



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, December 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.

Administrator's Message:


What a great week we have had! Our Greek lunch on Monday was a huge success; over 100 students came back for seconds! We are very grateful to the Victoria Greek Society for their generous donation of \$1500.00 which will assist with food purchases for our students. In addition to this donation, we also received \$2000 from the Breakfast2Music Society. As in years past, this donation allows us to purchase food, musical instruments and to support music therapy sessions for some of our students. These community contributions are greatly appreciated by our entire community.

This week our school photos and any ArtCard purchases were sent home. If you have not received your orders, please do not hesitate to contact us in the office.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next week at one of our Winter Holiday Concerts!

Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11 Learning updates available online PAC Meeting 6:30pm (in Person)	Dec. 12 Winter Concerts 1:15pm & 6:00pm 	Dec. 13
10 Days of Giving Treat Day!	10 Days of Giving Boxed Goods!	10 Days of Giving Pocket Snacks!	10 Days of Giving Personal Care	10 Days of Giving Anything Goes

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Dec. 16 – Divs. 1 & 2 Imax (12:00pm-2:37pm)
Dec. 17 – Divs. 2 & 12 Skating (8:45am-10:00am)
Divs. 1 & 8 Skating (10:00am-12:15pm)
Dec. 19 – Holiday Assembly
Hot Lunch (Pizza & Sushi)
Dec. 23-Jan. 3 – Winter Break
Jan. 6 – Welcome Back

Upcoming December Dates to Note:

December 10 – Human Rights Day
21 – December Solstice
25 – Christmas Day
26 – Boxing Day
26 – Hanukkah
28 – Kwanzaa



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.

MCKENZIE WINTER CONCERTS:

Our winter concerts will be on Thursday, Dec. 12th, at 1:15 pm and at 6:00 pm. Students are asked to return to school at 5:45 pm for the evening performance. Please let your child's teacher know if they will not be attending in the evening.

Please have your child wear **black bottoms (pants, leggings, skirt & tights, etc.), and a red, white or green top.** The top could be a combination of those colours as well (ie. red and white stripes). It would be best if the top were plain without any logos, designs, or text. Students in the Choir and Junior Choir will be provided with a choir shirt and should also wear black bottoms (pants, etc).

If you require extra tickets, they will be available in person, at the office, on Wednesday Dec 11th.



WINTER FAMILY FUN PROJECT:

We are excited to continue the Winter Family Fun Project for our school community! Your child will be bringing home a poster board with a pencil tracing of a holiday shape for you and your family to decorate. This shape this year will be a star, as our theme is 'Movie Magic'. The decorated stars will be displayed on the gym walls to add to the winter holiday spirit for our school concerts. Please return finished stars to the tables located outside the office prior to December 10th.



ANNUAL BUDGET SURVEY:

The Greater Victoria School District is seeking initial feedback through an [online survey](https://forms.office.com/r/A8DGA5whpB) focused on the 2025-2026 Annual Budget. Your comments will help inform initial budget allocation suggestions which will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration as a part of the overall budget development process. Further along in the process, there will be additional, hands-on opportunities to provide richer feedback.

Complete this survey by 4pm on Friday, December 13: <https://forms.office.com/r/A8DGA5whpB>

1. More information on the GVSD Website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/2025-26-initial-budget-survey/>

Thank you for your input and for your continued engagement with our school district.

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.

CFAX Santa's Anonymous

Providing Christmas hampers of food and toys for families in need. There are also many ways to donate or volunteer. <https://www.cfaxsantas.com/>

PAC NEWS:

Baked Goods and Volunteers Needed:



Donated baked goods and volunteers are needed for the Winter Concert Bake Sale. Please see the link below to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EAAAD2CA3F58-53578623-winter>



MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY WINTER CONCERT

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & 50/50 DRAW

THURSDAY **12** DECEMBER


Before and After both Concerts

DONATIONS NEEDED! HOMEMADE OR
STORE-BOUGHT BAKED GOODS. DROP OFF
TO THE OFFICE BETWEEN 8:30-12:30

Cash and Square available for payments

Proceeds help the PAC support important school events
and initiatives!

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Tree Chipping Fundraiser – By Donation:

On January 4th & 5th from 10:00am – 12:00pm, there will be tree chipping
by donation in our back parking lot.




10 DAYS OF GIVING AT MCKENZIE SCHOOL

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

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 2nd through until Friday, December 13th.

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

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