



McKenzie Weekly



June 6, 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:

It has been another busy week of activities for McKenzie students! Div. 1 & 2 students had the opportunity to camp at Goldstream Park overnight. The weather was amazing and the 45+ students had a fantastic time thanks in huge part to our many staff members that volunteered their time to organize this event, and to stay with the students overnight. Additional thanks to all the parent helpers that also spent the night and helped with all the logistics.

We also had the pleasure of celebrating the student authors from division 6 & 8 on Friday afternoon. These budding writers created amazing stories full of adventure and imagination. The McKenzie Pickleball Team also competed in the first annual SD61 'SLAMBOREE' at the Archie Browning Sports Center – and WON the tournament! Thank you to our supporting staff, parents and the Victoria Regional Pickleball group for creating and supporting this new event.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Ms. Carmen and Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------|---------------|--|---------------|--|
| Jun 9 | Jun 10 | Jun 11 Parent Appreciation Drive Through 8:15- 8:45am PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm (in-person) | Jun 12 | Jun 13 Divs 6 & 8 to Island View Beach 9:00- 1:30pm PAC Hot Lunch Day – pizza and sushi (order deadline is June 8 th) |

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

June 16 – McKenzie Choir rehearsal at Glanford (PM)

June 16 – Strings Practice 12:05-12:25pm

June 17 – McKenzie Choir at Glanford Concert

June 18 – Incoming Kindergarten Student Social 3:30-4:30

June 23 – Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony, morning

June 24 – Whole school fieldtrip at Beckwith Park 9:00am – 2:15pm

June 25 – Kindergarten Celebration of Learning 1:30pm-2:30pm

June 26 – Learning outcomes home, Year End Assembly – **Last day of school for students**

PARENT APPRECIATION DRIVE/WALK/ROLL THROUGH

Between 8:15-8:45am on Wednesday, June 11th

We would like to express our gratitude to our amazing parents & guardians. We appreciate you and will be offering you a coffee and baked treat on the morning of Wednesday, June 11th at morning drop-off between 8:15-8:45. There will be several different locations around the school offering up a variety of treats of gratitude to our wonderful families.

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!**

All 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.

**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 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

RUNSPORT TRACK CLASSIC:

The **Victoria Track Classic** is on **Sunday, June 22at Centennial Stadium**, part of the National Track & Field Tour. This family-friendly event features some of our UVic Vikes athletes and a range of fun activities for kids and families.

One of the highlights is the **Victoria Track Classic Run, Jump, Throw**.

- For ages 5-10
- 1-hour introductory session
- Free registration
- A fun and engaging way to try track and field!

In addition: Kids 12 and under get free entry to the main event, there will be a food truck on site, Kid Zone with inflatables, The Thunder Run, where kids are invited to race 400m against the Vikes Mascot!

More details, [ticket sales](#) and [free clinic registration](#) are available here:
www.runsport.ca/trackclassic.



**PICKELBALL CHAMPIONS
SLAMBOREE 2025**



SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Our last Special Food Day of the year is next Friday, June 13th for Pizza and Sushi.



Order deadline is Sunday, 8th

To order, visit www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net

Questions? mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com

Are you interested in helping with food day? We need volunteers for next school year!
Please reach out to Meghan @ meghangriffinrose@gmail.com for more info.

**Our final PAC Meeting of the school year is on Wednesday,
June 11th ~ it would be great if you could join!**

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 257 759 630 701

Passcode: 3nn7wX2S

Give Where You Riff 15% of every ticket sold goes back into the community.

McKenzie Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

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

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September 11-14, 2025 • Victoria, BC

PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

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

LIVING EDGE MARKET:

Since 2011, Living Edge has been freely providing groceries on a weekly basis. We specialize in providing fresh food - not just canned goods - to local residents. Today we provide food for seven neighbourhood markets in the Greater Victoria Area.

<https://livingedge.ngo/>

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



How the BC Summer Reading Club works:

- Pick up your reading record at any GVPL branch.
- Read (or be read to) for 20 minutes or more each day:
 - Read anywhere, in any format, and in any language.
- Climb the ladder one day at a time—for seven weeks.
 - 1 number - 1 day of reading.
 - 7 numbers - 1 week of reading.
- Come back to the library to collect your weekly sticker and prize at any GVPL branch.
- Repeat until you've completed 7 weeks of reading. Congratulations!

Visit gvpl.ca for more information about programs, weekly prizes, and more! Explore bcsrc.ca for more online resources and fun.

Weekly prizes

- Week 1. Bookmark
- Week 2. Eraser
- Week 3. Tattoo
- Week 4. Enter the draw for more awesome prizes!
- Week 5. Greater Victoria Active Communities Recreation Centre Pass
- Week 6. Book
- Week 7. Medal

Weekly prizes are available while supplies last.

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

British Columbia Library Association, CUPE BC, Province of British Columbia (through Public Libraries Branch, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs) and IslandLink Library Federation.

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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

360,000 books in 14 years donated to new homes where they are needed. THANK YOU!!! At this time of the year, we prepare an extra supply for the many agencies that send books home with families all summer.

Please do a summer clean of your bookshelves and help another child succeed by having a home library. Take your gently used books **for babies to five-year-olds** to the pink bin in the school's front hallway.

