



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, March 1, 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:

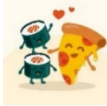
Welcome to March! This is a month full of many cultural celebrations and holidays. The 'March Dates Calendar' on the following page lists some that are provided to us by the district. It might be fun to research and discuss with your family to learn about some of the holidays that members of our school community celebrate.

We are very thankful to our FANTASTIC PAC for organizing and hosting a Parent Education Workshop on 'Anxiety in Children' last night. We had over 20 people in attend in person and another 20 sign-in to the online call. The slides of Dr. Marei Perrin have been shared with our PAC and they will be made available to those who are interested.

Only two weeks of school left before Spring Break!

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAR 4	MAR 5 VIKES Soccer for Grades 2 & 3	MAR 6 PAC Meeting 6:30pm school library Parent Education Night at Northridge School 6:00 pm	MAR 7	MAR 8 Hot Lunch (Pizza & Sushi) **order deadline is Sunday, Mar. 3rd**  Basketball Game 3:15pm @ Vic West School PAC Movie Night 'Ratatouille' 6:15pm

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Mar. 10 - Daylight Savings begins (spring ahead one hour)
- Mar. 13 – Leadership Bake Sale
- Mar. 14 – Guess My Job (9am - 11:45am for Grades 4 & 5)
- Mar. 15 – Report Cards available
- Mar. 18 - Apr. 2 – Spring Break
- Apr. 3 – First Day Back
- Apr. 3 – PAC Meeting (online)

March Dates To Note:

8 – International Women’s Day
10 – Ramadan begins
10 – Daylight Savings Begins
17 – St. Patrick’s Day
20 – International Francophonie Day
21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21- World Down Syndrome Day
25 – Holi
29 – Good Friday
31 – Indigenous Languages Day
31 – Transgender Day of Visibility
31 - Easter

UPCOMING BAKE SALE!!!

Student Leadership is planning a bake sale for **Wednesday, March 13th** to fundraise for our whole school Fun Day. All items will be sold for **\$1 or \$2**. Bake Sale items will be brought to classes and students will be allowed to purchase 1 item each. Any extra goodies will be sold after school.

If you are a family that loves to bake and are willing to make something to contribute to the bake sale, please [sign-up here](#).

Any questions or concerns, please contact Jen Wanless jwanless@sd61.bc.ca



A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH:

Addressing road safety and ensuring safe and equitable mobility for all road users is a top priority for the District of Saanich. It has led us to develop the [Draft Road Safety Action Plan \(RSAP\)](#), which aligns with Vision Zero and the Safe System Approach. The Draft Plan is data-driven and evidence-based. It will guide road safety improvements for the next 10 years and it will allow us to measure progress towards our goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries on Saanich roads.

The Draft RSAP is available for public review [here](#).

We value your input. Please take 5 minutes to complete a short [survey](#). In addition to the survey, if you would like to provide written comments, please email them to engineering@saanich.ca. The deadline for comments and the survey is **March 31, 2024**.

We will be hosting pop-up events in the community in March at the following locations:

- Tillicum Mall on Tuesday, March 5 at 2-5 pm
- Uptown on Saturday, March 16 at 12-3 pm

We appreciate your help getting the word out about the Draft RSAP and upcoming engagement. If possible, please share this information with your networks.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like more information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

MCKENZIE PAC NEWS:

SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Next Friday, March 8th is Special Food Day at McKenzie!
Pizza and Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday, March 3rd

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

Access Code is MEHL

Questions? Please email mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com



March 6th Parent Education Night:

Our next parent education night is coming up quickly next week, hosted by Northridge Elementary School.

QMUNITY will present this workshop to cover the foundations of 2SLGBTQIA+ terminology, identities, pronouns/neo-pronouns, definitions, intersectionality, and settler colonialism's effects on 2SLGBTQIA+ representation.

No RSVP required. Wednesday, March 6th at 6pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89082584256>

Learn more about the presenter here: <https://qmunity.ca/>

'Ratatouille'
**FAMILY MOVIE
NIGHT**

Friday, March 8th

**WEAR PJS, BYO WATER BOTTLE AND
BLANKET/PILLOW!**

POPCORN AND CANDY \$2 EACH

In the Gym

Doors open at 6pm, movie starts at 6:15pm

Children must be accompanied by an adult



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

1000X5 would love books from your spring cleaning

13 years: 320,000 books

1000 babies and preschoolers/month receive a gift bag of 3 books

Please check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the pink bin located in the front hallway of the school.