



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, December 1, 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:

Welcome to December! The school year seems to be flying by and we are already at the end of our first term. Report cards will be available online next Friday December 8th.

We have a very busy few weeks coming up with lots of exciting activities and outings. Please see the calendar below for more details and be sure to read teacher emails carefully. We are very excited for our Winter Holiday Concerts on December 14th. More information about these shows will be arriving in your email boxes soon!

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
DEC 4 10 Days of Giving Dry Goods National Sock Day	DEC 5 10 Days of Giving Household Paper Div. 9 to Commonwealth Pool	DEC 6 10 Days of Giving Canned Goods Divs. 2 & 7 Skating PAC Meeting (in person) @ 6:30	DEC 7 10 Days of Giving Personal Care 	DEC 8 10 Days of Giving Anything Goes Hot Lunch (Subway & Sushi) Learning Updates available through Parent Connect PAC Movie Night CANCELLED

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- 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)
- Dec. 22 – Last day of school before Winter Break
- Jan. 8 – First day back to school

December dates to note:

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities is on the 3rd
- National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women is on the 6th
- Hanukkah is on the 7th
- Human Rights Day is on the 10th
- Christmas Day is on the 25th
- Boxing Day is on the 26th
- Kwanzaa is Dec 26th – Jan 1st



10 DAYS OF GIVING AT MCKENZIE SCHOOL





WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Please join us in filling classroom boxes with hamper items for some of our McKenzie families who would appreciate a little help at this time of year. We will be collecting items starting Monday, December 4th through until Friday, December 15th.

Please ensure all items donated are:

- Unopened
- Commercially packaged (sorry, no home canned items).
- NOT expired - please check the expiry date before sending the items to the school

<p>On the 4th day of December McKenzie Families donate: Dry goods! (ie. Pasta, rice, cereal sugar, pancake mix)</p>	<p>On the 5th day of December McKenzie Families donate: Household Paper Products! (ie. Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towel, napkins)</p>	<p>On the 6th day of December McKenzie Families donate: Canned Goods! (ie. Soup, chili, spaghetti sauce, beans)</p>	<p>On the 7th day of December McKenzie Families donate: Personal Care! (ie. Toothpaste, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products)</p>	<p>On the 8th day of December McKenzie Families donate: Anything Goes!</p> 
<p>On the 11th day of December McKenzie Families donate: Treat Day! (ie. Cookies, popcorn, licorice, chips, chocolate)</p>	<p>On the 12th day of December McKenzie Families donate: Boxed Goods! (ie. Crackers, stuffing, coffee, tea)</p>	<p>On the 13th day of December McKenzie Families donate: Pocket Snacks! (ie. Granola Bars, wagon wheels, fruit cups)</p>	<p>On the 14th day of December McKenzie Families donate: Condiments & Spices! (ie. Ketchup, mustard, syrup, pickles, salt, pepper)</p>	<p>On the 15th day of December McKenzie Families donate: Anything Goes!</p> 

Dec 4th is National Sock Day!
Wear your favourite, fun or silly socks and donate!
Donate socks, hats and gloves to the bin at the office and we will deliver them to a charity for distribution.

PAC NEWS:

SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Friday, December 8th is Special Food Day at McKenzie!

Subway and Sushi

Order deadline is Sunday, December 3rd

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 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

Municipality of Saanich

Quadra McKenzie Study

We are seeking your input on draft planning concepts for the Quadra McKenzie area

Stay informed, get involved, and register for events at saanich.ca/QMS

ONLINE SESSIONS & COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

The Quadra McKenzie Plan will guide change over the next 20 years. Key items we will be exploring include:

Identifying the location of new housing options * Designing corridors to support sustainable transportation

Providing walkable access to community amenities and services * Identifying how the redevelopment of major sites can contribute to the area



Dec 1st, 2023

Dear McKenzie Families,

It's that time of year again! We are excited to continue the Winter Family Fun Project for our school community!

To add to the festive holiday season, we are sending home a tag board with a pencil tracing of a holiday shape for you and your family to decorate. This year's shape will be a stocking as our theme is: "**Winter Warmth**"! The decorated stockings will be displayed on the gym walls to add to the winter holiday spirit for our school concerts.

Instructions:

- Gather together with your family and your stocking shape.
- Cut out your stocking from the tag board.
- Start decorating! You may use paints, markers, fabric, cotton balls, ribbons, buttons, family photos, foam shapes, and so on to decorate your tree. The possibilities are endless! ***We would ask that you avoid using foods such as popcorn, and candy. Please be aware of the weight of things attached in order that the projects will stick to the wall and stay there. They will be attached using only masking tape.**
- Write your **FAMILY NAME** on the **FRONT** of your stocking
- Write your **youngest child's name** and **division** on the back!

We hope to have all the projects hung up by Dec. 12th so that we can enjoy them for the Winter Concerts.

Staff and students are looking forward to seeing the results of your family creativity and teamwork!

***Please return finished projects to the tables outside the office, prior to or on Dec. 12th.**



Thank you and happy decorating!

