



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, January 17, 2025

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:

We have really enjoyed the beautiful weather this past week. We are excited to be back in our routines and working together on so many fun projects! Don't forget that next week is Literacy Week and there are lots of fun activities planned; be sure to check out the calendar below!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

This week is Literacy Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan. 20 Jump Rope & Literacy Assembly Div. 2 to Museum	Jan. 21	Jan. 22 Divs. 5 & 10 Skating 12-2:15 Dress Like Your Favourite Book Character Day	Jan. 23	Jan. 24 Pro-D Day No school for students

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Jan 27-31 – Kindergarten Registration Week
Jan 27 – Robbie Burns Assembly 11am
Jan 27 – Kindergarten Ice Castle Day
Jan 30 – Parent Education Night 6:30-8:30
Feb 3-7 – Scholastic Book Fair
Feb 5 – Early dismissal at 11:50am for Student
Led Conferences and Art Show 12:30pm-5:30pm

GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

Upcoming January Dates to Note:

24 – International Day of Education
27 – International Day of Commemoration in Memory of
the Victims of the Holocaust
29 – Lunar New Year
29 – National Day of Remembrance of Quebec Mosque
Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

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: To improve writing through more explicit, tactile and oral language pre-writing strategies.

Kindergarten registration is just around the corner for children born in 2020!

We are quickly approaching Kindergarten registration time in the Greater Victoria School District!

Visit our website at www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration and complete the three easy steps to register your child:

1. Identify your school catchment by entering your home address into the school locator tool:
2. Confirm you have the necessary documentation
3. Complete the online form during registration week:

French Immersion Kindergarten: **January 13-17, 2025**

Form: studentregistration.sd61.bc.ca/frimm

English Kindergarten: **January 27-31, 2025**

studentregistration.sd61.bc.ca/keng

THE UPCYCLE PROJECT:

Divs 1 and 2 students are asking for support for an upcoming upcycling project, where they will get the chance to transform old, used clothing into something creative and new! To make this project a success, we are kindly asking for donations of 4 or 5 items per family of used clothing that you or your child no longer wear. These items will be used to teach students the importance of sustainability and creativity, while giving old clothes a new life. If you have any clothing items that you would be willing to donate, please send them to school with your child by January 30. There will be a drop off bin outside of the library. We are also looking for some donations of buttons, embroidery floss, embroidery needles, old sheets, and material scraps. Thank you for your support in making this a fun and educational experience for our students!

Please contact Ms. Mac at nmcilmoyle@sd61.bc.ca if you have any questions.

McKenzie School is having a scholastic book fair!! The McKenzie School Library Learning Commons will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library. We are very excited to be having a fair this year, as it always brings in lots of new, updated, and exciting reading materials for everyone!

Book Fair Hours:

Jan 27 - 2:15pm - 3:30pm

Jan 28 - 2:45pm - 3:30pm

Jan 29 - 2:45pm - 3:30pm

Jan 30 - 8:15am - 8:35am & 2:45pm - 3:30pm

Jan 31 - 8:15am - 8:35am & 2:45pm - 3:30pm

Feb 5 - 12:00pm - 5:00pm



We are looking for some parent volunteers to help before and after school. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Mac at nmcilmoyle@sd61.bc.ca.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ON FEBRUARY 10TH:

Our school is excited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Students will discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke. We were given prizes for the school and one student from each class will win something just for participating!

[Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser Link](#)





Presenting Partner



Dear parents/guardians,

Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – an event that will encourage our students to get active, build healthy habits and give back to our community.

Here are the top reasons why we're participating in Jump Rope for Heart:

1. Money raised by our school helps drive important heart and brain health research that will save lives, prevent heart disease and stroke, and support families living with these conditions.
2. Jump is an inclusive event that ensures all students can move in their own way by jumping, dancing, wheeling and even hula hooping – encouraging students to discover new and exciting ways to get active.
3. Students learn the EASY Healthy Habits that they can use to keep their hearts and brains healthy and help reduce their risk of developing heart disease and stroke later in life.
4. Jump gives back to schools and students! If our school fundraises more than \$1,000, we will receive 5% of our fundraising dollars back to put towards what we need most – or we can donate it back to Heart & Stroke. Students also can earn Thank You gift cards from *Indigo*, *Amazon* or *Walmart* based on their fundraising levels as a heartfelt thank you for their hard work.

Join our school's team to help Heart & Stroke save lives

Register online by clicking on the school page link below or by visiting jumpropeforheart.ca/registration and searching for our school.

To access the EASY Online Challenge, fundraising tips, emails and social templates, visit jumpropeforheart.ca.

Our Jump Event Day is on:

Monday February 10th

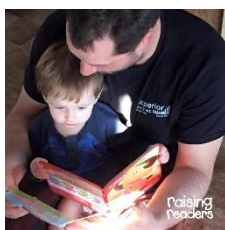
School Page Link:

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/89142>



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Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria January 27 - Family Literacy Day



Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. **January 27 is National Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop of gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more.

Thank you for being part of 350,000 books donated over the last 14 years!!



Pickleball at McKenzie Elementary

We are very excited to have Victoria Regional Pickleball coming to our school starting the week of January 20 as part of the Activating Youth Pickleball initiative. During our regular gym classes, each class will receive 2 pickleball lessons from a certified instructor and volunteers from Victoria Regional Pickleball. We will also receive pickleball equipment to continue learning pickleball at McKenzie through this generous initiative. Thank you very much to Victoria Regional Pickleball!

PAC NEWS:



Thank you to Bartlett Tree Experts for their generous support of our Tree Chipping Fundraiser. With the donation of their services over the last 10 years we were able to raise almost \$16,000.00 for our Kenzie Kids!



Bartlett specializes in:
-Tree & Shrub Pruning
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-Fertilization & Soil Care
-Tree Removals & Inspections

Call 250-479-3873 or request an appointment online to discover why Bartlett is the leader in tree care services. Tell them McKenzie Elementary sent you!

Thank you to the PAC for organizing a successful Board Game Night with The Board Game Café. It was a wonderful night of community building, families trying new games and playing together.



PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

Looking for a resource from a previous week? Click [here](#) for the full list.

The White Hatter Digital Literacy and Internet Safety:

We are an internet safety and digital literacy education specialist company based in North America facilitating workshops and providing presentations on technology safety and privacy. We work with families, schools, businesses, charities, and not-for-profits helping to cultivate opportunities and address challenges in a digital world.

<https://thewhitehatter.ca>

If you have a resource to share, email it to mckenziepac@gmail.com.

Parent Education Night: Finding a Balance with Digital Technology

Thursday, January 30th
6:30-8:30pm

Meeting link: [Finding a Balance with Digital Technology](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#) | [Meet-up-Join](#)

*See poster on following page for information

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Finding a Balance Registration Link

Finding a Balance with Digital Technology Thursday January 30 Presented by Shannon Husk

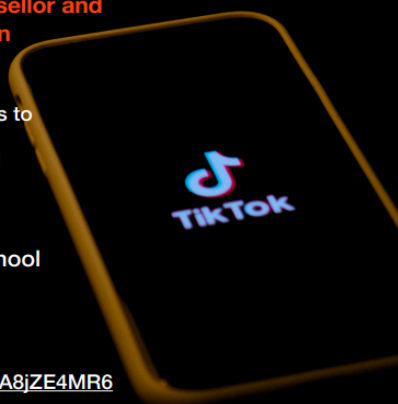
Registered Clinical Counsellor and
Gaming Disorder Clinician

Shannon will talk about ways to
find a balance with digital
technology and cover digital
health concerns.

McKenzie Elementary School
4005 Raymond St.
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Registration:
<https://forms.gle/J9LH2LWhA8jZE4MR6>

Please feel free to email Shannon questions ahead
of time at shannon.husk@telus.net



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES:

After School and Pro-D Programs at Swan Lake



Nature Buds After School Club (ages 6-12)

Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, and Feb. 11 - 3:00pm-4:30pm
Participants will cultivate a positive relationship with nature through play,
exploration, and hands-on learning led by our environmental educators.

February Pro-D Junior Stewards (ages 6-12)

Feb. 14 - 9:00am-3:00pm
Theme: Junior Birders! Participants will learn basic ID skills, discover which birds
visit Swan Lake, and learn about how to help protect our feathered friends.

March Break Junior Stewards Camp (ages 6-12)

Mar. 25-28 - 9:00am-3:00pm each day
Participants will learn about different ecosystems, take part in nature-based
activities, and engage in hands-on restoration during this week of fun.



BOOK ONLINE

Get Social @swanlakenature | swanlake.bc.ca | (250) 479-0211



Dr. Allison Rees

Presents an Eight Week Parenting Course



Sidestepping the Power Struggle

- Learn to work with your child's unique temperament
 - Discover effective parenting strategies
- Develop effective communication skills that create harmony

Based on research, taught by a seasoned educator and therapist, this
course will satisfy parents with kids of all ages. Attend in person
(location to be announced) or on Zoom.

Eight Tuesday Evenings in Two Parts: Part One: Feb. 18th to March 11th

Part Two: April 1st to April 22nd From 7:00 to 8:30



Go to lifeseminars.com to register



Youth FOOTBALL CAMP

FOR AGES 8 - 14



SATURDAY
JAN 25

1:00PM-3:00PM • ST. ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL



A ONE-DAY CAMP TO LEARN SKILLS
AND TECHNIQUES. **CLEATS ONLY**

REGISTRATION FEE
BY DONATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION



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COACHES INCLUDE FORMER
NFL AND CFL PLAYERS

Limited to 50 participants.
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER or contact:
info@spartansfootball.ca

Chess2Inspire Association
2025 BC Youth Chess Championship
Official BC Chess Federation Provincial Tournament
Mar 22 – 23, 2025, Bonsor Recreation Complex (Burnaby)

Do You Know Chess ...?

- Improves Creativity, Memory, Problem-solving Skills, Concentration
- Teaches Planning and Foresight, Decision-making, Logic and Reasoning
- Is Fun, Fun, Fun and Challenging

BC Youth CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 (BCYCC)

Open to all B.C. Juniors (born after: Jan 1, 2007), Limited 300 seats

Qualifier for the 2025 Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC), **Surrey, BC**

6 Open Sections by Age and 6 Girls Sections by Age:

- Open Sections - Under 8, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18
- Girls Sections - Under 8, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18

Guaranteed CYCC subsidy & trophies with more than 210 total entries, for the top 5 players in Open sections & Top 2 players in Girls sections (Total \$6,150)

Location: Bonsor Recreation Complex (Banquet Hall), Burnaby [Free Parking]
Skittles/Waiting: Arts Room, MP1 & MP2 (accommodates 190 people)
Date: March 22-23, 2025 (2-day event)
Organizer: Chess2Inspire Association
Chief Arbiter: Stephen Wright (FIDE International Arbiter)

PRE-REGISTRATION Required

Online Registration Only: Early Bird Ends Feb 23rd

Details & Pre-register online at:

<http://chess2inspire.org/bcycc-2025>

Chess2Inspire Association & BC Chess Federation are registered non-profit organizations promoting chess to BC communities



**BC Chess
Federation**

CELEBRATE HOCKEY WITH THE ROYALS!

A promotional poster for 'Hockey Fest in Victoria'. The background is a deep blue with faint, stylized white line art of the Victoria Royals' logo and the city skyline. In the center, a large, detailed image of the St. James Cathedral with its green dome is prominent. Overlaid on and around the cathedral are several images of hockey players in their blue and white uniforms. At the top, a player in a large, close-up shot looks off to the side. Below him, several other players are shown in various poses: some are skating, one is jumping, and others are in action. A small white airplane is visible in the upper left sky area. In the center, a large shield-shaped logo contains the text 'HOCKEY FEST' in bold white letters, 'in Victoria' in a cursive script, and '2025' at the bottom with crossed hockey sticks. Below the shield, the matchup 'VJR vs. BRONCOS' is shown with their respective logos. To the right, the date and time 'SATURDAY, JAN. 25 6:05 PM PUCK DROP' are written in large, bold white letters. Below this, it says 'PRESENTED BY Scotiabank.' A blue-bordered box contains details about pre-game festivities: 'PRE-GAME FESTIVITIES FROM 4:00 PM ONWARDS'. Inside this box, there are three icons with text: a beer glass for 'Labatt Beer Garden at Gate 1', a gift box for 'Door Giveaways', and a person with a musical note for 'Live Music'. Below these is a section for 'SKILL STATIONS FOR KIDS' with an icon of crossed sticks and a puck, followed by the text: 'Complete stations for a chance to win Prizes & the opportunity to represent your minor hockey association later this season!'. At the very bottom of the poster, the website 'VICTORIAROYALS.COM' is printed in small white capital letters.

**WISHING OUR MCKENZIE FAMILIES A
WONDERFUL WEEKEND**

