



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, September 13, 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 a fantastic first, full week at school and all our classes have begun to settle into their new schedules and routines.

We have a variety of funding resources available at school for families and students that may need some help with extra items for meals at school (extra breakfast food and supplementary lunch items), additional groceries, covering costs of school planners, school supplies and more. We know that the rising costs of living in Victoria continues to present challenges for many in our community and we have additional resources to help. If your family could use some additional support in these areas, please do not hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher or one of us in the office

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Welcome Back School Open House when the classrooms will be open to visit between 5:00 – 5:30.

Have a great weekend.

Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18 Welcome Back Family Event 5:00 - 5:30pm	Sept 19	Sept 20

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Sept. 23 – Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- Sept. 26 – Orange Shirt Day Assembly ***note date change**
- Sept. 30 – Statutory Holiday
- Oct. 3 – Photo Day 😊
- Oct. 9 – PAC Meeting (in-person)

Welcome Back Family Event

Our staff are looking forward to welcoming families to our McKenzie School open house on Wednesday, September 18th. The classrooms will be open between 5:00 – 5:30pm.

EARLY PICKUP:

If you are picking up your child prior to the dismissal bell, please ensure that you sign them out at the office. In the event of an emergency, it is extremely important for us to know which students are in the school.

STUDENT FORMS & PARENT CONNECT:

You should have received or will be receiving a package of important office forms. Please review ALL sections, make changes, sign, and **RETURN THEM TO THE SCHOOL ASAP.**

Parent Connect is the Greater Victoria School District online service used for signing digital forms and providing consent for use of digital tools in the classroom. Please log in (or sign up using the email address you provided the school) to Parent Connect and review the consent items where action is required. Additionally, you are encouraged to review items that you have previously consented to by selecting 'Forms' in the menu. Consent for all forms and digital tools rolls over from year-to-year. For additional information please visit the tech for learning site: <https://techforlearning.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-connect/>

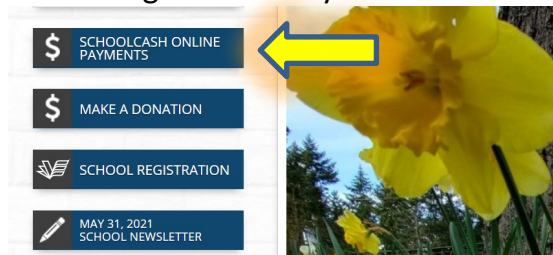
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MCKENZIE SCHOOL WEBSITE:

On the website you will find a few quick links that are very helpful!

Online payments. Use the link on the McKenzie Website for paying for your child's planners, field trips, etc. during the school year.



Quick Links

Welcome to Kindergarten
School Supply Lists
September Forms
McKenzie Choir
Notice to Parents—VTRA
Attendance E-Mail
Calendar
PAC Information

Our school calendar is located on the website which lists various important events for the upcoming year. There is also an attendance email link; if your child is going to be absent or late, please let the office know.

STUDENT AGENDAS:

We are asking families to pay \$6 for each agenda and encourage payment be made through the CashOnline site (link is on the left side of our McKenzie School website). Cash will be accepted if you are unable to use the CashOnline site.

TOONIES FOR TERRY

On Friday, September 13th our students ran laps around the outside of the school in support of the annual Terry Fox Run. To support this organization, we will be collecting 'Toonies for Terry' over the course of the next couple of weeks and sending the donations to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Please bring a
**Toonie
for Terry**




Please consider sending a toonie (or more if you wish!) with your child during the period of September 16th – October 4th to support this fantastic organization. There is a donation box just outside the office for cash donations.

TEAMS & CLUBS AT MCKENZIE

In the coming months there will be sports teams and clubs starting up at McKenzie. Information will be shared on the daily announcements, so that students know what is being offered and when & where to sign-up. Some sports being offered are Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Skipping, Rugby & Track. Some clubs being offered are Sticker, Maker, Taylor Swift, Board Games & Play Bins, Stamp, Pokémon, Playground Helpers and Leadership. More information to come....

PAC NEWS:



This is SUCH an amazing school and having a strong, engaged PAC helps to support all kinds of special community-building events and projects!


- ♥ Dances
- ♥ Movie Nights
- ♥ Buses for field trips
- ♥ Special music and gym equipment
- ♥ Special classroom and library supplies
- ♥ Updates and improvements to outdoor space

WE NEED YOUR VOICE AT THE TABLE!


This is an entirely volunteer-driven organization, and the more parent participation we have, the more we can enhance your child's experience and support the school administration and teachers.

How to get involved...

Come check out a PAC meeting! We get together the third Wednesday of the month and typically alternating in-person (in the library) and virtual meetings. There is **NO long-term commitment required!** Drop in on one or some or all meetings, speak up and get involved, or just hang out and enjoy the direct pipeline of information from the principal on key issues with the school and upcoming events! Watch for info in the weekly school newsletter.



QR CODE TO JOIN THE PAC FACEBOOK GROUP! BE THE FIRST TO KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING!



BRAEFoot COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

FREE
EVENT

FAMILY FUN DAY

A DAY PACKED WITH EXCITING ACTIVITIES
AND FUN FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

21 SEPTEMBER, 2024
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

1440 HARROP RD,
VICTORIA, BC V8P 2S5

- Bouncy Castles, Mascots, Games and Prizes
- Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Food and Drinks

