



**Friday, April 5, 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 Back Everyone!

We hope that everyone had a great break.  We had a couple of staffing changes over the holiday and we would like to welcome Ms. Michelle Shields as our new teacher in Division 6.  In addition, Ms. Hannah Vasilakopoulos has become Mrs. McGregor’s job-share partner in Division 11.  Please give our new teachers a warm McKenzie welcome if you happen to see them.

As you know, we posted our Term 2 Learning Updates (Report Cards) on Friday March 15th.  At this point in time only 40% of our Term 2 Learning Updates have been read by parents.  As mentioned previously, these reports can be found on the Parent Connect site; we do not send paper copies home unless requested.   If you have not yet read your child’s Term 2 Learning Update (Report Card) please click the link below to access it:

<https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login>

Have a good weekend.

*Ms. Carmen*

**Mark your calendar:**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **APR 8** | **APR 9**  **Div. 5 & 7 Butchart Gardens** | **APR 10**  **Div. 3 to Observatory**  **PAC Meeting**  **(online @ 6:30pm via Teams)** | **APR 11**  **Popsicle Sale after school**  Cindy deRosier: My Creative Life: How to Draw a Realistic PopsicleCindy deRosier: My Creative Life: How to Draw a Realistic Popsicle | **APR 12**  **Hot Lunch**  **(subway/sushi)**  Order deadline is Sunday, April 7th |

**UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:**

Apr. 12 – Hot Lunch Day (subway/sushi)

Apr. 15 – Assembly @ 9 a.m.

Apr. 17 – Div. 10 to Swan Lake

Apr. 18 – Visiting Band Performance @ 10:40 a.m.

Apr. 26 – Kindergarten / Grade 1 immunizations

May 1 – PAC Meeting (in-person)

May 6 – Divs 11 & 12 to Butterfly Gardens

When your child is going to be absent from school please let us know by email [attendance27@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:attendance27@sd61.bc.ca) or phone 250-479-1691.

**GRADE 5 FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT CAMP THUNDERBIRD TRIP**

**POPSICLE SALES**

Popsicles are $2 each!

For sale by the C doors, after school on:

**Thursday, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2**



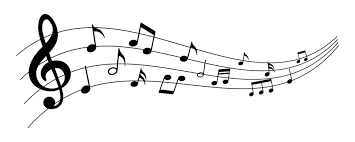
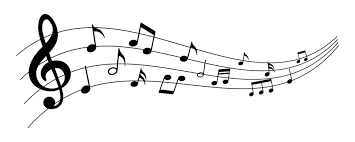
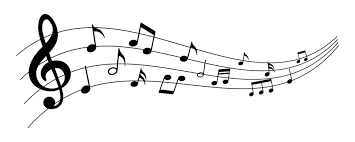


**The Victoria Symphony has made a video to promote their education concerts.  Our Grade 4 students attended the concert in February as part of our listening unit in music class. Here is the link:**

**This video will also be aired on CHEK NEWS this Saturday evening (Apr. 6) as part of a regular broadcast of a Victoria Symphony concert called “Bach and Vivaldi”.  The broadcast starts at 8pm, and the video will be about 40 mins into the show.**

[**https://youtu.be/\_-7Itz\_YxYI**](https://youtu.be/_-7Itz_YxYI)

**Happy viewing!**

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**MCKENZIE STAMP CLUB**





Our McKenzie stamp club has a group of 20-30 students every Wednesday that meets to learn about collecting postage stamps.  Students are learning to sort, trade, and soak stamps to add to their collections.

Prior to spring break, we had a “Design your own Stamp” contest.  Students were asked to create their own stamps with a picture, country name, and value.

The winning entries were:

Intermediate: Zadie and Melissa

Primary: Nidhi and Emma-lynn

New members are always welcome to join.

We meet on Wednesdays at lunch recess.

**APRIL IS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH & SIKH HERITAGE MONTH:**

7 – World Health Day

9-10 - Eid al-Fitr

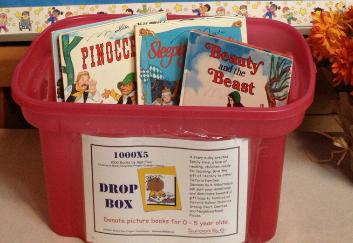
13 – Vaisakhi

22-30 – Passover

22 – Earth Day

24 – Administrative Professionals’ Day

28 – Day of Mourning for Lost Workers

**1000x5**

**Check out the two minute Victoria Foundation video celebrating 1000X5 and our contributions to early literacy. Thanks to all of you for making this project happen.**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wcoGk5sM6TE8fbOnxmMEKimv0WvupTvN/view?usp=sharing>

**Take your extra baby and preschooler books to the pink bin in the front hallways and help change a child’s future. 328,000 books and counting!!**

PAC NEWS:

**PAC MEETING IS ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 @ 6:30pm**

[**Join the meeting now**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWJkNDY2MjItNDEyMy00N2ExLTlmMzItMDJjMjhmMTk4NTU5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224e123748-aef8-4716-9afe-6ed0473f28fd%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22021c6ab4-4951-4379-b0aa-30a36cc6f1a7%22%7d)

**Meeting ID: 279 866 514 996**

**Passcode: FzFYkD**

SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

**Friday, April 12th is Special Food Day at McKenzie!**

**Subway and Sushi**

**Order deadline is Sunday, April 7th**

**To order visit** [**https://mckenzie.hotlunches.net**](https://mckenzie.hotlunches.net) **Access Code is MEHL  
Questions? Please email** [**mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com**](mailto:mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com)