



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, October 17, 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 was a short but routine week at school. We enjoyed hearing about long weekend adventures and time spent with families and we look forward to hearing about Diwali stories next week.

A reminder to all families that we are a "pack-in / pack-out" school. This means that everything your child brings to school in their lunch kit will be sent home at the end of the day. We do not have recycling or compost at the school, so these items are sent home to be sorted into the appropriate receptacles. Please consider using reusable containers and remind your child(ren) to rinse their containers before placing them back into their lunch kits. We do not have a custodian at the school between 10:30am and 3:30pm. We cannot have food products, containers or wrappers left in garbage cans, otherwise we will attract the flies and other unwanted nighttime critters. Thank you for your support to keep our school clean and your child(ren)'s lunches as clean as possible too.

We look forward to seeing families this evening at our PAC hosted Dance. I wonder what costumes we will see tonight?

Carmen & Jordana

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 20 Cross Country @ Lambrick Park 3:45pm <i>Happy Diwali!</i>	Oct. 21 Parent Teacher Conferences	Oct. 22 Early Dismissal @ 11:50am Parent Teacher Conferences	Oct. 23 Learning Disabilities Awareness Day Wear mismatched or wacky patterns	Oct. 24 Professional Development Day (no school for students)

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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
Nov. 6 – Divs. 1,2&3 Salish Sea boat trip



MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY

HALLOWEEN DANCE

MUSIC, CONCESSION,
GAMES + MORE!

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 17TH**

DOORS 6PM - 730PM

ENTRY BY DONATION

all children
must be
accompanied by
an adult

Spooky
photo booth
by donation
6pm - 7pm

October 2025
**GVSD#61 Diversity, Equity &
Inclusion Calendar**

Oct. 31 Halloween

The Card PROJECT



Orders for this art-based fundraiser open **Friday, October 17.**

See *your child's art* online

and browse the beautiful products made with your child's art.

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

WINTER CONCERT TIME CHANGES THIS YEAR:

We want to let families know, well in advance, that we will be hosting TWO afternoon winter concerts this year. We will NOT be hosting an evening concert due to conflicts with other school performance times and other commitments that many of our families have at that busy time of year. We will host the two afternoon concerts on December 17th and 18th.



Our wonderful little garden has been appreciated by many, and even some furry friends!

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who created and maintain our fantastic garden space!

PAC NEWS:

Parent & Family Resources:

Work BC

WorkBC.ca is an online resource designed to help you achieve your education and career goals. Use WorkBC.ca to search for jobs, plan your career, research British Columbia's labour market, explore education and training programs, find funding and more.

<https://www.workbc.ca/>

A promotional poster for the 'NOL Night of Lights' event. The background features vertical red and teal stripes. At the top, the word 'NOL' is written in large, white, serif capital letters, with a small star inside the 'O'. Below it, 'night of lights' is written in a smaller, white, script font, flanked by two small stars. To the right of 'NOL', the text '\$5.00 each' is displayed in a white, serif font, with 'Get your NOL tickets today!' written below it in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A white banner across the middle of the poster reads 'Sunday, November 23 ♦ 6 PM - 9:30 PM' in a teal, serif font. Below the banner, on the left, is a block of text in white, sans-serif font: 'When you purchase a \$5.00 ticket to Hillside Centre's special evening, **Night of Lights**, 100% of the proceeds support local charities in your community. It also buys you a special evening event like no other!'. Below this is a section titled 'THE EVENING INCLUDES:' in white, sans-serif font, followed by a bulleted list: '• Great Prizes including 1 of 5 \$1,000 Shopping Sprees!', '• Tasty Treats', '• Entertainment', and '• Fabulous In-Store Discounts'. Below the list is a section titled 'For tickets or information, CONTACT:' in white, sans-serif font, followed by a white box containing the text 'Tana or Sam at the school'. Below this is a section titled 'Money we raise through ticket sales WE SUPPORT:' in white, sans-serif font, followed by a white box containing the text 'Critical initiatives that enhance the inclusivity, well-being, and creative enrichment of our student community'. Below this is a section titled 'Limited number available. Entrance to the special evening is for ticket holders ONLY, so tell your friends!' in white, sans-serif font. On the right side of the poster, there is a photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a white, long-sleeved, ribbed dress, holding a large, red and white striped lollipop. At the bottom left, the 'HILLSIDE style. LIVES HERE.' logo is displayed in white, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the text 'FOR MORE INFO VISIT hillsidecentre.com' is displayed in white, sans-serif font.

100% of ticket sales
benefit McKenzie School!

It's that time of year for...

Our Second Annual, Mckenzie School Book Character Pumpkin Decorating!

WHAT TO DO:

Get yourself a pumpkin, decorate it (uncarved) as a character from a book. Bring your pumpkin to the library on Monday Oct. 27. Pumpkins will be on display for the week.

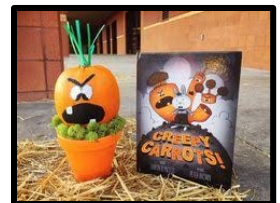
*Please Feel free to bring a picture of the book or the book itself labeled with your name to display with your pumpkin.

Book Character Pumpkin CONTEST RULES:

- You can use accessories for your pumpkin entry. Only one entry per student
- This is an optional activity
- You can also make a book character entry by only using a tissue box and art supplies
- You may use pumpkins or gourds or both to create your project
- There can be no carved entries as the pumpkin will decay more quickly
- To decorate: use paper, glue, paint, markers, pipe cleaners, fabric, or other craft items on the pumpkin or tissue box. Be CREATIVE!
- Projects must represent a book character from a book/graphic novel
- On the entry form, please write the title and author of the book
- Feel free to bring a picture of the book cover or a copy of the book to display with your pumpkin
- This is a home project and entries should be done mostly by the students, but parents or other family members may help you pick out an idea.

Please bring your pumpkin or tissue box project to school by Monday, October 27.

Check out some ideas:



MCKENZIE CROSS-COUNTRY:

We have a couple of weeks left in our fall cross country season. We have 36 dedicated, energetic runners that have attended weekly practices, and many of our runners have attended after school meets. Our next cross country meet will be at Lambrick Park (the reverse route of last week) on Monday, Oct. 20th at 3:45 p.m. Thank you to all staff and parent/caregivers that have come out to cheer on the cross-country team.