



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, September 6, 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 has been a wonderful week; full of excitement, laughter, boundless energy, and new faces. Our new kindergarten students started to attend in small groups today; please be sure to say 'Hi' to the graduating class of 2037!

We are very pleased to say that we have received district approval for our class organization. The classes are now finalized, and students will continue to meet their teachers at the same line-ups they did today. Thank you so much for your patience while we worked hard to create the best learning environments for your children.

Enjoy your weekend!
Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11 Online PAC meeting @ 6:30pm (link below)	Sept 12	Sept 13

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Sept. 13 – Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 18 – Welcome Back Family Event
- Sept. 23 – Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- Sept. 24 – Orange Shirt Day Assembly

McKenzie Bell Schedule	
Morning Bell	8:45
Recess	10:15-10:30
Lunch - Eating	11:50-12:10
Lunch - Outdoor Play	12:10-12:35
Dismissal Bell	2:37

PAC MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 6:30pm VIA TEAMS:

Please use the following link to join other McKenzie families for the first PAC meeting of the year.

[Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 219 314 372 078 Passcode: mZPfiW

ATTENDANCE:

If your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to let us know. Either via email: attendance27@sd61.bc.ca or phone: 250 479 1691.



PARENT CONNECT:

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/>

ALLERGY AWARENESS:

McKenzie Elementary has several students and staff with severe allergies. **All types of nuts (peanuts and tree nuts), fish, shellfish, sesame, flax, cherries and bees are the items of greatest concern. For some students and staff members, these foods cause an anaphylaxis reaction which could result in death.** We also have several children who are Celiac and / or gluten intolerant. ***When preparing lunches, we strongly encourage the use of alternatives to peanut or nut butters and we ask that you avoid sending peanuts, all types of tree nuts, fish/shellfish and cherries.***



Students that do happen to bring allergens in their lunch will be asked to eat at a specific table / desk so that the surfaces can be properly cleaned to reduce exposure and risk

Reducing the risk for these students and staff members is of great importance. Thank you for your support and effort to make McKenzie Elementary a healthy, safe, and caring place for everyone!

Please visit School District #61's Healthy, Safe and Caring Schools webpage

(<https://healthyschools.sd61.bc.ca/student-health/tool-kit-for-management-of-emergency-medical-conditions/>) for information on anaphylaxis training, childhood diseases and ailments. In addition, the following is a link for FREE anaphylaxis training. <https://www.allergyaware.ca/courses/>. This is the same course that all staff members take each year. If your child has a friend or classmate with a severe, or anaphylactic allergy, this is great information for you to have for playdates and birthdays.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- The staff parking lot on Raymond Street is very small and is for staff parking only. There are two additional lots at the back of the school, or street parking along Margaret and Raymond Streets for family parking. In addition, please remember to respect our neighbours by not blocking their driveways or parking on their lawns when you are dropping off or picking up your children.
- Dogs are not allowed to be on school property during the school day. Please leave your four-legged friends at home if you are walking your child(ren) to and from the school.



SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Our online calendar has been updated with dates of PAC meetings, Pro-d Days, School Vacations, and other important dates. Please visit <https://mckenzie.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/calendar/> to view.



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



VICTORIA CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Does your child love to sing? The Victoria Children's Choir has space for children ages 7-9 in their Prelude Choir. For more information, please visit www.victoriachildrenchoir.ca.