



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, January 12, 2024

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Principal's Message:

We have had a fantastic first week back ~ even with the cold weather today! According to the Weather Network, the temperatures are going to remain very cool for the next couple of weeks and we still may see some snow. Please be sure to have your children bring warm, outdoor clothing for the cool weather.

Monday is Black Excellent Day and we encourage our students to wear dark / black coloured tops. This is a day that highlights the achievements and talents of people of African descent and leads into Black History Month which takes place in February.

This is also the season of registrations and transitions. Our grade 5 families will have received an email earlier this week indicating which middle school their child will automatically be enrolled in for grade 6. Please be sure to check your emails for this important information.



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2019 will take place between January 29 – February 2. Registration is to be completed online and the supporting documents will need to be uploaded. Please see the following link for all registration and transition information <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/>.

Kindergarten – grade 4 students already attending McKenzie do not need to re-enroll; your children will automatically be moved forward to the next grade for September. If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending McKenzie Elementary next school year, please let us know as soon as possible. For students wishing to transfer to another school for the 2023-24 school year the student transfer process will begin on February 12th and forms must be returned to the school office prior to Friday, February 16th. Please visit the following link for more information <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/>.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JAN 15 Black Excellence Day 	JAN 16 Div. 1 to Observatory	JAN 17	JAN 18	JAN 19 Hot Lunch Day (pizza and sushi) **order deadline is Sunday, Jan 14th** 

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Jan. 22-25 – Literacy Week
- Jan. 23 – Divs. 8 & 9 Skating
- Jan. 25 – PAC Family Event
- Jan. 26 – Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- Jan. 30 – Divs. 1 & 3 Skating
- Jan. 31 – Divs. 2 & 5 Skating

January dates to note:

Tamil Heritage Month

- 4th – National Ribbon Skirt Day
- 4th – International World Braille Day
- 15th - Black Excellence Day
- 24th – International day of Education
- 27th - International Day of commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
- 29th - National Day of remembrance of Quebec Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2019:

Dear Parents of children born in 2019,

We are quickly approaching Kindergarten registration time in the Greater Victoria School District. Please visit our website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/> to find more information about registering your child. Your first step is to identify your school catchment by using the school locator (found on the website above).

Registration is done online and opens at 8:00am. Early French Immersion registration is January 15-19 and English Kindergarten registration is January 29-February 2.

All required documents needed for the online registration are found here:

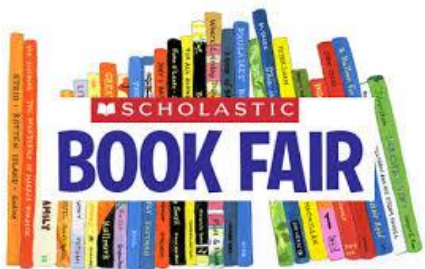
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/documentation/>

We are very excited to meet you and your child.

Welcome to School District 61



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FEB. 5-9:



The McKenzie School Library Learning Commons will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library from February 5th – 9th. We are very excited to be having a fair this year, as it always brings in lots of new, updated, and exciting reading materials for everyone!

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help out before and after school. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Mac at nmcilmoyle@sd61.bc.ca . Please stay tuned for the Scholastic Book Fair hours.

Thank you!

Ms. Mac



SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Next Friday, January 19th is Special Food Day at McKenzie!
Pizza and Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday, January 14th.

To order, visit <https://mckenzie.hotlunches.net>

Access Code is MEHL

Questions? Please email mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com



PAC NEWS:

McKenzie PAC's annual tree chipping fundraiser was a BIG success!!



Thank you to Bartlett Tree Experts for their generous support of our Tree Chipping Fundraiser. With the donation of their services we were able to raise over \$1300 for our Kenzie Kids!



- Bartlett specializes in:
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Social Media Awareness Family Sessions

Saferschoolstogether in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, have opened up four dates for “Social Media Awareness” Family Sessions. These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers in navigating the digital world.

Dates, times and information to register can be found in this link: [erase Family Sessions \(saferschoolstogether.com\)](https://saferschoolstogether.com)

SPACE: Supportive Parenting for Anxious Childhood Emotions

What is SPACE? Parent focused anxiety treatment program developed by Eli Lebowitz at The Yale Child Study Centre

Delivered in a group format online

Who is this for?

Parents and caregivers with a child experiencing moderate to severe anxiety including:

Generalized Anxiety
Social Anxiety
Fears/Phobias
Separation Anxiety
Health Related Anxiety

How is SPACE different from other treatments?

- Supported by clinical research
- Focused on parent responses
- Does not rely on child participation
- The goal is for your child to learn to manage anxiety for now, and for life

When & How?

- Tuesdays from 12:00 - 1:00 pm starting January 23 - March 12, 2024
- Pre-screening to ensure you will benefit from this group
- Registration includes up to two parents/caregivers
- Maximum of 4 families

Ready for more information or to register?

Email: spaceforanxiety@gmail.com

We will send you additional information and schedule a screening

Cost: \$840 including GST, eligible for reimbursement by extended benefits

Offered by Sarah Ftaya and Sarah Byrne, Registered Clinical Counsellors