



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, September 19, 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.

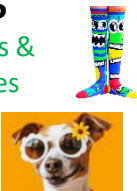


Administrators' Message:

It has been a busy week with some lunch time sports clubs starting up. For students in Grades 3,4 & 5 the fall x-country practices have begun, and our first grade 4& 5 soccer practice was held yesterday. Our grade 4/5 classes also participated in their first full-day field trip of the school year. Thank you so much to all the parents that were able to volunteer for the day; your help is much appreciated.

Please remember that Monday, Sept. 22 is a Professional Development Day and students are not in session. Our staff will be working together to generate inclusive instructional strategies, structures, and access for all our students to engage in meaningful learning within the classroom. We look forward to seeing our students back in the building on Tuesday.

Carmen & Jordana

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 22 Pro-D Day (no school for students)	Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25 Fun Socks & Sunglasses Day!  Popsicle Sale after school 	Sept 26 Terry Fox Run 2pm 

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Sept. 29 – Orange Shirt Day & Assembly at 11:00am
Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school for students)
Oct. 1 – Student Photo Day (morning)
Oct. 1 – Family Photo Day (evening)
Oct. 2 – Cops for Cancer 'Drive By' @ 2:05pm
Oct. 3 – PAC Meeting
Oct. 13 – Thanksgiving (no school for students)
Oct. 16 – Photo Retakes
Oct. 17 – Fall Dance

September 2025 GVSD#61 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

Sept. 21 – International Day of Peace
Sept. 22 – September Equinox
Sept. 23 – Rosh Hashanah
Sept. 23 – International Day of Sign Languages
Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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.

STUDENT FORMS:

You should have received a package of important office forms. Please review all sections, make changes, sign, and return to the school with your child(ren) as soon as possible.

AGENDAS:

We are asking families to pay \$10 for each agenda and encourage payment be made through The Cash Online site (link is on the left side on the homepage of our McKenzie School website). Cash will be accepted if you are unable to use the CashOnline site.

CAREER EXPLORATION AT SCHOOL:

This year, our school will be learning about a variety of careers and how they connect to what students are learning in the classroom. Each month, we will focus on a different subject area and explore the many careers that connect to it.

We encourage students to get curious and learn more about careers in our community! They are welcome to bring in pictures, newspaper or magazine articles, or even their own drawings to share. Throughout the year, we also hope to have guest speakers come in to talk about their careers and answer students' questions.

This month, we are starting with **Careers in Math**. If you use math in your job and are interested in visiting a class to share your experience, please contact Ms. Natalie at ncoffin@sd61.bc.ca.

MCKENZIE SCHOOL IS MAKING WAVES THIS SEASON!

We have a swim team in the UVIC Pacific Coast Swim Program!

Participants must be able to competently swim 25 meters and be comfortable in the water without an instructor in the pool with them.

Practices will be on Wednesdays, our first practice will be on Wednesday, Oct 29th from 3:15pm-4:00pm. Program runs Oct - Mar with 4 swim meets a year.

Registration information is available at the office or through our school sponsor Ms. Sam (sblair@sd61.bc.ca). We're all about teamwork, fun, and getting better together!

TERRY FOX RUN:

On Friday, September 26th our students will be running laps around the outside of our school in support of the Terry Fox Run.

If you are interested in supporting this charity, please consider donating to by visiting the following fundraising link
<https://schools.terryfox.ca/McKenzieElementary>
or by sending a toonie to school with your child(ren) for our Toonies for Terry collection box.

Grade 4/5 Salish Sea Program Fundraiser:

Popsicle Sales
\$2 each!

For sale by the C doors, after
school on:

**Thursday, September 25 and
Thursday, October 2**

Thank you for supporting our grade
4/5 classes!

PAC NEWS:

Parent & Family Resources:

Family Smart offers parent peer support, online resources, workshops, and training for parents to support youth mental health. <https://familysmart.ca/>

Every month, we host online events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge called “in the know.” We watch a video and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments and focus on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

Topic for September Emotion Regulation:

Big feelings can be tough for kids and parents. Join us to learn practical ways to support emotional regulation with Registered Clinical Counsellor, Nicole Allen. Meeting dates:

Sept 18 6:30 - 8:00

Sept 23 6:30 - 8:00

Sept 24 12:00 - 1:30

[Join us online. It's free.](#)



**ALL SD61 PARENTS & STUDENTS
YOU ARE INVITED!**

VCPAC FALL SOCIAL TOWNHALL

Connect with Other Parents & PAC Members, Learn About Upcoming Initiatives, Share Your Voice & Enjoy Some Refreshments

Special Appearance by Trustee Sherri Bell

 **Thursday
SEP 25, 2025**  **6:30 PM -
8:30 PM**  **Lansdowne Middle School Library
1765 Lansdowne Rd, Victoria**

 **Register Now** (Not Required, but appreciated)
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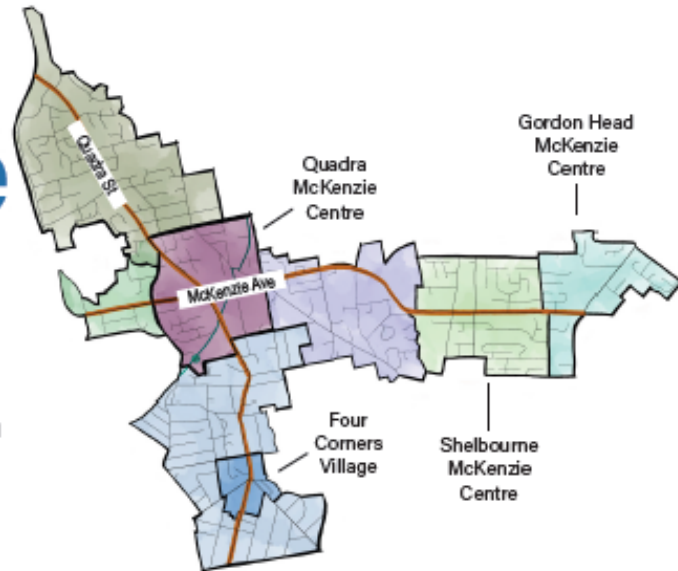
Join Online (Hybrid presentation portion)
<https://meet.google.com/owi-uxgn-ove>

 www.vcpac.ca  info@vcpac.ca

THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Quadra McKenzie Plan

We are seeking your input on the updated draft Quadra McKenzie Plan.



ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Webinars	Wed. Sept. 10, 2025 11:00am - 12:30pm Thurs. Sept. 11, 2025 6:00pm - 7:30pm Tues. Sept. 16, 2025 12:00pm - 1:30pm	Register for webinars online at: saanich.ca/QMP
Open House #1*	Wed. Sept. 17, 2025 4:30pm - 8:00pm	Saanich Municipal Hall 770 Vernon Avenue
Open House #2*	Sun. Sept. 21, 2025 11:00am - 3:00pm	Saanich Municipal Hall 770 Vernon Avenue
Open House #3*	Tues. Sept. 23, 2025 4:30pm - 8:00pm	Saanich Municipal Hall 770 Vernon Avenue
Online Survey	Sept. 1, 2025 - Oct. 1, 2025	Online at: saanich.ca/QMP
Pop-up Events	Refer to webpage for locations and times at: saanich.ca/QMP	

The Draft Quadra McKenzie Plan has been updated. Revisions reflect Council direction, public input, and technical analysis.

Key updates include:

- Reduced land use intensity in Quadra North
- Lower building heights and refined Corridor Hubs
- Removal of McKenzie Corridor lane design concepts (to be addressed through a separate future corridor study)

*Refreshments and childcare/activities provided at open houses



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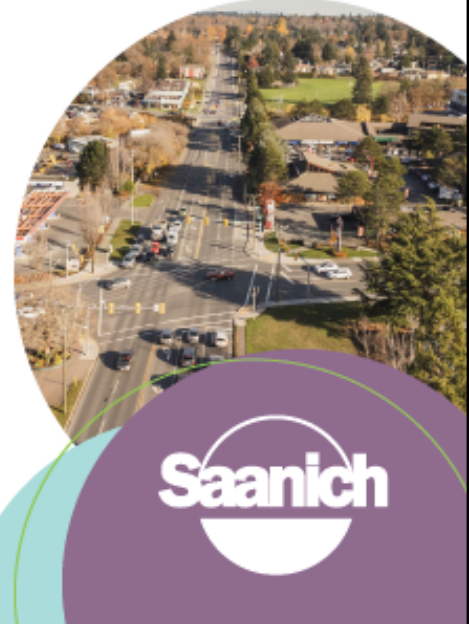
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