



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, September 20, 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:

It was amazing to see our hallways and classrooms full of excited students and families on Wednesday evening for our School Open House. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to visit and introduce yourselves to your children's teachers.



Next week our classes will be participating in a variety of Orange Shirt Day activities in advance of September 30th Truth and Reconciliation Day. We will be hosting our annual Orange Shirt Day assembly on Thursday morning at 9:00am. Any family members are welcome to join us in the gym for the assembly.

Remember that Monday is our first Professional Development Day.

See you all back on Tuesday, Sept. 24th.

Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 23 Pro-D Day No School for Students	Sept 24	Sept 25	Sept 26 Orange Shirt Day Assembly 9:00am 	Sept 27 Hot Lunch Day Subway/Sushi 

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Sept. 30 – Statutory Holiday
- Oct. 3 – Photo Day 😊
- Oct. 9 – PAC Meeting @ 6.30pm (in-person)
- Oct. 14 – Statutory Holiday
- Oct.16 – Parent Teacher Interviews (dismissal at 11:50am)
- Oct. 17 – Parent Teacher Interviews (regular dismissal)
- Oct. 17 – Great Canadian Shake Out Drill

ATTENDANCE:

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent.

Email: attendance27@sd61.bc.ca

Phone: 250-479 1691.

Please remember that your child should bring:

- A water bottle each day.
- A change of clothes. As the weather is starting to change, please be sure to dress your child suitably for outdoor time. Children go outside for recess and lunch play every day - regardless of what the weather is doing.

FALL CROSS COUNTRY:

Our Fall Cross Country is now underway. We are having practices on Wednesdays and Fridays at lunch. If your child signed up for cross country, they received the newsletters to take home yesterday. Please sign the newsletter and waiver and return them to the school by next Wednesday, September 25th. We will have five after school meets starting on Tuesday, October 1st. The meets start at 3:45 p.m. The information and location of each meet was also in yesterday's newsletter. Please email the track coaches if you have any questions. Kristy Gregson (kgregson@sd61.bc.ca) and Natalie Mcilmoyle (nmcilmoyle@sd61.bc.ca) Happy Running!

Calling all Swifties!

Are you a fan of Taylor Swift? Do you enjoy making friendship bracelets, colouring, dancing, and listening to music? Join our Taylor Swift Club on Mondays at lunch recess in Mrs. McGregor's Room! For Grades 3-5!

SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Our First Special Food Day of the year is next Friday, September 27th for Subway and Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday, September 22nd

To order, visit

www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net

Questions? mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com



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 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.



Attached with this email is an information sheet outlining the food day process.

STUDENT FORMS & PARENT CONNECT:

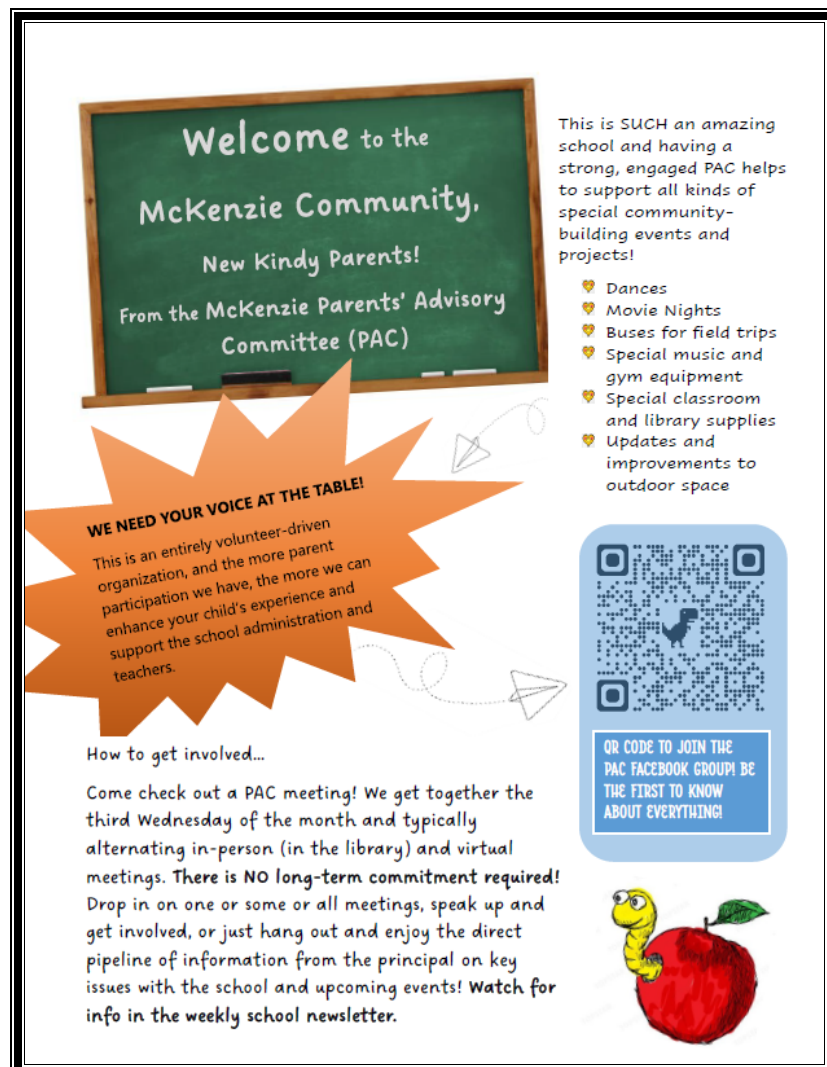
You should have received or will be receiving a package of important office forms. Please review ALL sections, make changes, sign, and **RETURN THEM TO THE SCHOOL ASAP.**

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/>

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.

PAC NEWS:



Welcome to the McKenzie Community.
New Kindy Parents!
From the McKenzie Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC)

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

