



McKenzie Weekly



March 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:

WOW! Here we are ready for the final week of term 2 and preparing for spring break!

A week from now, staff will be posting Learning Updates for Term 2. These Learning Updates can be accessed via the Parent Connect link (see link below); this is the same place that parents and guardians access permission forms. The documents will be available on **Friday, March 14th**, you will be able to access your child's term 2 reports using the same email address that you receive our newsletters: <https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login>

Our 'Lost and Found' box is once again OVERFLOWING with many warm jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves etc. and many of these items are likely needed for spring break. We will have everything on displayed in the main hallway next week.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mar. 10 Term 3 starts	Mar. 11 Kindergarten fieldtrip to RBCM 9:00am	Mar. 12 Victoria Symphony Performance 10:30am PAC Meeting online 6:30pm (<i>link below</i>)	Mar. 13 Metis Dancers Performance 9:15am	Mar. 14 Learning Updates available Hot Lunch – Subway and Sushi

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Mar 17-28 – Spring Break
- Mar 31 – Welcome Back!!
- Mar 31 – School Assembly, 9:15am
- Apr 3 – PAC Family Photo Fundraiser
- Apr 8 – Kindergarten Immunizations
- Apr 9 – PAC Meeting in person, 6:30pm
- Apr 9 – ArtStarts Performance Wali Shah
- Apr 10 – PAC Hot Lunch (pizza & sushi)

Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday, March 9th!

GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

March Dates to Note:

- 8 – International Women's Day
- 14 – Holi
- 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- 20 – March Equinox
- 20 – International Francophonie Day
- 21 – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21 – World Down Syndrome Day
- 31 – Eid al-Fitr
- 31 – Indigenous Languages Day
- 31 – Transgender Day of Visibility

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:

Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30pm is the next PAC Meeting - online.

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 240 221 029 454

Passcode: m2qu92ED

SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Next Friday, March 14 is our next special food day for Subway and Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday, March 9th

To order, visit

www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net

Questions? mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com



PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

CHATTERBLOCK VICTORIA

ChatterBlock provides a comprehensive listing of activities and providers in Victoria BC. Events, camps and classes are our specialty!

<https://www.chatterblock.com/victoria-british-columbia-c4098/>

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

Due to VERY POPULAR DEMAND, Mountain West Studios will host a second Family Photo session soon!

This next session will take place on Thursday, April 3 in the small gym at the school. This environment allows the studio to provide quality portrait sessions within a comfortable location. Their goal is to provide portraits that CELEBRATE YOU and your Family.

Once again, this is a fundraiser! All proceeds from the sitting fee will go directly back to the McKenzie PAC.

To book your Family portrait sitting, please visit this link:

[McKenzie Elementary Family Sittings](#)

If you have any questions after reviewing our sign up page, please contact our service team.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday March 9th



A local parent is using hip hop to teach students how to read a clock and tell time. Check it out on YouTube: [Learning How To Tell Time - Fundamental Raps](#)

Feb 28-March 29

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting (sawm), prayer (salah), reflection, and community.

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VICTORIA ROYALS HOCKEY!

The Victoria Royals invite you to **Fan Appreciation Night** on **Friday, March 14th at 7:05 PM**—the final regular-season home game and the perfect way to kick off Spring Break! They're offering **exclusive discounted tickets** for this special night:

- ◆ **\$20 for Adults** (any seat in the arena)
- ◆ **\$10 for Kids under 12** (any seat in the arena)

This is a great opportunity for families to come together, celebrate the season, and enjoy an exciting night of Royals hockey before the break! Tickets are limited, so don't miss out!



SPRING BREAK AT THE COMMUNITY ART HUB

901 KINGS RD

\$2 PER KID AGED 5-12 YEARS OLD

All kids 12 and under need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian/sibling that is 12 or older

KIDS ART WORKSHOPS:

- Tuesday March 18th from 1-3pm: Stamp your own Spring Indigenous design with Andrea Fritz
- Thursday March 20th from 10:00am to 12:00pm: Spinning Wheel of the Year
- Tuesday March 25th from 1-3pm: Rainbow Suncatchers
- Thurs March 27th from 3-5pm: Leather Elf Ears
**This workshop is \$10 per person due to cost of leather*

WWW.COMMUNITYARTHUB.CA

PISE

PISE SPRING BREAK CAMPS CAMPS FOR AGES 5-10!

Registration for Spring Break 2025 is OPEN!

Questions regarding registration? Please email play@pise.ca

Spend your Spring Break with PISE! Located at [our facility](#), these camps engage children in a quality physical activity experience that will develop their physical literacy.

These camps will take advantage of our turf field, 400m track, local trails and parks and our gymnasium. Most of the day will be spent outside, engaging in physical activity in outdoor environments. Our leaders will facilitate games and play based activities that encourage the children to explore movement and find their passion for physical activity.

<https://www.pise.ca/spring-break-camps/>