



# McKenzie Weekly



Friday, December 8, 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:

Term One Learning Updates are now available via SD61's Parent Connect. Please [click here](#) to go to Parent Connect and log in. If you have any difficulties accessing your account please do not hesitate to reach out. We are also able to print hard copies of the Learning Updates upon request.

There have been a few cases of strep throat and scarlet fever in our school recently. As a friendly reminder, please keep your children home when they are sick. The following links are good references for these conditions:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/illnesses-conditions/infectious-diseases/strep-throat> and  
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/illnesses-conditions/infectious-diseases/scarlet-fever>

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Winter Holiday Concerts next week.

*Ms. Carmen*

## Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>DEC 11</b> <b>10 Days of Giving</b> <b>Treat Day</b>	<b>DEC 12</b> <b>10 Days of Giving</b> <b>Boxed Goods</b> Div. 6 To Commonwealth Pool	<b>DEC 13</b> <b>10 Days of Giving</b> <b>Pocket Snacks</b>	<b>DEC 14</b> <b>10 Days of Giving</b> <b>Condiments &amp; Spices!</b> <b>Winter Concert</b> <b>(1:15pm &amp; 6pm)</b> *Students arrive at 5:45*	<b>DEC 15</b> <b>10 Days of Giving</b> <b>Last Day!</b> <b>Anything Goes</b> <b>Jr. Choir @ the</b> <b>Heights Sr. Home</b>  <b>Jingle Bell Run</b>

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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



# 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 continue to collect items until Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <i>Treat Day!</i> (ie. Cookies, popcorn, licorice, chips, chocolate)</p>	<p>On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <i>Boxed Goods!</i> (ie. Crackers, stuffing, coffee, tea)</p>	<p>On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <i>Pocket Snacks!</i> (ie. Granola Bars, wagon wheels, fruit cups)</p>	<p>On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <i>Condiments &amp; Spices!</i> (ie. Ketchup, mustard, syrup, pickles, salt, pepper)</p>	<p>On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <i>Anything Goes!</i></p> 
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## Winter Holiday Concert Information

Dear McKenzie families,

Our winter concerts will be on Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:15 pm and at 6:00 pm. Students are asked **to return to school at 5:45 pm** for the evening performance.

Please have your child wear **black bottoms (pants, leggings, skirt & tights, etc.), and a red, white or green top**. The top could be a combination of those colours as well (ie. red and white stripes). It would be best if the top were plain without any logos, designs or text.

Students in the Choir and Junior Choir will be provided with a choir shirt and should also wear black bottoms (pants, etc).

Thank you ~ Ms. Salido

## PAC NEWS:

### BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

**The PAC is having a bake sale fundraiser at the Winter Concert on December 14<sup>th</sup> and needs donated baked goods (homemade or store bought) and volunteers to serve.**

**Nut free, Gluten Free, Dairy Free & other dietary options are always appreciated (but please label as such). Your goods will be sold before and after both winter concerts (by donation).**

**All baked goods will need to be dropped off by 11am the day of (to the table near the office). Please ensure any serving dishes are labeled if required back and picked up that evening or use a disposable container.**

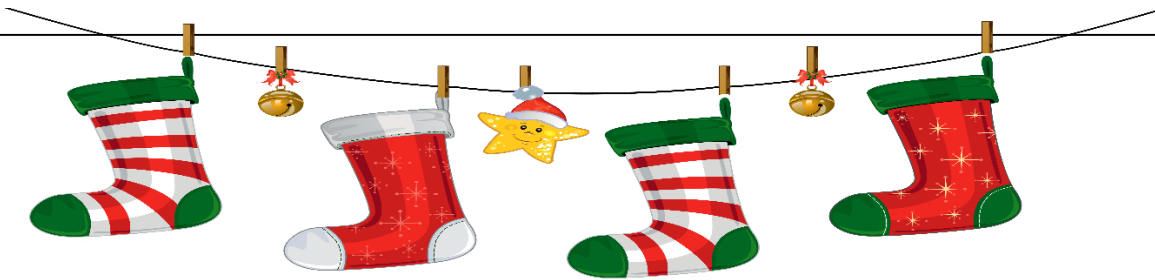
**If you are able to help please use the link below to record**

**Thank you in advance for helping make the Winter Concert a little more festive and helping support your PAC.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EAAAD2CA3F58-46698027-winter>

### PISE WINTER & SPRING PROGRAMS

Pacific Institute for Sport Education is offering winter and spring break programs. Registration opens at 7am on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Call 250.220.2510 or visit [www.pise.ca](http://www.pise.ca) for more information.



Dec 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.

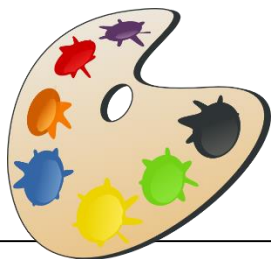
**Instructions:**

- 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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 12<sup>th</sup>.**



Thank you and happy decorating!

