



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, February 7, 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:

What an interesting week we have had! Thank you to all our students and families that were able to join us for our Student Led Conferences and Art Show on Wednesday. It was an amazing celebration of all the learning and exploration your children have been participating in.



We know that costs continue to rise everywhere, and we want to make sure everyone knows that we have a variety of healthy food available for students each morning on the back blacktop and throughout the day just outside of the office. If your family would benefit from some additional help with food or items needed for school, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us in the office. We are happy to help in any way that we can.

An IMPORTANT School Safety Reminder:

Please remember that photos of students while they are at school should not be taken without first checking at the office for consent. There is an expectation of privacy for ALL students while they are at school. Several of our student's guardians have not consented in photos being taken or shared. These restrictions are in place to safeguard our students.

Mark your calendar:

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 12 TRANSFER PROCESS FEBRUARY 10th–13th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb. 10 Jump Rope for Heart Activity Day 	Feb. 11 Building Resilient Kids presentation 7pm (online) (see 3 rd page PAC News)	Feb. 12 PAC Meeting in-person @ 6:30pm	Feb. 13	Feb. 14 Pro-D Day (No school for students) 

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Feb 17 – Statutory Holiday
Feb 19 – 100 Day Celebration for Kindies
Feb 20 – Get Visible Day
Feb 21 – Hot Lunch – Pizza and Sushi
Feb 24 – Divs 6 & 9 Skating 12-2pm
Feb 26 – Pink Shirt Day
Feb 26 – Kindergarten Hearing screening in a.m.
Feb 26 – Symphony Concert for Grade 4s (10:30-12:30)

GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

February Dates to Note:

11 – International Day of Women and Girls in Science
14 – Women's Memorial March
14 – Valentine's Day
17 – Family Day
17-23 – Heritage Week
28 – 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.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ON MONDAY!

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](#)



ANNUAL K – 12 STUDENT TRANSFER PROCESS (FEBRUARY 10-13, 2025)

The annual K-12 Student Transfer Process facilitates requests from students at any grade level to transfer to schools outside of a designated catchment. To apply, you must complete and submit a hard-copy transfer form during the K-12 Student Transfer Process week in February.

Transfer application forms will be added to the SD61 webpage <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/> on February 7 at 4:00pm for families to download and print. In addition, students can pick up a hardcopy from the school office **beginning February 10**. Students are to turn in completed transfer applications to their current school's office during the transfer period from February 10-13. Applications will be received until 3:00 pm on Thursday, February 13. Transfer application forms will not be accepted at school offices prior to February 10. Transfer applications will be determined in accordance with student enrolment priorities and, therefore, there is **no advantage in submitting transfer applications early**. Please submit your application form at your convenience during the communicated dates.

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 7:45 am – 3:30 pm. Thank you for your cooperation!



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1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Give more children the opportunity to love books

Before spring break, look around and send in a few books for babies and preschoolers to the pink bin in your school. Babies and preschoolers who are read to develop more vocabulary, greater imagination, and an early understanding of how books work. Thanks for helping send 352,000 books into new hands.



PAC NEWS:

Building Resilient Kids - Emotional Literacy Through Language

with Andrew-John (AJ) Hildebrand, M.Sc., RSLP(C)

February 11, 2025

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Teams Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/3yn2c8s6>

PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

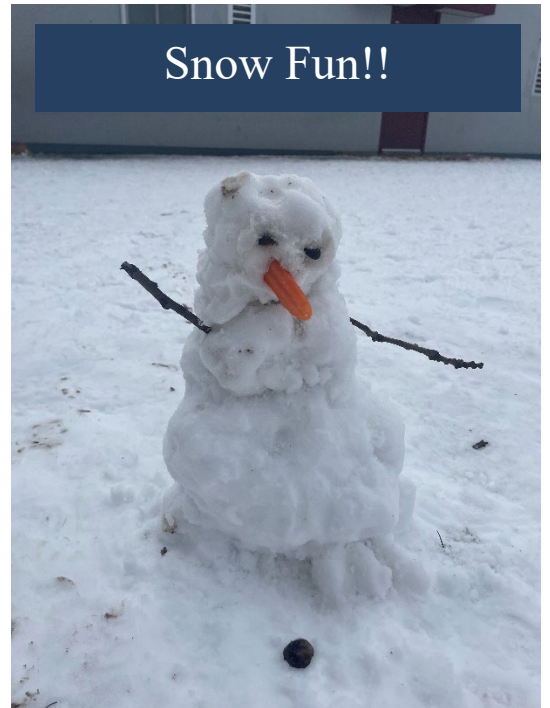
UNPLUGGED CANADA:

Our mission is to educate parents about the risks of early smartphone use and inspire a collective commitment to restore childhood. Through advocacy, resources, and an online pledge, we empower parents to unite in the creation of a smartphone-free childhood. By signing the pledge, families join a supportive community dedicated to prioritizing their children's mental health.

<https://unpluggedcanada.com/>

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

Snow Fun!!



IN-PERSON PAC MEETING FEBRUARY 12th @ 6:30PM

If you cannot join in person, please use the following link:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 234 000 035 660

Passcode: tM6YT3zJ



**The McKenzie Art Show
was AMAZING!!!**

*Thank you to all the talented
artists who shared their
wonderful works of art for
everyone to enjoy!*



Mrs. Beattie's Div. 9 class at the
'Drive In'
sitting in their boxcars!

