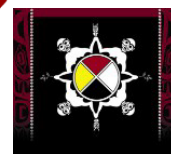




McKenzie Weekly



Friday, November 7, 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:

Welcome November! Students that participate in Scouts or Guides programs are invited to wear their uniforms on Monday for our Remembrance Day assembly. They are invited to lead in the presentation of wreaths at the start of our ceremony.

We would like to remind families of a few school procedures. **Drop Off and Pick Up:** Please say final goodbyes to your child(ren) at their outside lineup and do not follow into the school. This helps staff to settle your child into classroom morning routines and practice their independence at school. At the end of the day, please wait outside the building at your child's line up location. If your child arrives late, have them check in at the office for a welcome slip. All **Visitors in the Building** must sign in at the office for safety and emergency purposes.

Another reminder is about **Parent Cell Phone Use and Photography** during school hours and on field trips. Please do not take photos or videos of students during school hours or on field trips. There are many students with privacy restrictions that we need to be respectful of. Thank you.

Our AMAZING school secretary, Ms. Val, is away on a GRAND ADVENTURE over the next 5 weeks. During her absence, Jane Massey will be covering her roll. We wish Ms. Val safe travels and can't wait to hear all about the camels, Casablanca and the Marrakech markets!

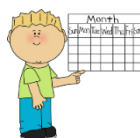
Carmen & Jordana

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45	Nov. 11  Lest We Forget...	Nov. 12 PAC Meeting (in person)	Nov. 13	Nov. 14 Hot Lunch - Subway & Sushi 

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Nov 17 – Divs 4&5 Skating @ 10:15am
Nov. 17 – Div 1 to Goldstream 9-11:50
Nov. 17 – Divs 11 & 12 to Goldstream 9-2
Nov. 21 – Pro-D Day (no school for students)
Nov. 24 – Divs 1,2 & 3 Salish Sea boat trip (rescheduled from Nov 6)
Nov. 27 – Divs 3 & 8 Skating @ 11:15
Nov. 28 – Divs 2 & 12 Skating @ 12:15



November 2025 GVSD#61 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

Nov 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
Nov 16 Louis Riel Day
Nov 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
Nov 20 World Children's Day
Nov 25 International Day for Elimination of
Violence Against Women

2025-26 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.

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**.

McKenzie Class of 2026

Online Grad Apparel Store

store.passionsports.ca/mckenzie_class_of_2026



MacBook Air

Order by Nov. 16

Are you interested in buying **GRAD** wear for your **grade five** student?

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER](#)

Deadline for orders is November 16th with delivery in time for Christmas.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

'intheknow' Online Events

Connect & Learn

Online Events for Parents & Caregivers

Every month, we host events for parents and caregivers of a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge.

Join us to watch a video and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments, focusing on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

Substance Use and the Power of Support

Connection and relationship can make a difference in substance use and addiction. Guy Felicella, a renowned advocate and international speaker who has overcome a two-decade substance use disorder, passionately promotes harm reduction, trauma therapy, and faster access to treatment using his story of resilience and recovery. Learn how we can show care not just for our kids, but for the broader community impacted by substance use disorder.

Join us and other families for this video presentation and discussion that's facilitated by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

- COST:** Free
- DATES:**
 - Thursday, November 6, 12pm
 - Tuesday, November 18, 6:30pm

Times are in Pacific Time (most of B.C.)



Register online at familysmart.ca/events

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Now What? A beginning conversation to support families when our kids begin experimenting with substances.

Learning that our kids are using substances can be scary. Our fears about substance use can affect how we react. This is a beginning conversation to help parents self-reflect on how they show up to talk to their kids about their substance use. Learn with us while Victoria Keddiss hosts a conversation with Douglas Hardie, Registered Clinical Counsellor and Program Coordinator of Island Health's Child, Youth and Family Mental Health and Substance Use Programs.

Join us and other families for this video presentation and discussion that's facilitated by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

- COST:** Free
- DATES:**
 - Tuesday, November 4, 6:30pm
 - Thursday, November 13, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday November 26, 6:30pm

Times are in Pacific Time (most of B.C.)



Register online at familysmart.ca/events

Coupon Books will be coming home with your child next week

SHOP LOCAL & SAVE MONEY WHILE HELPING RAISE

Dear McKenzie Elementary Parents,

Looking for some great holiday gift ideas? Check out our COMMUNITY VALUES fundraiser! Your support is needed for our to help us achieve our goal to raise money for **furniture in the library** (soft and comfortable flexible seating: couches & chairs)



Community Values is a new take on the traditional coupon book. For only \$35...this book features:

1. Over \$6,000 in Savings at businesses in the Greater Victoria area.
2. A stamp page that will allow **NEW** merchants to offer deals throughout the year
3. Custom Coupon Templates to make your own coupons to share with family and friends
4. Weekend Jar Coupons to experience local things to do for free with your family
5. Bonus Savings and Contests year-round on Instagram @community_values_victoria

Each Book
Only
\$35

Sale Dates: **Wed. Nov 12- Fri., Nov. 28, 2025**

- WAYS TO BUY A BOOK
 - 1) McKenzie Website: <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/>
 - 2) Cash - please put money in an envelope or Ziplock with your child's name and div on it
- **This is NOT a free book if you choose to not buy or sell it, please return it ASAP to your classroom teacher**
- For Questions, contact: ncoffin@sd61.bc.ca

Bonus Incentives

- 1) For every book a student sells they will receive a collectable Coop Squad Buddy (Refer to prize flyer)
- 2) If you sell 12 books you will be guaranteed all 12 Coop Squad Buddy Characters
- 3) If you sell 13 books or more you will receive all 12 characters and the special limited-edition GOLDEN Coop Squad Buddy + Sunglasses
- 4) TOP SELLING STUDENT will win 4 tickets to a Victoria Royals game
- 5) Top selling class with their books any payment in on time will win a Pizza Party!

BONUS

IF EVERY STUDENT AT OUR SCHOOL SELLS 2 BOOKS, OUR SCHOOL WILL EARN \$6,000

PAC NEWS:

Parent & Family Resources:

Erase Family Sessions

These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers in navigating the digital world.

Two sessions are available:

- Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities - Nov 12, Jan 21, March 11, May 13, all from 6:30 to 7:30
- Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Sextortion - Dec 10, Feb 18, April 8, June 10, all from 6:30 to 7:30

Click to register: [erase Family Sessions](#)

SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Special Food Day is next
Friday, November 14th
Subway & Sushi

Order deadline is Sunday,
November 9th

To order, visit
www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net
Access Code : MEHL

Questions?
mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com



Supporting a Cause Never Tasted So Good!

Buy your favourite chocolates to support **McKenzie Elementary**

Purdy's
CHOCOLATIER

Go to purdys.com/fundraising or Scan QR

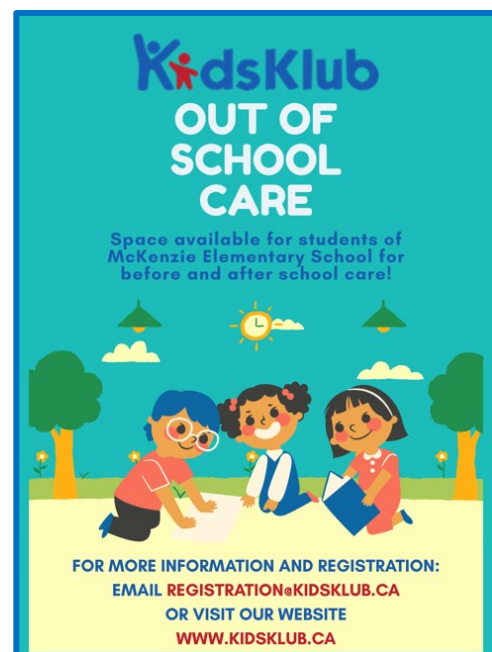
Enter customer # **73829** to shop & support.

Place your order by **November 29th**



Sunday, November 30th, at 2 pm, we will be the annual "Teddy Bear Toss Night," which sees fans in attendance throw stuffed animals on the ice when we score our first goal! The stuffed animals are then donated to kids in need during the holiday season.

Kids are free when accompanied by an adult (limit of two per adult), with adult tickets starting at \$18



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.

NOV. 11TH DEADLINE

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

Questions? Contact Marcelle at Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca

NIGHT OF LIGHTS @ Hillside Mall

November 23rd 6-9:30pm

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!

The evening includes:

- Great prizes, including 1 of 5 \$1,000 Shopping Sprees
- Tasty Treats
- Entertainment
- Fabulous In-Store Discounts

Tickets are available from staff members Tana or Sam at the school.

McKenzie Stamp Club students might be interested in the upcoming Stamp Fair:

Hosted by the Victoria Stamp Club

VICPEX Stamp and Postcard Fair

Sunday Nov. 16, 10-3PM



Free Admission

Displays

**Dealer's tables featuring
stamps, postcards, postal history and more**



**Sandman Hotel Victoria
2852 Douglas Street**

vicstamps.com