



# McKenzie Weekly



May 9, 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:

Congratulations to all of our Grade 4 and 5 students who participated in the Young Entrepreneur Fair this week. The creativity was impressive, and the excitement was felt in the building all day long. Thank you to the Grade 4 & 5 teachers who helped prepare and plan for this wonderful event and learning experience for the entire school! Thank you, classes and community members, for coming to shop and celebrate and support learning.




We would like to send a huge appreciation cheer to all of our Teachers and Educators. This week was Teacher and Educator Appreciation Week and are extremely grateful for the amazing staff that we get to work with every day. Your child(ren) have incredibly loyal, hard-working and dedicated adults who plan and prepare rich learning experiences that meet the needs of all students. Take an extra minute to share your gratitude for our outstanding staff!

Have a great weekend!

*Ms. Carmen and Mrs. Beattie*

Mark your calendar:

## RAINBOW WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>May 12</b> Div.2 RBC Heritage Fair 9:00am – 1:00pm	<b>May 13</b> Gr. 5 students to Camp Thunderbird 8:00 am – 4:45 pm	<b>May 14</b> Div. 10- Swan Lake 12:30-1:30  -Dress in rainbow colours  	<b>May 15</b> Gr. 5 Transition Day  International Day of Families  Moose Hide Campaign  	<b>May 16</b> Professional Development Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  

## 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 **NO SCHOOL**  
May 19 – Statutory Holiday – Victoria Day **NO SCHOOL**  
May 28 – Zone Track Meet @ UVIC (9:45am - 1:30pm)  
May 29 – City Finals for Track

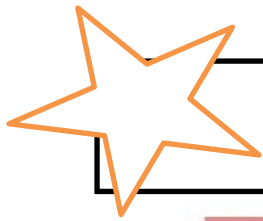
### May 2025 GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar Asian Heritage Month Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

May 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.

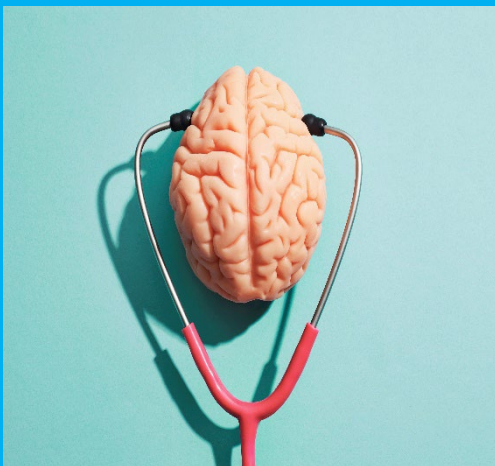
**LITERACY GOAL:** To improve writing through more explicit, tactile, and oral language pre- writing strategies.



## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS FAIR

**The Young Entrepreneurs fair was a huge success.  
Thank you to our community for showing up to  
support our grade 4 and 5 student's business plans.**

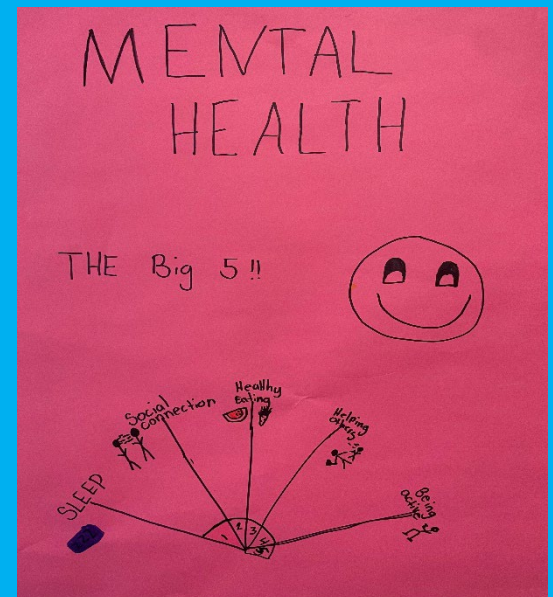
**May is Mental Health Awareness Month and classes continue to learn more about resources and tools to support their own mental health. Our Mental Health Club has been giving us facts, tips, and challenges on the daily announcements, hosting recess activities, and creating informative posters around our school. They are looking forward to hosting a whole school dance party on May 29<sup>th</sup>.**



### **Mental Health The Big 5**

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- 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/>**

### **RAINBOW FLAG:**

In support of SOGI-inclusive schools and Rainbow Week next week, we will be flying the Rainbow Flag on our flagpole from Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, until the beginning of the day on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> (as Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, is a Pro D Day and Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, is Victoria Day). As we have only one flagpole, the Canadian Flag must first be removed (we are not to STACK the Rainbow Flag below the Canadian Flag). Rainbow Week acknowledges the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.



## **PAC NEWS:**

**The next PAC Meeting will be online and is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

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

Meeting ID: 269 600 375 561

Passcode: iH2Lz9KF

### **PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:**

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

#### **Victoria Child and Family Psychological Services**

Victoria Child & Family Psychological Services is a group of registered psychologists who specialize in working with children, teens, young adults, and families. We provide evidence-based services in a caring and compassionate environment. Our approach is always collaborative and engaging, to empower you to make the positive changes you seek.

<https://www.victoriachildpsychology.com/>

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