



McKenzie Weekly



May 15, 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:

The busy-ness of May continues, and we crammed many exciting events into these last four short days!

Our grade 5 students spent Tuesday at Camp Thunderbird where they experienced adventures such as archery, rock climbing and stand-up paddle boarding! Today was also transition day for this group and they visited the middle schools that they will be attending as grade 6 students in September. The groups participated in various activities, games and had tours of the schools. We also recognized Rainbow Week and continued to celebrate diversity and inclusion in our school as we work to create a safe and welcoming building for all our students.

Have a wonderful long weekend; we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday May 20th!

Ms. Carmen and Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 19 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL	May 20 ACT Assembly	May 21	May 22 Indigenous Drumming with classes Div. 5 walk to GVPL	May 23

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

May 26 – Welcome to Kindergarten
May 28 – Zone Track Meet @ UVIC (9:45am - 1:30pm)
May 29 – Whole school dance party & City Finals for Track
June 5-6 – Dives 1 & 2 Goldstream camping
June 6 – Dives 6 & 8 Meet the Author event
June 11 – Parent Appreciation Event
June 13 - Dives 6 & 8 Island View Beach 9:00am – 1:30pm
June 13 - Hot lunch Pizza and Sushi
June 16 – McKenzie Choir rehearsal at Glanford (PM)
June 17 – McKenzie Choir at Glanford Concert
June 18 – Kindergarten Play Social 3:00-4:30
June 23 – Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony
June 24 - Whole school fieldtrip at Beckwith Park 10:00am – 2:00pm
June 25 - Kindergarten Celebration of Learning 1:30pm-2:30pm
June 26 – Year End Assembly – **Last day of school for students**

May - June 2025
GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar
Filipino Heritage Month
Italian Heritage Month
National Indigenous History Month
Portuguese Heritage Month
Pride Month

May 31 – June 7 – National Accessibility Week
June 1 – Global Day of Parents
June 7 – Eid-al-Adha
June 19 – Juneteenth
June 20 – World Refugee Day
June 20 – June Solstice
June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 27 – Canadian Multiculturalism Day

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.



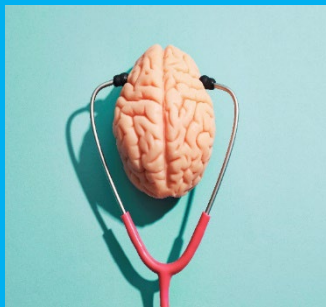
<https://learn.sd61.bc.ca/sogi/>

WHAT IS SOGI-Inclusive Education?

SOGI stands for sexual orientation and gender identity. Contrary to popular belief, SOGI 1 2 3 is not an explicit curriculum, it encompasses learning resources for parents and educators in addition to guidelines for physical environments and district policies and procedures. The goal of SOGI is to support all students, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and provide educators with the capacity to build inclusive school environments

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and classes continue to learn more about resources and tools to support their own mental health. Our Mental Health Club has been giving us facts, tips, and challenges on the daily announcements, hosting recess activities, and creating informative posters around our school.

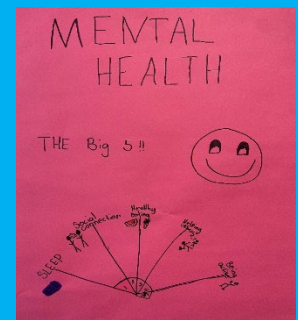
They are looking forward to hosting a whole school dance party on May 29th.



Mental Health

The Big 5

- 1. Sleep**
- 2. Social Connection**
- 3. Healthy Eating**
- 4. Helping Others**
- 5. Being Active**



Our school district site has a multitude of resources that can be used to support Social Emotional Learning at home as well.

Please see the following link for access:

<https://healthyschools.sd61.bc.ca/resources-links/social-emotional-learning/>

PAC NEWS:

PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

FAMILY SMART

We provide practical help, service navigation, and peer support to families and caring adults that builds their connection, knowledge and capacity to better support their kids' mental health. Parent peer support and workshops and training available..

<https://familysmart.ca/>

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



All Grads, Teachers and Staff Open House Meet & Greet!

Reconnect with friends, share stories and celebrate our community milestone together. Visit dedicated rooms for each of Spectrum's five decades plus a special room for the Mt. View years. No host bar (19+), a Silent Auction, a 50/50 draw and lots more!

**Join us making memories and special moments
at Spectrum's 50th Anniversary celebration!**

Friday, May 30, 2025 6-10pm
Spectrum Community School



**VICTORIA'S
MEGA
GARAGE SALE**
SATURDAY MAY 17, 2025, 9am-1pm
Central Middle School

Rotary
Victoria
Harbourside

Plus, this year, Rotary Victoria Harbourside welcomes a special pop up of quality clothes!
NOURISH STYLE
is curated by Breakfast2Music and House of Savoy in support of local school breakfast programs.

Saturday, May 17th from 9am to 1pm, Breakfast2Music has teamed up as part of Harbourside Rotary's annual Mega Garage Sale. B2M will put on a separate pop-up store featuring quality, pre-loved men's, and women's wear, plus a lot of cool party dresses!

Breakfast2Music supports many McKenzie families so it would be great to support them at their 2025 major fundraiser!



**Saturday, May 17
9am-1pm**

Central Middle School

Shop for a good cause!

**MASSIVE POP-UP
CLOTHING SALE!**

womenswear & menswear
including pre-loved, designer and vintage
supporting kid's breakfast programs

**DON'T MISS OUR
FAB PARTY ROOM!**



Pedersen's
EVENT RENTALS

Rotary
Victoria
Harbourside

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OF VICTORIA



BRAEFoot COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



FAMILY FUN DAY

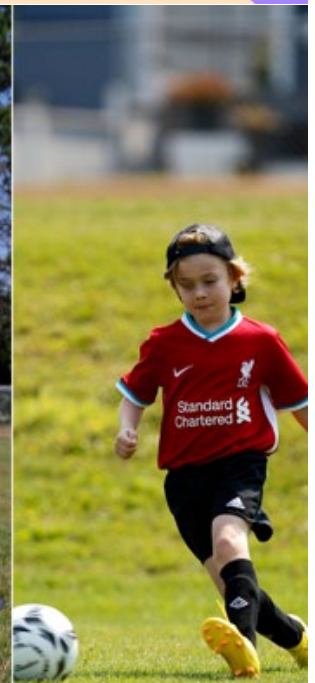
A DAY PACKED WITH EXCITING ACTIVITIES
AND FUN FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

7 JUNE, 2025
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

1440 HARROP RD,
VICTORIA, BC V8P 2S5

- ✿ Bouncy Castles, Mascots, Games and Prizes
- ✿ Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Food and Drinks

FREE
EVENT



BRAEFoot COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SUMMER CAMPS

SPORTS, STEM, PUZZLES, OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, KAYAKING, FUN DAYS AND MORE

BRAEFoot COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

Summer Camps:

With over 36 years of experience, Braefoot Summer Camps offer something for every child aged 3-12; whether it's sports, outdoor adventures, or fun-filled learning. We promise a summer filled with laughter and growth.

Sign up here: <https://www.braefoot.ca/summer-camps>

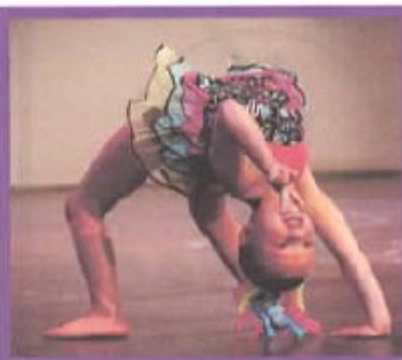
Family Fun Day:

Join us for the Braefoot Family Event on June 7th! Enjoy games, fun activities for kids, and fantastic prizes. Spend some quality time with your family and meet our amazing vendors, who have even more prizes for you to win!



STAGES

Youth Dancer Camp



Come Dance with us!

\$325 for 5 days of dance. Ages 7-11 years old welcome.

Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm, in studio show on Friday at 3:30pm

July 7th - 11th, July 14th - 18th, July 21st - 25th

August 11th - 15th, August 18th - 22nd, August 25th - 29th

About Youth Dancers:

This camp is a high energy week of dance focusing on Jazz, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Acrobatics, and more! We feature a young choreographers section that allows your child's creativity to flourish as they design their own dance routine! We spend our lunches out at our local parks should the weather permit!. Our camp features a wide selection of music from trending hits, to Broadway & Disney classics. We end our week with a show on Friday at 3:30!

About The Studio:

Welcome to STAGES Performing Arts School! STAGES was established in 1980 and has been presenting Little Dancers, Preschoolers, Youth, and Intensive dance camps for the past 40 years! You may have seen us at Gale Farm, performing for local schools, parades, or Canada Day! We have been performing all across Vancouver Island. We are delighted to welcome dancers of all ages and levels into our studio throughout the summer. We provide a safe & non-competitive training atmosphere for students of all ages, experience levels, and backgrounds to flourish in the world of dance. We have seen students grow from there time in parent & tot classes all the way to careers at Disney, Cirque du Soleil and more! We are always so impressed with how much our new and returning students learn in just one week.

