



# McKenzie Weekly



April 4, 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:

Happy April! What an awesome start to Term 3. It has been great to see all the smiling and refreshed faces back from break. We are looking forward to the busy and exciting events, activities and learning opportunities with your children this spring. Remember to keep a close eye on the calendar and upcoming dates to stay informed and prepared – there's lots you won't want to miss.

As of today, there are 84 learning updates that have not been read from Term 2! Please remember to find time to read your child's learning progress updates and help set goals for their final term of this school year. You can find your child's progress here: <https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login>

*Ms. Carmen and Mrs. Beattie*

## Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Apr. 7</b>	<b>Apr. 8</b> Kindergarten Immunizations a.m.	<b>Apr. 9</b> PAC Meeting 6:30pm	<b>Apr. 10</b> ArtStarts Performance 'Wali Shah' 1:15pm	<b>Apr. 11</b> PAC Hot Lunch Pizza & Sushi (Order deadline Sunday Apr 6th)

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Apr 15 – X-Country Meet @ Lambrick School 3:45pm  
Apr 16 – Strong Start Closed  
Apr 17 – Spring Fling Dance 6-7:30pm  
Apr 18 – Statutory Holiday (Good Friday)  
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 2	World Autism Awareness Day
Apr 7	World Health Day
Apr 13	Passover
Apr 18	Good Friday
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.

**As our Young Entrepreneur Fair, for grade 4 & 5 students, is just  
around the corner, maybe your children might like to attend  
**Kidovate 2025!****

Kidovate is a fun, free, youth entrepreneurship initiative of UVic's Gustavson School of Business. We help middle school and high school age students in Greater Victoria develop products and services to sell at the Kidovate market **THIS Saturday, April 5, 2025.**

Check out the following links for more information: <https://www.kidovate.ca/>

**1000X5 and Greater Victoria Families Increase Early Literacy**



**360,000 books cleaned and labelled  
120,000 gift bags with 3 books each  
Thousands more young children now with home libraries.  
Thousands more young children in the early literacy club.  
Together we achieved this in 14 years.**

**Please continue to take your gently used books to the pink bin in our school's front hallway.  
Help change a child's future.**

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent or late.  
Email: [attendance27@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:attendance27@sd61.bc.ca) Phone: 250-479 1691



# PAC NEWS:

The PAC Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> will be a hybrid meeting. If you cannot make it in person, use the link below.

**[Join the meeting now](#)**

Meeting ID: 255 907 750 356

Passcode: DE9DZ6Qa

## **PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:**

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

### **Parent Support Services of BC**

Our mission is to support the well-being of all families and children by empowering those in a parenting role through community connections, research, education, and advocacy. Services include programs, workshops, support groups, a book club and a helpline.

<https://www.parentsupportbc.ca/>

If you have a resource to share, email it to [mckenziepac@gmail.com](mailto:mckenziepac@gmail.com).

## **SPECIAL FOOD DAY!**

Special Food Day is next Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> for Subway and Sushi.

**Order deadline is Sunday, April 6th**

To order, visit [www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net](http://www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net)

Questions? [mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com)



 **PEDALHEADS**

**SPRING + SUMMER**  
**BIKE, SOCCER, SWIM & TRAIL**



**PAC FUNDRAISER**

PEDALHEADS WILL DONATE \$25 TO YOUR SCHOOL PAC WITH EVERY CODE USED.

VALID FOR ANY PEDALHEADS PROGRAM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA UNTIL JUNE 30, 2025.

FOR FAMILIES OF MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY

Use code **MCKENZIE25** for \$25 off

[pedalheads.com/british-columbia](http://pedalheads.com/british-columbia)

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

4109 Rosedale Avenue  
Victoria BC



The poster is framed by a vibrant border of stylized flowers and leaves in shades of blue, green, yellow, and purple. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif fonts in purple, green, and black.

**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.**