



McKenzie Weekly



May 2, 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 week began with some great presentations. On Monday the whole school was treated to a visit from a Norwegian dance group who shared their culture, dance, and music with us. Many students learned some dance moves at the end. On Tuesday, K-3 classes learned about pedestrian safety from our Ready, Step, Roll program coordinators. Information pamphlets and reflective keychains were passed out to all students.

Our calendars are beginning to fill up with end-of-the-year field trips and special activities. Be sure to keep an eye on your emails, newsletters and student planner messages so that you don't miss any important information!

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Carmen and Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 5  RED DRESS DAY MAY 5TH NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada	May 6 Young Entrepreneur Fair (Family & friends welcome!)	May 7 Class and Whole School Photos  PICTURE DAY	May 8 Hats On! For Mental Health Wear a hat! 	May 9 Rugby Tournament 10am-1pm @ Gordon Head Middle School  PAC Hot Lunch Day – subway & sushi (order deadline May 4 th)

Mental Health Week May 5-11

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

May 12-16 Rainbow Week
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 and
Rainbow Day
May 15 – Grade 5 Transition Day
May 16 – Professional Development Day
May 19 – Statutory Holiday
May 28 – Zone Track Meet @ UVIC (9:45am - 1:30pm)
May 29 – City Finals for Track

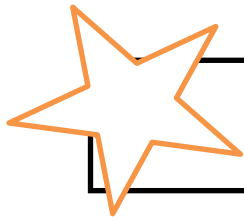
May 2025 GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar Asian Heritage Month Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

May 5 – National Day of Awareness for MMIWG
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



PAC NEWS:

PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

BCCPAC BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils – Resources

The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC), a registered non-profit and non-partisan charity, represents the parents of more than 620,000 children attending public schools. As the provincial voice of parents, guardians, and caregivers in public schools, they engage, empower and support them for the success of all learners through collaboration, partnership and education, in a culture of acceptance, inclusions and equity. <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources>

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 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.

SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

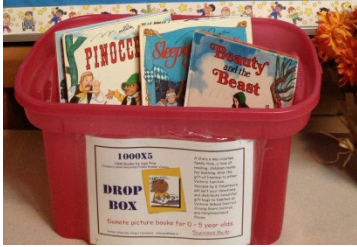
Special Food Day is next Friday, May 9th for Subway and Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday, May 4th

To order, visit www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net

Questions? mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com

Summer is coming 360,000 books and counting



Have you found the pink bin in the front hallway outside the gym?

Thanks to you, 1000X5 has sent over 360,000 books into homes of babies and preschoolers who have few books. 27 agencies in over 70 programs distribute 3 books in a bag to 800-1000 children every month! Including the summer. **Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.**



Saanich Parks and Recreation latest newsletter can be found at the following link:

<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/news-events.html>



On this past Monday we were treated to a performance by The Norwegian Folk Dance group who were visiting from Washington High School!

What a treat for students and staff!!

Bravo!





March 2025

McKenzie Elementary
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Dear Principal, Staff and Students of McKenzie Elementary,

Each year, words never come easy when we try to express our family's enormous gratitude for your commitment to Terry's dream. We can see the determination he displayed echo in your school community as students and staff embrace his call to help others. Your \$329 fundraising effort makes a real difference in the lives of Canadians facing cancer – our family is humbled by such a meaningful gift.

As we reflect on the 44th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, we think about what Terry started back in 1980. As you know so well, he was driven to act after witnessing the suffering of others while undergoing chemotherapy. Terry explained in his November 1979 letter that he left the cancer clinic with a purpose and a promise: he would never forget those that he had left behind.

"...I was rudely awakened by the feelings that surrounded and coursed throughout the cancer clinic. There were the faces with brave smiles, and the ones who had given up smiling. There were the feelings of hopeful denial, and the feelings of despair. My quest would not be a selfish one. I could not leave knowing these faces and feelings would still exist, even though I would be set free from mine. Somewhere the hurting must stop...and I was determined to take myself to the limit for this cause."

It is this powerful message, and all his words of hope, courage, and determination, that drives us every day, NO MATTER WHAT obstacles, odds or journeys we face. More fundraising equals more life-changing research. We believe Terry would be so proud at how far we've come, knowing that his legacy is in great hands, and that lives are being extended and saved. Here's to another year radiating Terry's spirit and contributing to new advancements in cancer research.

With deepest gratitude,

On behalf of Terry's family,
Fred, Darrell, Judith, Kirsten, Erin, Jessie & Alexandra



Fox Family at Terry Fox Secondary School
Port Coquitlam, 2025

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