



# McKenzie Weekly



May 23, 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:

Our week started and ended with two excellent assemblies. On Tuesday we welcomed ACT (Autism Community Training) into our school for an assembly on Autism. The program encouraged understanding, empathy and kindness. Our students were lead through fun interactive games, stories and videos. The goal of developing empathy and promoting kindness towards others regardless of their differences was the main focus of this presentation. Today we ended the week with the Victoria Velocity Jump Rope Team. The athleticism and coordination these jumpers displayed was amazing and inspired many of our students to 'skip & jump' all recess long! Hard to believe next week marks the final days of May already and our annual track meet for the McKenzie Track Team! June is just around the corner!

*Ms. Carmen and Mrs. Beattie*

## Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>May 26</b> Welcome to Kindergarten Event 9-11:15am  StrongStart Closed	<b>May 27</b>	<b>May 28</b> Zone Track Meet @ UVIC (9:45am-1:30)	<b>May 29</b> Mental Health Month Dance Party 2:10-2:37pm  Track City Finals	<b>May 30</b>

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

June 5-6 – Divs 1 & 2 Goldstream camping  
June 6 – Divs 6 & 8 Meet the Author event  
June 11 – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm  
June 11 – Parent Appreciation Event  
June 13 - Divs 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**

Thank you to Gordy Bear for coming to McKenzie to lead drumming with our 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.

## **YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR FAIR SUCCESS:**



The McKenzie Young Entrepreneur Fair was a HUGE success! This year the **student entrepreneurs raised \$595.35 for local charities!**

## **HEAD LICE:**

There have been a few cases of head lice reported at McKenzie School recently. Head lice are common, especially among children between the ages of 3 to 12. Head lice do not spread any diseases, but itching can develop in infested individuals. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home, school, or community has nothing to do with getting head lice. Anyone who has hair can get head lice.

Please visit our SD61 website <https://healthyschools.sd61.bc.ca/head-lice-management-guidelines-island-health/> for information.

## **CHICKEN POX:**

We have been informed that there have been a couple of cases of chickenpox at the school. Chickenpox is an infection caused by the varicella-zoster virus. It spreads easily through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. You can become infected when you breathe in this air or touch contaminated surfaces. The virus may spread through contact with an infected person's saliva such as by sharing food or drinks. It also spreads through contact with the fluid from chickenpox blisters. Children with chickenpox can have on average 350 red, itchy blisters. Infection in newborns, teenagers, adults, pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems is more severe. For some people, the virus can become active again later in life and cause a painful rash called shingles. For more information on chickenpox please visit <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/chickenpox>



Thank you to the Victoria Velocity Jump Rope team who came and entertained our students and staff with an incredible jump rope performance.



For information contact them at [velocityjumprope@gmail.com](mailto:velocityjumprope@gmail.com)

# PAC NEWS:

## PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

### MOM'S AGAINST RACISM:

Moms Against Racism Canada, a federally registered non-profit, was created in 2020 as a safe, brave space for Moms, and those in mothering roles, to root out racist biases and learn how to raise anti-racist children.

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

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



**15% of every ticket  
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the community.**

## **McKenzie Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

**Use this code at checkout and  
15% of your ticket purchase  
goes to the McKenzie PAC**

**MCKENZIE15**



**Rifflandia**  
September 11-14, 2025 • Victoria, BC

**Look who's  
50!**



**Spectrum Community School  
1975 - 2025**

## **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**



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.

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

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

We are looking forward to a whole school dance party on May 29<sup>th</sup>!!



VICTORIA  
*Children's Choir*  
**SING!**  
with us!

★ AUDITIONS - May/June 2025

**PRELUDE CHOIR**  
AGES 7-9  
★

Non-auditioned.  
Fun and engaging.  
Registration opens April 1st.

**RECITAL CHOIR**  
AGES 10-12  
★

Sing great music  
and build wonderful  
relationships.

**CONCERT CHOIR**  
AGES 12-17  
★

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passion in rehearsals,  
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