



# McKenzie Weekly



Friday, October 11, 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.

## Administrator's Message:




Everyone has been enjoying the fall weather this week. With some rain upon us now, we remind everyone to come prepared to play outdoors no matter the weather. Many classes are also taking their learning outside and going on neighbourhood walks. There are many wonderful changes to observe as we witness the colourful change of seasons. It is helpful for students to have a pair of indoor shoes during the wet months and helps to keep our school clean and dry.

Skating field trips have begun this week and many classes will be visiting Pearkes Arena over the next few months. Thank you to our family volunteers that come out to support the classes for these trips. We look forward to hearing about the skating adventures to come!

We are thankful to be a part of our amazing McKenzie community and we wish everyone a weekend filled with grateful thoughts and new family memories.

Jordana Beattie, Vice-Principal and Carmen Gauvreau, Principal

## Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Oct. 14</b> Statutory Holiday 	<b>Oct. 15</b> Div. 7 & 9 skating 10:00 - 12:15  Cross Country @ Lansdowne Field 3:45pm	<b>Oct. 16</b> <b>Early Dismissal @ 11:50am</b>  Parent Teacher Interviews  Strong Start Closed	<b>Oct. 17</b> Great Canadian Shake Out Drill  Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>Oct. 18</b> PAC Special Food Day    Popsicle Sale @ 2:37pm

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Oct. 21 – Pumpkin Run
- Oct. 21 – Cross Country at Beckwith Park @ 3:45pm
- Oct. 22 – Photo Retake Day and Family Photos 4-9pm
- Oct. 23 – Inclusion Awareness Day
- Oct. 23 – Take Me Outside Day
- Oct. 24 – Ready Step Roll Presentations for Divs. 1,2&3
- Oct. 24 – Popsicle Sale
- Oct. 25 – Pro-D Day (no school for students)



Is your child missing a jacket? Please come look in our lost and found, it is probably here!

### POPSICLE SALES

DIVISION ONE & TWO FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT SPRING CAMPING TRIPS



Popsicles are \$2 each!  
For sale by the C doors, after school on:

**Thursday, Oct. 10, Friday, Oct. 18 and Thursday, Oct. 24**

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS OCTOBER 16 & 17:

**REMINDER: IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SCHEDULED YOUR MEETING TIME WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, PLEASE DO SO PRIOR TO OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM**

We are looking forward to meeting with parents and guardians on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for Parent Teacher interviews. Interviews will be scheduled using School Appointments.com and will go live for booking between Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7am and October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

**Effective Monday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am** you will have access to schedule interviews on the following link:  
<http://mck.schoolappointments.com>

1. Click on the **REGISTER** tab & complete form to register. Once you have successfully registered, you will need to login to the system and then must register your student's name.
2. Parents can then schedule appointments by clicking on the **APPOINTMENTS** button beside the student's name.
3. Select teacher names that you would like to meet with and click the check box.
4. Once the appointments are booked, the screen will display your appointment(s).

Reminder that on Tuesday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – students will be **dismissed EARLY at the lunch bell (11:50am)**. Interview times will be between 12:30pm – 5:30pm. On Thursday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – students will be **dismissed at the regular time (2:37pm)**. Interview times will be between 3:00pm - 5:30pm

Our McKenzie Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) has requested parent email address' for all our parents/guardians, so that they can use them in 'Sign Up Genius' for PAC organized events.

Please inform the office, **prior to Wednesday, October 16th**, if you **DO NOT** want us to share your email address with our PAC.

## SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Our First Special Food Day of the year is next Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for Subway and Sushi.

**Order deadline is Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

To order, visit [www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net](http://www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net)

Questions? [mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com)



## THE CARD PROJECT is back this fall!



Our students are participating in this exciting art-based fundraiser.

For purchase: beautiful products made with your child's art! Greeting cards, mugs, canvas tote bags, tea towels, mouse pads, notebooks, sketchbooks, canvas prints, and more.

Orders open online on **Friday, October 18** at [www.TheCardProject.ca](http://www.TheCardProject.ca)

**Our school access code is MK70**

Orders received by October 27 will be delivered in the week of November 18-22.

The final order deadline is November 11, for delivery by December 13.

## It's that time of year for...

### The First Ever, Mckenzie School Book Character Pumpkin Decorating!

What to do:

Get yourself a pumpkin, decorate it (uncarved) as a character from a book. Bring your pumpkin to the library on Monday Oct. 28. Pumpkins will be on display for the week.

\*Please Feel free to bring a picture of the book or the book itself labeled with your name to display with your pumpkin.

#### **Book Character Pumpkin CONTEST RULES:**

-You can use accessories for your pumpkin entry. Only one entry per student

-This is an optional activity

-You can also make a book character entry by only using a tissue box and art supplies

-You may use pumpkins or gourds or both to create your project

-There can be no carved entries as the pumpkin will decay more quickly

-To decorate: use paper, glue, paint, markers, pipe cleaners, fabric, or other craft items on the pumpkin or tissue box. Be CREATIVE!

-Projects must represent a book character from a book/graphic novel

-On the entry form, please write the title and author of the book

-Feel free to bring a picture of the book cover or a copy of the book to display with your pumpkin

-This is a home project and entries should be done mostly by the students, but parents or other family members may help you pick out an idea.

Please bring your pumpkin or tissue box project to school by Monday, October 28.

## Check out some ideas:



### Cross Country:

Last Monday's meet at Lambrick was very successful. Thank you to all the parents and staff who cheered on our runners. We are proud of our runners! Our next meet is at Lansdowne Middle School on Tuesday, Oct. 15th at 3:45pm. Parking will be an issue. We suggest parking at Hillside Mall and then walking up to the school. Please email [kgregson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:kgregson@sd61.bc.ca) or [nmcilmoyle@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:nmcilmoyle@sd61.bc.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.