

McKenzie Weekly

Thursday, October 23, 2025



McKenzíe 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:

Thank you to all our families for making the time to come into the school to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) on Tuesday and Wednesday. This was our first informal learning update for the school year, and we appreciate making these connections early in the school year so that we can support their learning and progress as a team. Thank you to our staff for taking the extra time to host these important conversations. If you were not able to make your interview time or did not book one, please reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher to book an alternative time soon.

It was great to see all the mis-matched and wacky patterns today to acknowledge Learning Disabilities Awareness Day! Thank you for participating. There are many more opportunities for school spirit next week, please have a careful read below and mark your calendars! We will see everyone back in the building on Monday, October 27th, as tomorrow our staff will be participating in various Provincial workshops for Professional Development.

Carmen & Jordana

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31
Divs 2 & 7 skating	Soccer Jamboree	Divs 1 & 9 skating		Costume Parade
at 10:15am	11:30-	at 12:45pm		8:45-9am
Pumpkin Pumpkin	2:30			To go and the second
Run @	Final Cross Country			
2pm RUN	Meet @ 3:45pm @			Happy
	UVIC along Cedar			Halloween!
Book Character	Hill Rd 👸 🧑			
Pumpkins to library				

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Nov. 3 – Choir students video film

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

Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 11 – Statutory holiday (no school)

Nov. 12 - PAC Meeting (online)

Nov. 14 – Hot Lunch

November 2025 GVSD#61 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

Nov 7	International Inuit Day	
Nov 8	Indigenous Veterans Day	
Nov 8	National Aboriginal Veterans Day	
Nov 11	Remembrance 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	
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AI in GVSD:

The Greater Victoria School District is working to ensure our guidance around AI is consistently up to date. As a result of these efforts, we are completing a bi-annual review cycle of the content. To ensure we are hearing from all Rightsholders and stakeholders, we are offering the opportunity to provide feedback. Access to the AI in GVSD document is below, followed by a QR code linking to the feedback form.

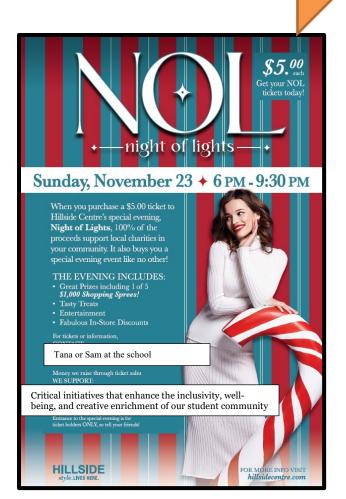


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Parent & Family Resources:

BC Child Care Map

Use the map to search for child care providers in your area. https://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/hm/ccf/

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 <u>home project</u> 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:









