



# McKenzie Weekly



Friday, January 24, 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 had a busy week celebrating literacy with a variety of activities; whole school hallway reading, book walks on the playground, literacy activity rotations and dressing as your favourite book character day were highlights.


Next week we look forward to welcoming the Graduating Class of 2038 to register for kindergarten! Please make sure to refer to the website listed below for all the instructions and required documents if your child was born in 2020.

We hope families enjoy the long weekend; our staff is looking forward to learning new skills and ideas at our professional development workshops today. See you all back on Monday!

*Ms. Carmen*

Mark your calendar:

### Kindergarten Registration Week for children born in 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Jan. 27</b> Robbie Burns Assembly 11am  Kindergarten Ice Castle Day	<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>Jan. 30</b> PAC Parent Education Night 6:30-8:30 (see 3 <sup>rd</sup> page for details)	<b>Jan. 31</b>
Scholastic Book Fair (hours on following page) 				

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Jan 30 – Parent Education Night 6:30-8:30  
Feb 5 – Early dismissal at 11:50am for Student  
Led Conferences and Art Show 12:30pm-5:30pm  
Feb 10 – Jump Rope Event  
Feb 10-13 – Student Transfer Process  
Feb 12 – PAC Meeting  
Feb 14 – Pro-D Day (no school for students)

## GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

### Upcoming January Dates to Note:

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 for children born in 2020 on January 27-31**

### **TO REGISTER:**

Visit our website at [www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration](http://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:  
[www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-locator](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-locator)
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](http://studentregistration.sd61.bc.ca/frimm)

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

[studentregistration.sd61.bc.ca/keng](http://studentregistration.sd61.bc.ca/keng)

**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](mailto:nmcilmoyle@sd61.bc.ca).

## **THE UPCYCLE PROJECT:**

Our Div 1 and 2 students are going to be transforming old, used clothing into something creative and new! If you have any clothing items that you would be willing to donate, please send them to school with your child by January 30. We are also looking for 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](mailto:nmcilmoyle@sd61.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

*We would like to send out a GREAT BIG THANK YOU! to the Green Thimble Store for donating needles, thread, and material for this project!!!*

## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ON FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>:**

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](#)**

# PAC NEWS:

## FINDING A BALANCE REGISTRATION LINK

### Finding a Balance with Digital Technology

Thursday  
January 30

Presented by  
Shannon Husk

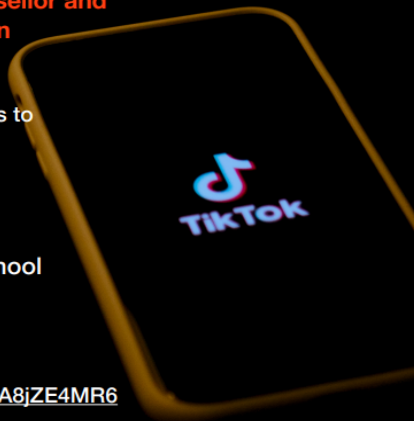
Registered Clinical Counsellor and  
Gaming Disorder Clinician

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](mailto:shannon.husk@telus.net)



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. 18<sup>th</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup>

Part Two: April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup> From 7:00 to 8:30

Go to [lifeseminars.com](https://lifeseminars.com) to register



## PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

### TELUS WISE PARENT INTERNET RESOURCES

TELUS Wise is a free digital literacy education program that offers informative workshops and resources to help people of all ages have a positive experience as digital citizens.

<https://www.telus.com/en/wise>

### COMMON SENSE MEDIA

Common Sense is a nonprofit organization giving kids, families, and schools the tools to make informed choices about media and technology. Families know us for our independent, age-based reviews of movies, TV shows, books, games, and apps.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

If you have a resource to share, email it to [mckenziepac@gmail.com](mailto:mckenziepac@gmail.com).

### Parent Education Night: Finding a Balance with Digital Technology

Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:30pm

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