



McKenzie Weekly



Thursday, October 23, 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:

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 Divs 2 & 7 skating at 10:15am Pumpkin Run @ 2pm Book Character Pumpkins to library	Oct. 28 Soccer Jamboree 11:30- 2:30 Final Cross Country Meet @ 3:45pm @ UVIC along Cedar Hill Rd	Oct. 29 Divs 1 & 9 skating at 12:45pm	Oct. 30	Oct. 31 Costume Parade 8:45-9am  Happy Halloween!



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

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.



(AI Document)



(AI Document Feedback)

Order by
Sunday, Oct.26

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—night of lights—

Sunday, November 23 ♦ 6 PM - 9:30 PM

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

For tickets or information, contact:

Tana or Sam at the school

Money we raise through ticket sales WE SUPPORT:

Critical initiatives that enhance the inclusivity, well-being, and creative enrichment of our student community

Entrance to the special evening is for ticket holders ONLY, so tell your friends!

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FOR MORE INFO VISIT
hillsidecentre.com

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

100% of ticket sales
benefit McKenzie School!!!

PAC NEWS:

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 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:

