kids When Nothing Else Works](#)

FREE GANG EDUCATION & TRENDS - SEMINAR



REGISTER NOW!



**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH
6:30 - 8:30PM
ROYAL OAK MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND GANG TRENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Understand current and local gang-related activity
- Identify early risk factors
- Awareness and education on social media/substance use trends
- Importance of accessing community-based supports
- Parent Resources and Guides
- Live Q&A
- **Prize Draw - Free One Time Saanich Rec Drop In Passes**

Saanich Police in collaboration with Central Saanich, Oak Bay, Victoria Police Departments and partnership with Saanich Community Services Youth Division.



PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

communityengagement@saanichpolice.ca

www.saanich.ca/youth

250 475 7600

Visit the following link to register for this Free Gang Education and Trends Seminar:

https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/saanich/activity/search/detail/105244?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true



SOGI PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

**Wednesday November 8th
6:30-8:00 pm**

Join BC SOGI 123 Lead, Zakary Myers, and Mischa Oak in this information session to learn more about the SOGI-inclusive environments in our schools. SOGI awareness and allyship strategies will also be shared.

This will be a virtual session.

A recording of this session will be available at <https://learn.sd61.bc.ca/sogi/> until December 20, 2023.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING](#)