



# McKenzie Weekly



Friday, November 22, 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:

Our staff participated in a great professional development day! This morning we explored a variety of new sports: Nitro Ball, indoor golf and Pickleball. We are very grateful to all the community volunteers and our McKenzie Professional Development Committee that taught us the finer points of each of these games. This afternoon many of our staff created Beaded Timelines, which are a visual representation of how long Indigenous people have been living in North America (at least 10,000 years!) since time immemorial. Other staff members took non-Violent Crisis Intervention training, Drumming Stewardship and Bird Science. We are all looking forward to sharing our new learning with our students over the coming weeks.

We hope that everyone found some time today to enjoy the break in the weather and got outside for some sunshine!

*Carmen*

## Mark your calendar:

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday      | Thursday       | Friday  |
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| <b>Nov. 25</b><br>Divs. 11 & 12 Skating<br>9-12:30 | <b>Nov. 26</b><br>Divs. 3 & 4 Skating 10:00<br>- 12:15pm | <b>Nov. 27</b> | <b>Nov. 28</b> | <b>Nov. 29</b><br>Hot Lunch Day<br>Subway & Sushi |

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Dec. 2-13 – Hamper donations collected
- Dec. 11 – PAC Meeting (in person)
- Dec. 11 – Learning updates home
- Dec. 12 – Winter Concerts (1:15pm and 6:00pm)
- Dec. 17 – Divs. 2 & 12 Skating (8:45-11:00)  
Divs. 1 & 8 Skating (10-12:15)
- Dec. 19 – Holiday Assembly  
Hot Lunch (Pizza & Sushi)
- Dec. 23–Jan. 3 – Winter Break
- Jan. 6 – Welcome Back!

### November Dates to Note:

- November 7 – International Inuit Day
- November 8 – Indigenous Veterans Day
- November 8 – National Aboriginal Veterans Day
- November 11 – Remembrance Day
- November 16 – Louis Riel Day
- November 20 – Transgender Day of Remembrance
- November 20 – World Children's Day
- November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

## 2024-25 SCHOOL GROWTH PLAN FOR MCKENZIE SCHOOL:

**SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING GOAL:** As a staff and community, we will provide students with opportunities to improve or increase their sense of belonging at school.

**LITERACY GOAL:** In progress ... with a focus on writing skills.

## SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Next Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> is our next special food day for Subway and Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday, November 24

To order, visit

[www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net](http://www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net)

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



### INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATES:

As our storm season is upon us, please refer to our district site for school closure updates as needed. [district website](#)

### McKenzie Winter Concerts

On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> our school will be hosting two concerts – 1:15pm & 6:00pm.

There will be a concert ticket order form coming home next week. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.



### Student Photo Update:

We have been informed that the original shipment of student photos is sitting in a Canada Post warehouse somewhere. Mountain West will be reprinting the images and resending them next week. Once they arrive we will prioritize distributing them to classroom teachers so that they can give them to students to take home.



### Greek Feast on Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>:



The Greek Fest Society will be providing our entire school with a **FREE Greek lunch on Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>!** This organization has been involved with other schools in our district, and have now selected McKenzie School to support with this generous gift ! The menu includes souvlaki, greek salad, bread and tzatziki sauce. More details to come.

#### Upcoming December Dates to Note:

- December 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- 10 – Human Rights Day
- 21 – December Solstice
- 25 – Christmas Day
- 26 – Boxing Day
- 26 – Hanukkah
- 28 – Kwanzaa

## **NEW - Parent and Family Resources:**

Check here each week for a featured parent and family resource. If you have a resource to share, email it to [mckenziepac@gmail.com](mailto:mckenziepac@gmail.com)



## **Saanich Parks and Recreation 2025 Winter/Spring Activity Guide has arrived!**

Swimming, skating, activities, and spring break camps; the new activity guide is now available. <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-community/recreation.html>



## **10 DAYS OF GIVING AT MCKENZIE SCHOOL**

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

**Starting on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, please join us in filling classroom boxes with hamper items for some of our McKenzie families who would appreciate a little help at this time of year. We will be collecting items from Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> through until Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please ensure all items donated are:

- Unopened
- Commercially packaged (sorry, no home canned items).
- NOT expired - please check the expiry date before sending the items to the school

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| <p>On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <b>Dry goods!</b> (ie. Pasta, rice, cereal sugar, pancake mix)</p>       | <p>On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <b>Household Paper Products!</b> (ie. Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towel, napkins)</p> | <p>On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <b>Canned Goods!</b> (ie. Soup, chili, spaghetti sauce, beans)</p>      | <p>On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <b>Personal Care!</b> (ie. Toothpaste, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products)</p>      | <p>On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <b>Anything Goes!</b></p>   |
| <p>On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <b>Treat Day!</b> (ie. Cookies, popcorn, licorice, chips, chocolate)</p> | <p>On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <b>Boxed Goods!</b> (ie. Crackers, stuffing, coffee, tea)</p>                         | <p>On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <b>Pocket Snacks!</b> (ie. Granola Bars, wagon wheels, fruit cups)</p> | <p>On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <b>Condiments &amp; Spices!</b> (ie. Ketchup, mustard, syrup, pickles, salt, pepper)</p> | <p>On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December McKenzie Families donate: <b>Anything Goes!</b></p>  |