



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, March 15, 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:

We have had an excellent week full of spring celebrations and leprechaun traps!

Our grade 4 and 5 students participated in our first annual 'Guess My Job' event yesterday; it was a great success! We would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Kristy Gregory, Owner / Operator of Liquid Metal Marine Fabricators, Josh Soberg, a Nurse in the Complex Thoracic / Vascular Surgery Unit of the Royal Jubilee Hospital and Kristen Sands & Karina Kalvaitis, Lead Props Builders of the Victoria Opera. Our intermediate students posed fantastic questions and were very engaged with each of our guests as they explained their professions.

Term two Learning Updates are now 'live' on the Parent Portal. Please see the link below to access your child's reports. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for all of their hard work with these reports. We take great care in writing these updates to provide you with clear, concise information about your students(s) progress in all areas of the curriculum. It was a pleasure read all about their achievements over these last few months. <https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login>

We hope everyone has a wonderful Spring Break; we will see you all back at school on Wednesday, April 3rd!

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
APR 1 NO School (Easter Monday)	APR 2 NO School (Good Friday observed)	APR 3 Welcome Back!! 	APR 4	APR 5

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Apr. 9 – Divs. 5 & 7 to Butchart Gardens
- Apr. 10 - Div. 3 to Observatory
- Apr. 10 – PAC Meeting (online) *changed from April 3rd*
- Apr. 12 – Hot Lunch Day (subway/sushi)
- Apr. 17 – Div. 10 to Swan Lake
- Apr. 18 – Visiting Band Performance @ 10:40 a.m.
- Apr. 26 – Kindergarten / Grade 1 immunizations (details to come)



March Dates To Note:

- 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



McKenzie Mathematicians

February
Math Winners:
Dylan M. Div. 7
Sukhraj Div. 8
Zayd Div. 8



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)

March Math Tip: Promote Math as Thinking, Not Memorizing

Try not to emphasize memorizing. Although some parts of math need to become automatic through memory work, children need time for mathematical thinking and reasoning – don't rush it; "Take your time";



Ask your child to explain how they figured things out, what they were thinking. This helps children realize that you value their thinking; "How did you know that?"; "How did you get to that answer?"

Keep in mind that memorizing does not always mean understanding and that math is about making sense.

March Math Challenge



Please work together as a family to solve our monthly math challenge. Encourage your child to explore multiple options to the problem.

After selling lemonade, you have 10 coins. How much money could you have? Show your thinking with numbers or pictures.

Looking for a challenge: What if you have 10 bills and/or coins. How much money could you have?

Please submit your response to the math entry box outside the office by **April 5** for a chance to win a prize.

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One of the programs offered is U11 Skill Development Session which is for girls in grades 3-5

Visit: www.carnarvon.ca/basketball for more info

Or email: rob.wighton@gmail.com with any questions

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