



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, January 19, 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.

Principal's Message:


WOW! What a week it has been!

Thank you to our amazing McKenzie Community for your flexibility and understanding during the past week of crazy weather. I appreciate your keeping a close eye on your emails and the school district website for updates. I would also like to thank all of our amazing staff for their flexibility and willingness to help each other cover classes and various groups of students. It looks like we will be back to our seasonal, rainy January weather for the next few weeks at least.

Next week will be busy with a variety of literary activities planned between Monday – Thursday in celebration of Literacy Week. A friendly reminder that it will be a short week for students as we have a Professional Development Day on Friday the 26th. Our staff will be participating in the district wide Elementary Pro-D where we have over 30 different workshops and seminars that we can choose to attend.

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JAN 22 	JAN 23 Divs 8 & 9 Skating VIKES Basketball for Grades K & 1	JAN 24 Dress as your favourite Book Character Day	JAN 25 VIKES Basketball for Grades 2&3 PAC Movie Night	JAN 26 PRO-D DAY (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
Literacy Week				

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Jan. 29 – Feb. 2 – Kindergarten Registration
- Jan. 30 – Divs. 1 & 3 Skating
- Jan. 30 – VIKES Basketball Grades 4 & 5
- Jan. 31 – Divs. 2 & 5 Skating
- Feb. 1 – VIKES Basketball Grades K & 1
- Feb. 5 – Divs. 2 & 12 Skating
- Feb. 6 – Kindergarten Hearing Screening
- Feb. 7 – Student Led Conferences (early dismissal @ 11:50)
- Feb. 7 – PAC Meeting (online)

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 JAN 29TH - FEB 2ND:

Kindergarten Registration takes place from January 29th – February 2nd. ALL registrations are done online at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/>. Families must register at their catchment school (which can be identified using the school locator tool found in the registration app above). All required documents needed for registration are found here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/documentation/>.

K-12 TRANSFER WEEK ~ FEBRUARY 12-16

For students wishing to transfer to another school for the 2024-25 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/>.

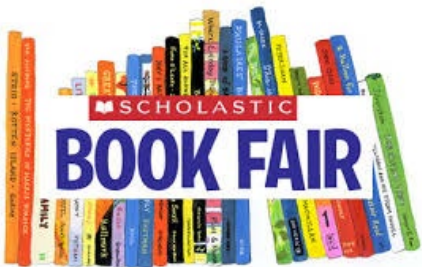
**Kindergarten – grade 4 students already attending McKenzie do not need to re-enroll, your children will automatically be moved forward to the next grade for September 2024. If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending McKenzie Elementary next school year, please let us know as soon as possible.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024 SNAPSHOT

TOPIC: Peer Connections

Peer connections are vital for children and youth as they contribute to the development of social skills, emotional intelligence, a sense of belonging and mental well-being. From kindergarten through to high school, parents can play a crucial role in helping their child navigate friendships by fostering their social skills, providing guidance on conflict resolution, and adapting their support to meet the changing needs of their child. Elementary – [Friends Around the World](#)

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

CLUBS AND SPORTS TEAMS AT MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY:

We continue to work as a school community to ensure that all students feel a sense of belonging while at school. As we work towards this goal, our staff are offering the following clubs this term:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Recess	Multicultural/ Rainbow Club Grade 3-5 Contact: Ms. Lau and Ms. Daychief			Multicultural/ Rainbow Club Grade 3-5 Contact: Ms. Lau and Ms. Daychief	
Lunch Recess	Pokemon Club Grade K-5 Contact: Ms. Carmen	Sticker Club Grade K-2 Contact: Ms. Stratford Board Game Club Grade 3-5 Ms. Gregson and Ms. McConchie	Stamp Club Grade 1-5 Contact: Ms. Sparrow	Lego Club Grade 2/3 Contact: Ms. Mac	Chess Club Grade 4-5 Contact: Ms. Bushell

*Watch for information about intermediate basketball, choir and special athletic guests from the University of Victoria for drop-in soccer and basketball.

WINTER ART CARD FUNDRAISER:

The
Card
PROJECT

Our school art card fundraiser was a huge success this year. The children each created beautiful artwork that were turned into a variety of products through The Art Card Project. Thank you to our entire McKenzie community that generously supported this fundraiser.

\$767.10 was raised to support programs at our school!!!!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ON FEBRUARY 12TH:

Our school is excited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Students will discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke. We were given prizes for the school and one student from each class will win something just for participating



If you wish to support The Heart and Stroke charity by doing some fundraising, please visit <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/43617>.