



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, February 23, 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:



As we complete the month of February and enter March, it feels like spring is in the air and our teaching staff are working hard to complete the various posts on the student's online portfolios or they are starting to write our next set of Learning Updates for each of our students. If your child is part of a classroom with an online portfolio; please take some time to look at their work and the progress they have made so far this year.

Although the sun sometimes breaks through the clouds, the wet weather does continue and so I encourage families to make sure that their children are dressed for the rain. Having a spare change of clothing at school if your children's clothes get wet is always a good idea.

Have a great weekend.

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FEB 26	FEB 27	FEB 28	FEB 29	MAR 1
		Pink Shirt Day Assembly (9 am) 	Parent Education Night sponsored by PAC	Divs. 2 & 8 Skating Fire Prevention presentation for primary grades  Grade 4/5 Basketball game at McKenzie vs Vic West School @ 3pm
	PAC Purdy's orders deadline			

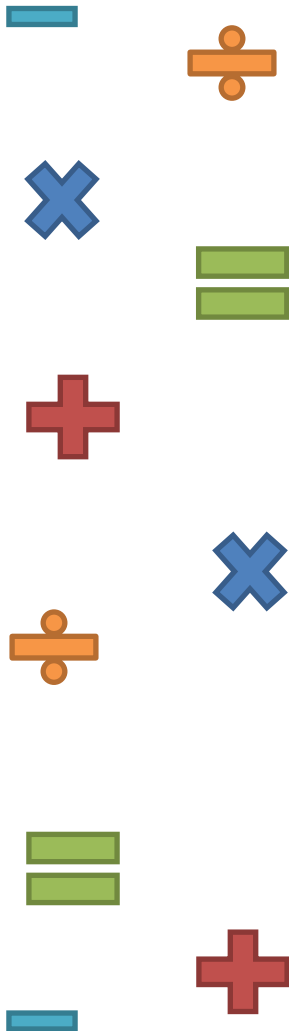
UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Mar. 5 – VIKES Soccer Grades 2 & 3
- Mar. 6 – PAC Meeting (in-person)
- Mar. 8 – Hot Lunch (Pizza & Sushi)
- Mar. 15 – Report Cards available
- Mar. 18 - Apr. 2 – Spring Break
- Apr. 3 – First Day Back



DOGS:

A reminder to our families with dogs, to please ensure your dog is on a leash and under control while picking up and dropping off your children. Not all students are comfortable around dogs, and not all dogs are comfortable around children. Please also note that dogs are not to be on school property **during** school hours.



McKenzie Mathematicians



School Goal:

'We will continue to improve our numeracy skills within an inclusive environment, recognizing individual and personal strengths and needs.'

Teachers help build children's mathematical thinking at school. Families help build it at home. Research shows that an ongoing partnership with families can help children develop math understanding. (Math for Families, AchieveBC)

February Math Tip: Have Fun With Math!



Math is everywhere and it is important that we encourage children to have fun with math. Math can be explored by playing board games, cards games or any games with dice. Also, encourage children to explore puzzles, blocks and construction toys.

February Math Challenge

Charlie sees 3 buckets full of pencils sitting in his classroom. Each bucket has the same amount of pencils in them. What could be the total amount of pencils that Charlie counts in the classroom?



Find as many answers as you can and show your work! Please submit your response to the math entry box outside the office by Feb. 29 for a chance to win a prize.

MCKENZIE PAC NEWS:

PURDY'S CHOCOLATES EASTER 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/1829933-116671>

Order deadline is February 27/24.

If you have any questions please email Lana at

lanahansen@hansenpearce.ca



A poster for McKenzie Parent Education. It features a light blue background with stylized blue hands and red hearts. The text is centered and reads: 'McKenzie Parent Education', 'Topic: Anxiety in Children', 'Presented by: Dr. Marei Perrin from Victoria Child and Family Psychological Services'. Below this is a rounded rectangle containing the date 'Thursday, Feb 29th', the time '6:30 to 7:30', and the location 'McKenzie Library'. At the bottom, it says 'Visit https://forms.gle/yHyoJYv3cuQjM96r8 to save your seat and ask questions for the presenter'. At the very bottom, a blue box contains the text: 'Unable to make it in person? While it won't be as good, you can join virtually at the following link: Click here to join the meetinga'.

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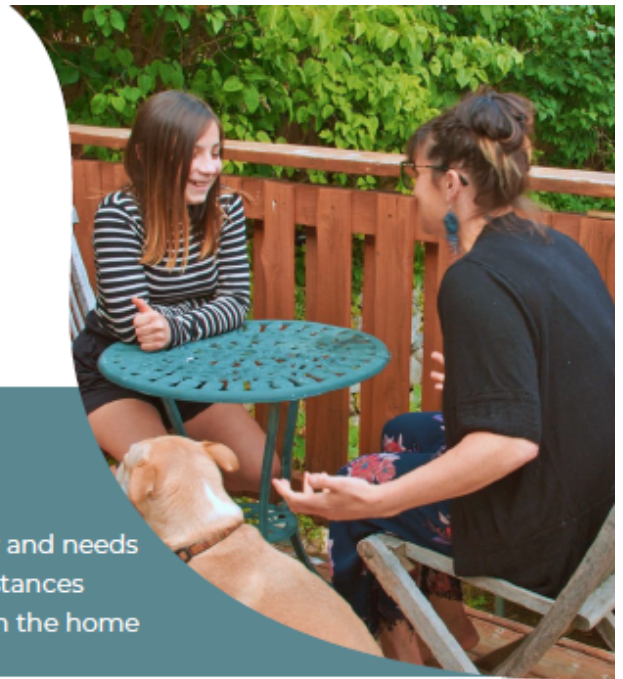
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SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

An Online Presentation for Parents



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home

Presentation Overview:

This presentation will focus on **tools and strategies** that you can use to speak to your children about substances in a way that encourages **positive decision-making** through a psychological lens. You will learn the causes of youth substance use and be introduced to a framework for **creating open communication** on this topic in your home.

There will be a focus on prevention and harm/risk mitigation in order to **empower** you to help your children think critically about their own behaviours, motivations, and choices.

In this session, you will be provided with the **specific language to use** when conversations arise about substances. There will also be opportunities to ask questions about the specific challenges you are facing with your children.

Online Session Information:

February 20th, 22nd or 28th

6pm-7:30 pm PST

Note. The same presentation will be delivered on each date

REGISTER



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Presenter:

Dr Hayley Watson

Clinical Psychologist & Founder of Open Parachute

(PhD Clin Psych, MA Clin Psych, MA Transpersonal Psych, PG Dip Psych, BA Criminology)



Dr Hayley Watson is a Clinical Psychologist from BC, specializing in children and adolescents with a PhD in school bullying interventions, along with four further academic degrees in the field of mental health.

She has been working with young people and their families globally for the past 20 years.