



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, October 4, 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:

Once again, we had a busy, short week! Thank you so much to our PAC member Colleen Leithwood, parent Lana Taves and Gr 5 student Charlie M., for volunteering their time on Wednesday morning for our Ready Step Roll Walk. There were various representatives from the Saanich Municipality, ICBC, Saanich Police and the engineering companies that oversee our local roads.

Some of the safety concerns that were noted were:

- Children not wearing seatbelts
- Cars parking too close to cross-walks
- Cars parking along Raymond street in no-parking areas
- Cars pulling into the staff parking area in the wrong direction
- Cars making U-turns in the middle of Margaret Street
- Children exiting vehicles on the left-hand side and into traffic


We will be working together with our partner groups over the school year to make our area and roadways safer for students to walk and roll to school.

Carmen

An Educator takes a hand,
opens a mind,
and touches a heart.

We are so grateful to have such amazing educators at McKenzie School!!
Happy Educator Day tomorrow, October 5th.

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 7 Cross Country Race Lambrick Park @ 3:45pm	Oct. 8	Oct. 9 In-Person PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm	Oct. 10  Popsicle Sale @ 2:37pm	Oct. 11 Strong Start Closed

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Oct. 14 – Statutory Holiday
- Oct. 15 – Cross Country at Lansdowne Field
- Oct. 16 – Parent Teacher Interviews (early dismissal - 11:50am)
- Oct. 17 – Parent Teacher Interviews (regular dismissal)
- Oct. 17 – Great Canadian Shake Out Drill
- Oct. 21 – Cross Country at Beckwith Park @ 3:45pm

We collected over \$220.00 for The
Terry Fox Foundation.
Well done McKenzie Community!!



1000X5 Books Part of October Fun Wee Ones Need Your Books

As you prepare for the end of the month celebrations with fun costumes and food, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin in the front hallway outside the gym? These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended **345,000 books in 14 years!! Thank you.**

Registration for The McKenzie Swim Team is still open. Please email SBlaire@sd61.bc.ca for information.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS OCTOBER 16 & 17:

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

Effective Monday, Oct 7th 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. 16th – students will be **dismissed EARLY at the lunch bell (11:50am)**. Interview times will be between 12:30pm – 5:30pm

On Thursday Oct. 17th – students will be **dismissed at the regular time (2:37pm)**. Interview times will be between 3:00pm - 5:30pm

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

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**.



CROSS-COUNTRY: We had a successful cross country meet at Lambrick Park last Tuesday. Well done to all our cross-country runners and thank you to all parents and staff that cheered on our runners. The weekly lunch practices (Wednesdays and Fridays) are ongoing. Our next cross-country meet is next **Monday (October 7th)** at 3:45 p.m. The meet is at Lambrick again, but it is the reverse of last week's course. Questions?? Please email Kristy Gregson (kgregson@sd61.bc.ca) or Natalie McIlmoyle (nmcilmoyle@sd61.bc.ca)



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

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:

