



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, December 12, 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:

Term one Learning Updates are LIVE!

Please access your child's Learning Update (Report Card) via Parent Connect at the link below:

[Parent Connect Link](#)

We would like to thank our amazing staff to working so hard to communicate your children's learning and progress in this first term of the school year.

In addition, we would like to thank all of you that contributed to our 10 Days of Giving food drive. The response has been fantastic and we are very grateful to be able to help some families within the McKenzie Community over the holiday season.

We look forward to seeing you all at one of our Winter Concerts next week!

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19
Welcome Back Ms. Val!	Festive Clothing Explosion 	Winter Concert @ 1:15pm StrongStart Closed	Winter Concert @ 1:15pm StrongStart Closed	Jingle Bell Run StrongStart Closed

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Dec. 14th – McKenzie Swim Team Meet @ SCP
- Dec. 15th – Family Mittens handed in to decorate the gym
- Dec. 16th – THEME DAY - Holiday Clothing Explosion
- Dec. 17th – Winter Concert @ 1:15pm & Purdy's pick-up
- Dec. 18th - Winter Concert @ 1:15pm & Purdy's pick-up
- Dec. 19th - Jingle Bell Run @ 11:30am
- Dec. 20th – Jan. 4th – Winter Break
- Jan. 3 & 4th - PAC Tree Chipping

December 2025

GVSD#61 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

- 15th – Hanukkah
- 21st – December Solstice
- 25th – Christmas
- 26th – Boxing Day
- 26th – Kwanzaa

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.

Holiday Concert Updates:



Our winter concerts will be on Wednesday Dec. 17th at 1:15 pm and Thursday Dec. 18th at 1:15 pm. Please have your child wear **black bottoms (pants, leggings, skirt & tights, etc.), and a “snow-coloured” top (white, light blue, grey, silver, etc)**. The top could be a combination of those colours as well (ie. white and blue stripes). It would be best if the top were plain without any logos, designs, or text. Students in the Choir and Junior Choir will be provided with a choir shirt and should also wear black bottoms (pants, etc). There is no need to purchase anything special for the winter concert—what you already have is perfect!

Additional tickets will be released starting at 8:00am Monday, December 15th.

Term 1 Report Cards are Live!

Please log in to Parent Connect and view “Assessment History” on the side tabs.

[Parent Connect Link](#)

10 Days of Giving:

On the 1st day of December McKenzie Families donate:

Dry goods

(ie. Pasta, rice, sugar, pancake mix, flour, oil, etc.)

On the 2nd day of December McKenzie Families donate:

Food for the body

On the 3rd day of December McKenzie Families donate:

Food for the soul

On the 4th day of December McKenzie Families donate:

Food for the mind

On the 5th day of December McKenzie Families donate:

Anything Goes!

Thank you to the families of McKenzie Elementary School for your generous donations of food and household items. Your kindness is helping us build holiday hamper baskets that support our community. The hampers will be assembled early next week, and we are still gratefully accepting any last-minute donations. Well done, McKenzie! Your spirit of giving truly honours the meaning of the season.

On the 8th day of December McKenzie Families donate:

Treats!

(ie. Cookies, popcorn, licorice, chips, chocolate)

Boxed Goods!

(ie. Crackers, stuffing, coffee, tea)

Pocket Snacks!

(ie. Granola Bars, wagon wheels, fruit cups)

Condiments & Spices!

(ie. Ketchup, mustard, syrup, pickles, salt, pepper)

28th day of December McKenzie Families donate:

Anything Goes!



PAC NEWS:



Purdy's
orders can be
picked up
beside the
bake sale!



McKenzie Holiday

Bake Sale

Before and after the Winter Concert

Wednesday December 17th

Thursday December 18th



By Donation
Cash + Card
accepted



**Baked goods
and volunteers
needed!**

Donations can be dropped
at the office the morning of

Dec. 17th + 18th

Table volunteers will get
priority concert
seating

MCKENZIE PAC'S ANNUAL TREE CHIPPING FUNDRAISER IS JAN 3rd & 4th. Please support your PAC by sharing the details below with your families and friends!

MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY PARENTS
ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTS

Tree Chipping

BY DONATION: CASH/E-TRANSFER

**TREE PICKUP OFFERED WITHIN 3KM- EMAIL
TRACYLEE16@HOTMAIL.COM BY JAN 1ST TO
ARRANGE**

WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM:



**SAT JAN 3RD & SUN JAN 4TH
10AM-2PM
MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY
BACK PARKING LOT**



Look for
volunteer sign
up information
in our next
newsletter



**Purdy's orders have arrived!
Orders can be picked up
before and after our Holiday
Concerts at the Bake Sale
table.**



JOIN US FOR A PARENT EDUCATION **FREE EVENING WORKSHOP**

Monday, January 19th
6-7:30pm | McKenzie Elementary School

**Learn strategies from
Emotion-Focused Family Therapy (EFFT)
with Tory Vitaly, MSW, RSW**

- EFFT is an **evidence-based** practical approach that helps parents and caregivers support **children of ALL ages**
- Learn techniques for managing your child's **emotional dysregulation, emotional shutdown, anxiety, depression and more**
- Presentation with a **Q&A**
- **Supportive space** for parents and caregivers to learn and practice new skills

19 January 2026

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

McKenzie Elementary School Library

ALL WELCOME

FREE for parents to attend. Snacks and beverages provided.
Presented by McKenzie PAC and Fairfield & Oak Bay Psychology



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