



Mckenzie Weekly



March 14, 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! Our week was filled with fantastic musical learning experiences. On Wednesday we had a string quartet from the Victoria Symphony take us through time machines to hear music from around the world and from different eras, including a Taylor Swift song! On Thursday we had V'ni Dansi share their knowledge and culture with us. They shared Metis dancing and music, told stories, and we learned about many uses for a Metis sash. At the end we learned a few different steps and did a short whole school dance! The students displayed OUTSTANDING audience behaviours and were engaged and respectful for both assemblies – Way to go Kenzie Kids!

Remember to view your child's Term 2 learning update today and celebrate the many successes they have experienced this term.

We wish our entire school community a spring break filled with fun and happy moments!

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mar. 31  School Assembly 9:15am	Apr. 1	Apr. 2	Apr. 3 PAC Family Photos	Apr. 4

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- 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)
- Apr 18 – Statutory Holiday (Good Friday)
- Apr 21 – Statutory Holiday (Easter Monday)



GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

March Dates to Note:

- 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:

FAMILY PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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

The PAC Meeting on April 9th 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

On Wednesday morning our school was treated to a performance by a Victoria Symphony quartet Cascadia Strings. The members who entertained us were Catherine on violin, Tyson on violin, Jessica on viola and Amy on cello.

The performance was amazing, and we are grateful to Mrs. Salido for organizing!



PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

Living Edge Market

Since 2011, Living Edge has been freely providing groceries on a weekly basis. We specialize in providing fresh food - not just canned goods - to local residents. Today we provide food for seven neighbourhood markets in the Greater Victoria Area.

<https://livingedge.ngo/>

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



McKenzie students and staff enjoyed a performance by V'ni Dansi on Thursday morning. It was a creative and energetic show that our students thoroughly enjoyed!

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



McKenzie appreciates the various organizations and community members that support our students!!!

To name a few:

Our school recently received a generous donation of pickleball instruction and equipmentand the kids LOVED it!!

The following is a letter sent to us from the president of VRPA:



www.victoriapickleball.org
vcrpba@gmail.com

February 25, 2025

Dear McKenzie Elementary:

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association (VRPA) is pleased to provide McKenzie Elementary School with a starter package of pickleball equipment.

We commend, your teachers, for their leadership in assisting VRPA with bringing pickleball to your school gym.

The equipment package has been provided to you by the following companies and associations – Pickleball BC who started the Activating Youth Pickleball BC (AYPBC) program by applying for and receiving a ~~Viasport~~ grant, Pickleball Canada who stepped up to provide significant dollars for equipment and Franklin Sports who are providing the equipment at cost. It would be appreciated if you could pen a thank you email to David Snell, Pickleball BC at president@pickleballbc.ca

VRPA is the pilot region for the AYPBC project, and we have been honoured to be part of it and to have worked with McKenzie, their staff and students. The enthusiasm exhibited by your school has encouraged all of us who are involved locally.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Connie McCann
President VRPA

THANK YOU
Victoria Regional Pickleball
Association!!!



Thank you Breakfast2Music!

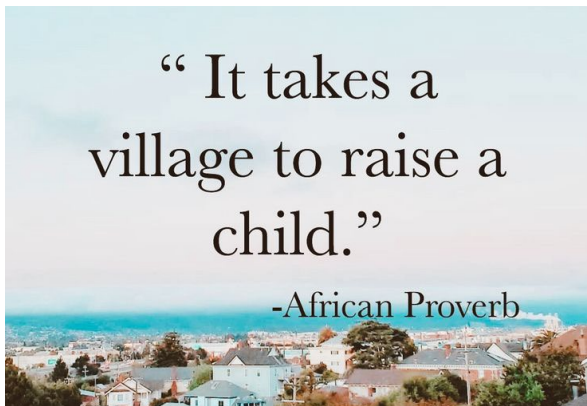
We are very grateful for the financial support we receive for our breakfast and music programs!

Breakfast2Music is a registered not for profit society that actively helps to provide nutritious breakfast to school children in Victoria schools. They also support music programs.

Check out their website for more information:
<https://breakfast2music.com/>

“It takes a village to raise a child.”

-African Proverb



Thank you Backpack Buddies!!

Backpack Buddies is a local organization that supports our school by providing and delivering weekend food bags for several of our families! This incredible organization delivers bags of food to our little school on a weekly basis! Check out their website: <https://www.backpackbuddies.ca/>



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