



McKenzie Weekly



June 20, 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 last full week of school ended with an afternoon of FUN - bouncy castles, bubbles, face paint, chalk, games, a dunk tank and more! What a celebratory way to spend our last Friday of the school year with students. Thank you, PAC, for your help to make this event happen and thank you to all staff members for creating memorable stations for our students. And of course, a huge well done to all who were dunked today - despite the chilly weather!

This week we also practiced both Earthquake and Lockdown drills, the choir performed at Glanford, and we hosted a Welcome to Kindergarten playground event after school. On Thursday, all students had a visit from the Greater Victoria Library where they learned all about the Summer Reading Club - sign up begins today at your nearest Public Library and enjoy books and prizes all summer long.

We wish everyone a wonderful (and likely wet) weekend! We are looking forward to the final week of school with your children and excited to celebrate and reflect on the amazing learning that has taken place this year.

Ms. Carmen and Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jun 23  Grade 5 Celebration 11:00am on field	Jun 24 Whole School Field Trip to Beckwith Park 9:00am - 2:15pm *see email sent 6/17 for details*	Jun 25 Kindergarten celebration of learning 1:30-2:30pm 	Jun 26 Year End Assembly @ 1:00pm 	Jun 27 Administrative Day for school staff
Lost & Found 'shop' in the gym				

June 2025

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

June 20 – World Refugee Day

June 20 – June Solstice

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 27 – Canadian Multiculturalism Day



**PLEASE
RETURN ALL
YOUR LIBRARY
BOOKS TO THE
SCHOOL
LIBRARY ASAP!
THANK YOU!**

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.

**Is your child missing items?
Please come check in the lost and found box – it's very full!**

Lost and found will be displayed June 19th & 20th. Any remaining lost & found items will be displayed on tables for McKenzie families to 'shop' on June 23rd & 24th. Bring your own bags and help yourself to any unclaimed items.

Any remaining items will be donated to a charity in the first week of July.



**Grade 5s and Their Families
Are Invited to Our Grade 5 Celebration!**

What: A Grade 5 Ceremony and Picnic

Who: McKenzie's Grade 5 students and their families

When: Monday, June 23, 2025 at 11:00 am

Where: On the school's lower field, near the garden

Bring: Your own blanket or chair to sit on, and a picnic lunch. Your child will bring their poster on a stake when they come to school that morning, to put into the lawn before our celebration.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

School supply lists can be found on the McKenzie School or the GVSD61 websites.

In addition, if you would like to take advantage of purchasing a complete kit that is ready for your child's return to school in September, we use a company called Teacher's File.

If you wish to order from Teacher's File, please visit: <http://packs.teachersfile.ca>.

Homestay Opportunities

It's that time of year! The Greater Victoria School District's International Student Program is looking for new families interested in joining the vibrant hosting community. With students arriving to attend short term and long-term programs in the Fall, there are many opportunities to begin hosting.

Host Families provide 3 meals a day along with healthy snacks and a welcoming environment. \$1260 per month is provided as reimbursement for student support (pro-rated for shorter stays.) Orientation and 24/7 support is available from the homestay office.

For more information:

Website: www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay

Phone: 250-592-6871

Email: homestay@sd61.bc.ca



PAC NEWS:

Staff Appreciation Lunch

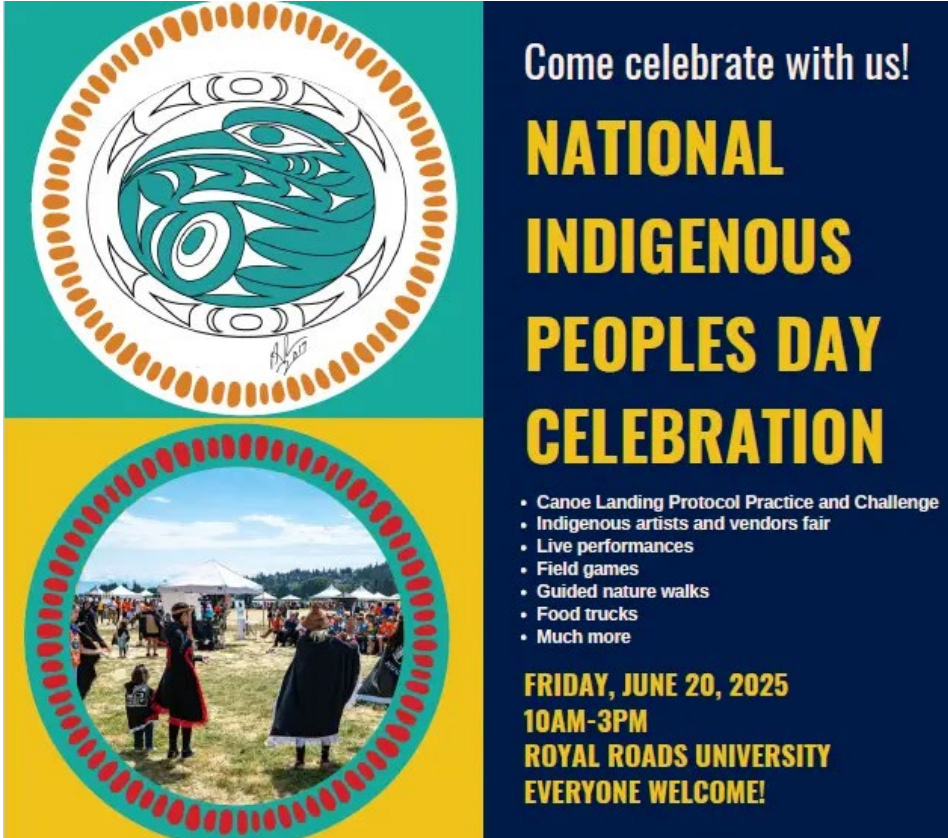
Our PAC is organizing the annual Staff Appreciation Lunch for Friday June 27th. We will be purchasing sandwich & veggie platters but are looking for additional donations to round out the feast.

Things to know:

- There will be about 30 staff members on site.
- Allergies: Sesame, Nuts, Celiac (Gluten) & Kiwi if we can label with ingredients that would be great.
- To keep clean-up to a minimum, if possible, please use a dish you do not need returned
- You can drop off donations to the staff room anytime on Friday morning

Sign up in a category in the comments

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EAAAD2CA3F58-57291613-staff>

The poster is divided into two main horizontal sections. The top section has a teal background on the left, featuring a circular Indigenous art piece with a stylized eye and face. The right side of the top section has a dark blue background with white and yellow text. The bottom section has a yellow background on the left, featuring a circular photo of people at an outdoor event. The right side of the bottom section continues the dark blue background with white and yellow text.

Come celebrate with us!

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CELEBRATION

- Canoe Landing Protocol Practice and Challenge
- Indigenous artists and vendors fair
- Live performances
- Field games
- Guided nature walks
- Food trucks
- Much more

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025
10AM-3PM
ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY
EVERYONE WELCOME!

For additional information on events taking place in our Province,
visit: <https://www.indigenousbc.com/events/>