



McKenzie Weekly



April 11, 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.

Administrators' Message:

This week has been filled with weather of every kind! Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed in appropriate footwear and layers; we play outside rain or shine.

Students have fully emerged into their third term learning units and projects in their classrooms. Outside of the classroom there are many clubs and sports available to students. Thank you to all our sponsoring staff and parents who keep these opportunities available for our students.

On Thursday we had Art Starts performer, Wali Shah, share his motivational messages with us. His three main messages and teachings for our school were: The Power of Words, We are Stronger Together, and Always Try your Best. We look forward to incorporating these messages into our Social Emotional lessons in our classrooms.

Ms. Carmen and Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apr. 14 Div 6 Dental Presentation 1:30pm Parent Education 6:30pm @ Strawberry Vale School	Apr. 15 X-Country Meet @ Lambrick School 3:45pm	Apr. 16 Autism Awareness Day – wear blue to show support Strong Start Closed	Apr. 17 Grade 4 Emergency Preparedness 9:15-10:15 a.m. Spring Fling Dance 6:00 - 7:30pm	Apr. 18 Statutory Holiday Good Friday

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Apr 21 – Statutory Holiday (Easter Monday)
- Apr 22 – Indigenous Student Pizza Lunch & Drumming
- Apr 22 – X-Country Meet @ Lambrick School 3:45pm
- Apr 29 – Pedestrian Safety Workshops
- Apr 29 – X-Country Meet @ UVIC Cedar Hill Corner 3:45pm
- May 6 – Young Entrepreneur Fair
- May 7 – Class & Whole School Photo Day
- May 8 – Rugby Jamboree 10:00am – 1:00 pm

GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

Autism Acceptance Month
Sikh Heritage Month

- Apr 20 Easter
- Apr 21 Easter Monday
- Apr 21 Vaisakhi
- Apr 22 Earth Day
- Apr 23 Administrative Professionals' Day
- Apr 28 Day of Mourning for Lost Workers

If your child is in kindergarten to grade four this year and you are planning on attending a different school next year, please let us know ASAP.

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.

McKenzie students and staff are wearing blue on Wednesday April 16 to show support of Autism Acceptance Month. A day to celebrate love, diversity, and inclusion.



Congratulations to the stamp club members who won the Stamp Display Contest!

Thank you to Mrs. Sparrow for sponsoring the club!

PAC NEWS:

MCKENZIE'S SPRING FLING DANCE

McKenzie is having a Spring Fling Dance April 17th 6-7:30pm

Donations of baked goods to sell at the dance & volunteers are needed!

Please review the available slots below and click on the link to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EAAAD2CA3F58-56037442-mckenzie>

PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

SAANICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE

Saanich Neighbourhood Place is proud to be a part of the Coalition of Neighbourhood Houses. Neighbourhood Houses are non-profit community based organizations that are committed to healthy children, youth, families and individuals.

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

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



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**MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

SPRING FLING DANCE

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

17 APRIL

**LIVE DJ | PIZZA
SWEETS TREATS**

ENTRANCE BY DONATION

**HELP US SWEETEN THE NIGHT!
TREAT DONATIONS NEEDED!
HOMEMADE OR STORE-BOUGHT
GOODIES WILL BE SOLD AT THE
DANCE. PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE
THE OFFICE BETWEEN 8:30 & 1:00PM.**

**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY ADULTS.**

**Proceeds benefit the PAC and help make
future events possible.**

Unlock the Power of Communication: Strengthen Your Family Bonds

Effective communication and a deeper understanding of the nervous system are the foundation of strong relationships, thoughtful decision-making, and lasting connection. Join Allison as she shares essential insights from her parenting and relationship courses, offering practical strategies to transform family dynamics. Discover how to encourage your children to listen, navigate tough conversations with your partner, and make meaningful family decisions—together.

Monday, April 14th at 6:30pm



We are pleased to host Dr. Allison Rees of LIFE Seminars for what will, undoubtedly be, an incredible session on communication. Dr. Rees is the co-author of two parenting books and countless audio books on parenting, intimate

relationships, running and managing educational groups and personal development.

**Parent Education
Opportunity!**

**In Person and
Virtual Options**

**Participation and
Engagement
Recommended**

**Join virtually at:
<https://shorturl.at/Jztul>**

**We look forward
to seeing you
there!**

**STRAWBERRY VALE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MUSIC ROOM**

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