



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, October 10, 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 first full week of October saw routine learning and activities under the Harvest moon!

We are beginning to experience some rainier, cooler Fall days, so please have your child(ren) dress appropriately for the weather. If possible, please send a pair of indoor shoes for these wetter months. This will help to keep our building clean and floors safe. A spare change of clothes is also helpful to have in their backpacks or in their classrooms for emergencies.

We had our monthly fire drill today with the fire department. Everyone did great with the first drill with bells. Next week we will be having our first earthquake drill. Teachers will be reviewing these procedures with students.

We wish everyone a long weekend filled with gratitude.

Carmen & Jordana

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 13 Statutory Holiday 	Oct. 14 Cross Country @ Lambrick Park 3:45pm	Oct. 15 Earthquake Drill @ 1:15pm	Oct. 16 Photo Retakes  PICTURE RETAKE DAY!  Popsicle Sale after school	Oct. 17 PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza & Sushi) Halloween Dance 6-7:30pm 

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Oct. 20 – Cross Country @ Lambrick Park 3:45pm
Oct. 21 – Parent Teacher Conferences (3:00-4:30pm)
Oct. 22 – Early Dismissal @ 11:50am
Oct. 22 - Parent Teacher Conferences (12:45-6:00pm)
Oct. 24 – Professional Development Day (no school for students)
Oct. 27 – Pumpkin Run @ 2pm
Oct. 27 – Divs. 2 & 7 skating @ 10:15am
Oct. 28 – Soccer Jamboree 11:30-2:30
Oct. 28 – Final Cross Country Meet @ 3:45pm
Oct. 29 – Divs. 1&9 skating @ 12:45pm

October 2025 GVSD#61 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

Oct. 11	International Day of the Girl Child
Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 18	Persons Day
Oct. 20	Diwali/Deepavali
Oct. 31	Halloween

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS OCTOBER 21 & 22:

We are looking forward to meeting parents and guardians on October 21st and October 22nd for parent teacher interviews!

As we did last year, we are using an app called school appointments to schedule interviews. Please use the following link <http://mck.schoolappointments.com> to book your interviews.

Appointments can be booked **starting at 7:00am on Monday, October 13th until 7pm on Sunday, October 19th.**

The parent instruction sheet (below) should provide you with the information required to create an account and book your appointment times, however if you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

*Reminder that students will be **dismissed at lunchtime (11:50 a.m.) on Wednesday, October 22nd** to accommodate the parent teacher interviews.

School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site for your school: <http://mck/schoolappointments.com>
2. Register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click "Insert New" button to add more children.
4. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments.
5. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
6. Select how your meetings will be held.
7. Then click the "View Calendars" button.
8. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.



To Delete Appointments:

1. Click "View Appointments" from the HOME page.
2. You will then see the list of appointments that you have booked. To delete any of the appointments, click the red "x" icon beside the appointment.

Current Appointments			
Time	Calendar	Name	
Nov 16 5:20 pm	Fall 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences Fibonacci, Leonardo - Mathematics (In Person)	Bill Fester	x
Nov 16 5:40 pm	Fall 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences Kottler, Gabe - English, History (In Person)	Bill Fester	x

PAC NEWS:

Parent & Family Resources:

Pathways BC

Pathways is a trusted online directory of healthcare providers, services, and clinical resources that supports clinicians in British Columbia. Pathways supports delivery of timely, high quality patient care, and helps reduce clinicians' administrative burden contributing to a stronger health system.

Pathways also contains directories for patients so that they can find appropriate medical care

[PathwaysMedicalCare.ca](https://pathwaysmedicalcare.ca) provides patients with a quick summary of data about their primary care provider, including information about virtual care options. Our [Community Service Directory](#) helps the public quickly find a wide variety of health authority or community servicer in your local area.

<https://pathwaysbc.ca/login>



VCPAC MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2025
VCPAC EDUCATION TOWNHALL

*ENGAGING SPEAKERS.
ENGAGED COMMUNITY.
FOCUS ON
MENTAL HEALTH.*

Thu 23 OCT 2025
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Spectrum Theatre
957 Burnside Rd W.
Saanich, BC

Parents, Caregivers, & Students
All Welcomed!
Childminding On Site
[Register Now](#)

FREE **PIZZA & GAMES For KIDS**

Make New Connections
Connect with other parents, PAC members, advocates, and support organizations in your community.

Engage With Speakers
Learn about your rights and discuss new approaches to child and youth mental health.

Access Resources
Get answers to your questions from District Leadership and take home information sheets and handouts.

PANELIST
Rachel Trebilco
District Vice-Principal
Indigenous Education

SPEAKER
Michael Harvey
Information and Privacy Commissioner
of BC

PANELIST
Tracy Humphreys
Director of Operations,
Family Support Institute
of BC

PANELIST
Monique Moore
Registered Clinical
Counsellor

Supporting Community Partners:
Connections Place, FamilySmart, BOARD GAME Cafe

SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

**Special Food Day is next
Friday, October 17th**

**Order deadline is Sunday,
October 12th**

To order, visit
www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net
Questions?
mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com

[Register here](#)

Donated baked goods and volunteers are needed for the school Halloween dance next Friday, Oct 17th. Please see the link below to sign up. Thank you!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EAAAD2CA3F58-59282555-mckenzie>



The Card Project is back!

Orders open Friday, October 17

See your child's artwork made into beautiful, quality products.



Greeting cards



Canvas tote bags



Year planners



Canvases &
aluminum panels



Mouse pads



Notebooks &
sketchbooks



Tea towels



Mugs



T-shirts

Orders open **online** on Friday, October 17.

Go to www.TheCardProject.ca

Our school's **access code** is **MK70**

The deadline for priority order delivery is Sunday, October 26.

These orders will be delivered in the week of November 17 - 21.

The **final deadline** is Tuesday, November 11.

These orders will be delivered in the week of December 8 - 12.

This is a wonderful fundraising initiative for our school. We receive 20% of the sales.

Questions? Contact Marcelle at Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca