



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, February 21, 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:



Despite the recent snowfall, it does feel like spring is in the air and our teaching staff are working hard to complete the various posts on the student's online portfolios or they are starting to write our next set of Learning Updates for each of our students. If your child is part of a classroom with an online portfolio; please take some time to look at their work and the progress they have made so far this year.

Although the sun sometimes breaks through the clouds, the wet weather does continue and so I encourage families to make sure that their children are dressed for the rain. Having a spare change of clothing at school if your children's clothes get wet is always a good idea.

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Feb. 24 Divs 6 & 9 Skating 12-2pm  | Feb. 25 | Feb. 26 Kindergarten Hearing screening Pink Shirt Day | Feb. 27 | Feb. 28 Symphony Concert for Grade 4 students (10:30-12:30)  |

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 11 – Kindergarten Fieldtrip to RBCM 9:00am
Mar 12 – Symphony concert assembly 10:40am
Mar 12 – Victoria Symphony Ensemble Performance 10:00am & PAC Meeting Online 6:30pm
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:

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.

PAC NEWS:

PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

WITS Program

We train educators and community leaders in our whole-community approach to ending peer victimization and bullying. The award-winning WITS Programs started in Victoria and have since spread into elementary schools across Canada, into the USA, Brazil, and – most recently – Belgium.

<https://witsprogram.ca/what-is-the-wits-program-english/>

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

SUMMER SOCCER CAMP:

Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit organization dedicated to providing enriching summer experiences for children across Canada since 1993. Since their inception, they have grown to become the largest grassroots summer soccer day camp program in the country—a milestone that speaks to our unwavering commitment to enriching the lives of children through sport.

We are excited to announce our upcoming summer soccer day camps for children aged 5 to 13, scheduled to run throughout the summer at several locations nearby. Our camps focus on individual skill development, team building, and fostering a love for the game in a fun and supportive environment.

A brief overview of the program:

- **Program Name:** Royal Soccer Club Summer Day Camps
- **Ages:** 5-13 years old
- **Dates:** Weekly sessions from June 30 to August 29, 2025
- **Locations:** [Click here for our VICTORIA location](#)
- **Activities:** Life and social skill development, soccer skill development, team games and more
- **Registration:** Now open at <https://royalsoccerclub.com/registration/>

Wear Pink on Wednesday, February 26th



STOP BULLYING

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event against bullying.

Participants wear pink shirts to raise awareness about bullying. Pink Shirt Day was started in 2007 in Canada, where it is held on the last Wednesday of February each year.

The original event was organized in 2007 by two grade 12 students, who bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a ninth-grade student was bullied for wearing a pink polo shirt during the first day of school.

Show your support and wear pink on February 26th!