



# McKenzie Weekly



Friday, February 14, 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:

It has been another busy and slippery week at school. Our students have been actively involved with Jump Rope for Heart, reading/listening to daily Black History Month announcements, and celebrating Valentine's Day with a variety of classroom activities.




The variety of clubs offered to students continues to grow and we are pleased to announce that two of our student teachers are now offering a Skipping Club; in addition, our Pokémon Club started up again two weeks ago.

Our staff will be offsite at a variety of professional development activities on Friday. We look forward to sharing our new learning with students in the weeks to come.

I hope you all have a great long Family Day weekend!

*Ms. Carmen*

## Mark your calendar:

| Monday                              | Tuesday        | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
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| <b>Feb. 17</b><br>Statutory Holiday | <b>Feb. 18</b> | <b>Feb. 19</b><br> | <b>Feb. 20</b><br>Get Visible Day<br> | <b>Feb. 21</b><br>Hot Lunch Day<br>Pizza & Sushi<br> |

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Feb 24 – Divs 6 & 9 Skating 12-2pm  
Feb 26 – Pink Shirt Day  
Feb 26 – Kindergarten Hearing screening in a.m.  
Feb 28 – Symphony Concert for Grade 4s (10:30-12:30)  
Mar 3 – Learn Not to Burn presentations for Divs 3,7,8  
Mar 7 – Spring Fling Dance  
Mar 9 – Daylight Savings  
Mar 12 – Symphony concert assembly 10:40am  
Mar 12 – PAC Meeting  
Mar 13 – ArtStarts Performance Metis Dancers 9:15am  
Mar 14 – Hot Lunch Day – Subway & Sushi  
Mar 14 – Learning Updates available  
Mar 17-28 – Spring Break

## GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

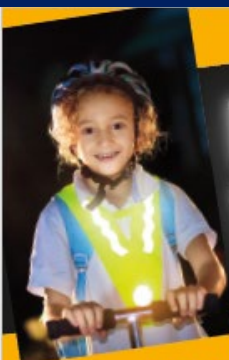
### February Dates to Note:

17 – Family Day  
17-23 – Heritage Week  
26 – Pink Shirt Day  
28- -Rare Disease Day

## 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.



# Let's Get Visible Day!

**McKenzie Elementary School**  
**Thursday February 20, 2025**

Dress up in your lightest, brightest, most sparkly, reflective, or light up clothing - or all of the above!

The CRD's Ready Step Roll team members will be at our school around the morning bell giving out FREE reflective sticker strips for your gear (jackets, bikes, helmets, scooters, strollers, etc.)

There will be prizes for the MVPs (Most Visible Participants)

CRD READY STEP ROLL

## REMINDER:



The upper parking lot near the gym is for staff use only.

Please do not drop off your children there as it poses safety concerns when pulling in and out of parking spots. There are limited staff parking spots so please only use the lower parking lots or street parking between 7:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## UPCYCLE FUNDRAISER – DONATE & SUPPORT CREATIVITY!

McKenzie Community, we need your help! The Div. 1 and 2 classes are launching a special upcycle fundraiser, and we are looking for used white and pink t-shirts or sweatshirts of all sizes. These pre-loved pieces will be transformed into something unique and exciting!

Please drop off donations outside the library by **Friday, February 21**. The upcycled shirts will be available just in time for Pink Shirt Day and can be purchased for \$5.00 each in the front foyer after school on **Monday, February 24**.



Your contributions and support make a difference—thank you!  
 ~ Mrs. Bushell & Ms. Mac



## Youth Theatre Canada:

*This coming Spring Season, Youth Theatre Canada will be presenting Wizard of Oz, our first program in Victoria! If your child loves drama and the theatre and would be interested in auditioning, please see the link below: [www.youththeatrecanada.com](http://www.youththeatrecanada.com)*

# PAC NEWS:

## PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

### **Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria**

The purpose of the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA) is to support the full integration of newcomer immigrants and refugees into the social, economic and civic life of the Capital Region of British Columbia.  
<https://www.icavictoria.org/>

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

## SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Special Food Day is next Friday,  
February 21<sup>st</sup> for Subway and  
Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday,  
February 16th

To order, visit

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

Questions?

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

