



McKenzie Weekly



June 13, 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 school days are flying by; only 9 left! Next week we will be participating in two drills: an earthquake drill and a lockdown drill. Staff have been reviewing the procedures with students and as with our fire drills, we practice so that we are as prepared as possible, in the event of the 'real' thing.

Please be sure to check carefully around your homes for any McKenzie library books that you may still have. Overdue notices have been provided to those students who still have books checked out. The Lost & Found items will be displayed at the end of next week. Any items left after Friday will be made 'available' for anyone to pick up the following week.

Ms. Carmen and Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jun 16 Earthquake Drill Choir rehearsal @ Glanford School (afternoon) Extra Strings Practice 12:05-12:25pm	Jun 17 Concert @ Glanford (evening)	Jun 18 Incoming Kindergarten Social 3:30-4:30pm	Jun 19 Lockdown Drill Lost & Found displayed in gym	Jun 20 Fun Day @ McKenzie School Lost & Found displayed in gym

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**

June 2025

GVSD Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

**Filipino Heritage Month, Italian Heritage Month, National Indigenous History Month
Portuguese Heritage Month, Pride Month**

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.

**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.



Tent Day at McKenzie Elementary was a HUGE success for students in Divisions 3,5,6 & 7.
A fun day of learning in tents!



**PLEASE RETURN ALL YOUR
LIBRARY BOOKS TO THE
SCHOOL LIBRARY BEFORE
THE END OF THE WEEK!
THANK YOU!**

Quick Reference Food Security Guide for Families

➤ [Living Edge Markets](#)

All week FREE, fresh groceries to anyone who needs them. All are welcome – no ID or registration required. Markets located throughout Greater Victoria.

➤ [Coalition of Neighbourhood Houses](#)

Neighbourhood Houses provide a variety of neighbourhood-based programs and resources including access to community meals and food and nutrition support.

- [Burnside Gorge Community Association](#)
- [Fairfield Gonzales Community Association](#)
- [Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group \(NRG\)](#)
- [James Bay Community Project](#)
- [Oaklands Community Association](#)
- [Quadra Village Community Centre](#)
- [Saanich Neighbourhood Place](#)

➤ [1UP Victoria Single Parent Recourse Centre](#)

Market Day - Wednesdays 11 am – 1pm @ Fairfield Community Centre

➤ [James Bay Community School Centre](#)

Wednesdays -Community Dinners

➤ [The Mustard Seed Food Bank and Food Security](#)

Providing many diverse programs to feed emotional, mental, relational, spiritual, and physical hunger. Food Bank Hours 10am – 1:30pm Monday to Friday

➤ [North Park Neighbourhood Association](#)

Weekly Grocery Hamper Program

➤ [Rainbow Kitchen](#)

Rainbow Kitchen are experts in food security. From daily hot meals and grab-and-go pantry items to supporting local schools and other not-for-profit's with their food needs. Hot Meals Weekdays starting at 8:30 am until supplies last (vegetarian options available)

➤ [GOOD FOOD BOX](#)

Victoria's affordable produce box. Non-profit fruit and vegetable distribution system. Boxes are available for pick up or delivery every Wednesday.



Sports DAY

TWO-DAY YOUTH & FAMILY EVENT ROOTED IN CULTURE, FUN, AND MOVEMENT!

JULY 5 & 6, 2025
GOUDY FIELD, LANGFORD

www.vicaribbeanhub.com

Join us for a **FREE**, two-day celebration that combines track and field, team games, and traditional Caribbean sports. We're inviting students and youth groups to come experience the joy of movement, culture, and community — no prior experience needed!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **Track Races:** 100m dash, Sack Race, Egg & Spoon
- **Relays:** Team Baton Relay, Three-Legged Races
- **Obstacle Course:** Crawl, hop, jump challenges
- **Team Sports:** Mini Soccer, Dodgeball
- **Traditional Caribbean Games:** Tug of War, Jump Rope Showdowns, Limbo
- **Fun Zones:** Dance-offs, Trivia, Face Painting, Treasure Hunt

INCLUSIVE & COMMUNITY-FOCUSED

This event is specially designed for:

- Students & families from all communities
- School teams, youth groups, and after-school programs
- Youth seeking fun, culturally enriching physical activity

All participants receive ribbons, snacks, and a chance to win medals, prizes, and join in the closing Carnival-style celebration!

SIGN UP TODAY!

info@vicaribbeanhub.com
www.vicaribbeanhub.com/sportsday

SPARTAN FOOTBALL SKILLS & DRILLS FOOTBALL CAMP

Registration is now open for our **2-day skills & drills kids football camp** coming up on **July 28 & 29 from 10:00am –1:00 PM** at the **Marigold Elementary School field**. This will be a great opportunity for kids aged 7-14 to experience football in a fun, competitive and learning environment. Just cleats and a water bottle required! Activities include field skills and drills, learning sessions from strength & conditioning coaches, meeting former NFL/CFL players and more. Please feel free to invite any friends or family members who might be interested. The more, the merrier! We aim to make this camp the biggest and best yet. Registration is open and costs \$30:

<https://app.teamlinkt.com/register/go/spartanscanadianfootballassociationofbc/110184>

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.



Middle School Two-Week Summer Program

For students currently in Grades 5, 6, and 7

Your child has the opportunity to participate in the Greater Victoria School District's Middle School Two-Week Summer Program—a **free and fun learning experience** designed for students currently enrolled in Grades 5, 6, and 7 (2024-25 school year). Students will engage in hands-on learning tailored to their interests and strengths, while building foundational literacy and numeracy skills. This is not your typical classroom experience!

Activities may include:

- STEM challenges and collaborative group work
- Field trips and guest facilitators
- Outdoor and land-based exploration
- Athletics and movement-based games
- Creative art projects like painting, sculpture, or media arts
- Personal interest projects, where students help shape what they learn

Student eligibility:

- Be currently enrolled in Grade 5, 6, or 7 (2024-25 school year)
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or convention refugee
- Attended a Greater Victoria School District school during the 2024-2025 school year
- Be available to attend all program days



Program

Highlights



Week 1: July 8-11

Week 2: July 14-17



9:00 AM - 2:45 PM

Each Day



SJ Willis Education Centre

923 Topaz Ave, Victoria, B.C.



Led by experienced teachers and staff!

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Tuition-Free Eligibility:

This summer program is tuition-free. All snacks, learning materials, and field trips are included at no cost. Please note that daily transportation to and from the SJ Willis Education Centre is not provided.

Attendance Expectations:

Daily attendance is essential. Please do not register your child unless you can commit to full attendance.

There are two key reasons for this policy:

1. The fast pace of summer programming makes it difficult to catch up on missed learning.
2. The Ministry of Education and Child Care only provides funding for students who attend from the start.

Registering and then missing classes may also take away a valuable spot from another student.

Registration:

Please register online by Monday, June 9 at 3:00 PM:
studentregistration.sd61.bc.ca/summerprogram.

- Please note that registration does not guarantee placement and spots are limited.
- Confirmations will be sent to families/caregivers by June 13th.

Register by

June 9 at 3pm



Scan to
register!

Questions?

Email Tanya Clarke at the School Board Office: welcomecentre@sd61.bc.ca