



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, November 29, 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:

Goodbye November ~ Hello December! The school year seems to be flying by as we are already at the end of our first term. Learning updates will be available online on Wednesday, December 11th.

We have a very busy few weeks coming up with lots of exciting activities and outings. Please see the calendar below for more details and be sure to read teacher emails carefully. We are very excited for our Winter Holiday Concerts on Thursday, December 12th. Tickets are going fast for both performances; please be sure to return your ticket request forms ASAP!

Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec. 2 FREE Greek Feast for all students and staff	Dec. 3 Indigenous Student Pizza Lunch & Drumming	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 6 Jingle Bell Run 2pm 
10 Days of Giving Dry goods!	10 Days of Giving Household Paper Products!	10 Days of Giving Canned Goods	10 Days of Giving Personal Care	10 Days of Giving Anything Goes

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Dec. 2-13 – Hamper Donation Collections
- Dec. 11 – PAC Meeting (in person)
- Dec. 11 – Learning Updates Home
- Dec. 12 – Winter Concerts (1:15pm & 6:00pm)
- 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-Jan3 – Winter Break
- Jan. 6 – Welcome Back

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.

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.



Greek Feast on Monday, Dec. 2nd:



The Greek Fest Society will be providing our entire school with a **FREE Greek lunch on Monday, Dec. 2nd!** 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, spinach pie, bread and tzatziki sauce.

McKenzie Winter Concerts:

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



Concert ticket forms were distributed to all students this week. If you have more than one child at the school, you will likely receive more than one ticket request form. Please complete only one form per family. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, and be sent home with students. Please check child's planner for your tickets.

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.

LIVING EDGE MARKET

Since 2011, Living Edge has been freely providing groceries on a weekly basis. We specialize in providing fresh food - not just canned goods - to local residents. Today they provide food for seven neighbourhood markets in the Greater Victoria Area. <https://livingedge.ngo/>

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



INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATES:

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



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

3 Books = 1 Gift The Challenge Continued



Every week 1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project donates 800 of your books

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. In the last three weeks, hundreds of books have arrived for the weekly Wednesday sorting by 10 dedicated volunteers.

Drop your books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the in the front hallway.