



McKenzie Weekly



April 25, 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:

We kicked off this week with a celebration of Earth Day on Tuesday and lots of learning this week brought forth deep gratitude and appreciation for the traditional lands that we live, learn, and play on each day. What beautiful weather we have had too; classes are spending more time learning outdoors, on our school grounds and around our community.

Wednesday, April 23rd, was Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day and we want to take a moment to recognize our amazing office team - Val and Sam!! Our community is kept informed and organized, our bulletin boards are decorated, and emails, phone calls, questions answered and much, much more thanks to these two fabulous humans. Thank you for providing so much for our students too: whether its Band-Aids, ice packs, spoons, snacks, or calling home, they are always there to greet your child(ren) with a smile! We cannot thank them enough and we are very grateful to have them on our team!

Ms. Carmen and Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apr. 28 Norwegian Folk Dance Performance 10:45-11:45am Day of Mourning for Lost Workers	Apr. 29 Pedestrian Safety Workshops Div 4 to Island View Beach 9- 11:50am X-Country Meet @ UVIC Cedar Hill Corner at 3:45pm	Apr. 30	May 1	May 2

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

May 6 – Young Entrepreneur Fair
May 7 – Class & Whole School Photo Day
May 9 – Rugby Jamboree 10:00am – 1:00 pm
May 9 – PAC Hot Lunch Day
May 12 – Div. 2 to RBCM
May 13 – Grade 5s to Camp Thunderbird
May 14 – Div 10 to Swan Lake 12-2pm
May 14 – PAC Meeting online @ 6:30pm
May 15 – Grade 5 Transition Day
May 16 – Professional Development Day

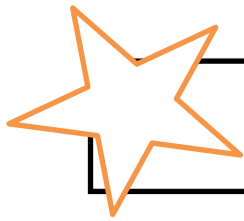
May 2025 GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar Asian Heritage Month Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

May 1 - Principal and Vice-Principal Appreciation Day
May 5 – National Day of Awareness of MMIWG (Red Dress)
May 5-11 – Mental Health Week
May 15 – Moose Hide Campaign Day
May 15 – International Day of Families
May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia
May 19 – Victoria Day
May 31 – June 7 – National Accessibility Week

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.



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS FAIR

Grades 4 and 5 students in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 participated in the **Powerplay Young Entrepreneurs** program. Students worked through the business plan model and created their own small business.

Our Young Entrepreneurs invite school staff, families and students to our market on **Tuesday, May 6th**. Students will visit the market with their classes.

Students may want to bring a nominal amount of money in a ziploc bag for spending. There will be a variety of crafts and homemade items. Prices generally range from \$1.00-\$5.00 each.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Date: Tuesday, May 6
Times: 9:00 am – 10:00 am
10:35 am – 11:45 am
12:40 – 1:40 pm
Location: Big Gym



Island Ukulele Spring Trial

OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 28TH THROUGH JUNE 9TH

Monday nights 6:30-8:00 pm

\$60 for the 6 week Spring Trial

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!
BRING A UKULELE OR RENT/BORROW ONE FROM ISLAND UKULELES.
EXPERIENCED PLAYERS ARE ALSO WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT OUR PRINCIPAL MUSIC DIRECTOR TINA HORWOOD AT THORWOOD@SD61.BC.CA

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



FAMILY SPORT & RECREATION FESTIVAL

Presented by **TD**

Hosted by... **PiSE** GREATER VICTORIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Kids fun run on track!

Saturday, May 3rd, 11 am - 3 pm

PiSE, at Camosun College Interurban Campus
4371 Interurban Rd.

Over 30 activities | Raffle Prizes | FREE

pise.ca



VICTORIA STAMP AND POSTCARD FAIR AND SPRING EXHIBITION

Sunday May 4, 2025, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sandman Hotel, 2852 Douglas Street, Victoria

- Free Parking
- Free Admission
- Free Stamps for Beginning Collectors

Special attraction: Stamp exhibits created by 40 students from three local primary schools!

All are welcome! A special invitation to young collectors & newcomers to stamp collecting.

School Newsletter – Vaccine Status Reporting Regulation



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Having complete information about students' immunization status allows public health to recommend immunizations a child may be missing and improves the health authority's ability to respond during an outbreak.

The Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation (VSRR) supports health authorities to collect school-aged children's immunization records so that all records are stored in one place: the Provincial Immunization Registry.

If you are new to British Columbia or have received immunizations in travel clinics, pharmacies or physicians' offices, your child's records may be incomplete.

The Vaccine Status Reporting Regulation applies to all students in public and independent schools within the province's jurisdiction, including students who are home-schooled and international students. The regulation does not apply to children attending schools in First Nations communities.

Island Health public health staff will be mailing letters directly to households of students for whom immunization records are missing or incomplete. If your child's record is up to date, you will not be contacted.

If you receive a letter, please update the child's records directly through the online Provincial Immunization Record Registry, or by dropping of records at your local public health unit. Schools do not collect or retain any immunization records. **Do not submit immunization records to your child's school.**

If you have questions, please contact your local health unit.

Sincerely,

Immunization Program,

Population & Public Health, Island Health

PAC NEWS:

PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

The Neurodiversity Family Centre

We are an inclusive space, offering support, education, and fostering connections for individuals of all ages, with or without a formal diagnosis. We offer specialized counselling for neurodivergent children, youth, adults and their families, within, but not exclusively, areas like Autism support, parenting support, and ADHD services. Additionally, we also offer couple's counselling and specialize in neurodivergent relationship dynamics.

<https://www.neurodiversityfamilycentre.com/>

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

MAY 7TH

National Child & Youth Mental Health Day

FamilySmart established May 7 as a day to show how small moments of care make a big difference. As part of National Child & Youth Mental Health Day, this day reminds us that when young people feel seen, heard, and supported, their mental health improves.

For more information about visit the FamilySmart website:
<https://familysmart.ca/>



On May 7th, Say:
"I Care About You"

A simple act of care can
make a lasting difference.

1 In 5 Young People
Struggle With Their
Mental Health.

Caring conversations help kids
feel seen and supported.

Take Action. Start A
Conversation. Show
You Care.

Join an event, explore resources,
and help spread awareness.

*The Spring Fling Dance was a great success due to the many volunteers
and the efforts of our PAC organizers!*

