



# McKenzie Weekly



Friday, December 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:

We wish you a safe, restful and joyful holiday season and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a new year of learning in January

*Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie*

### Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan. 5 Back to school!	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Dec. 20th – Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – Winter Break  
Jan. 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> - PAC Tree Chipping  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – Skating Div 6 & 7  
Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Hearing Screening  
Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch. (Pizza & Sushi)

### December 2025

GVSD#61 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar  
21<sup>st</sup> – December Solstice  
25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas  
26<sup>th</sup> – Boxing Day  
26<sup>th</sup> – 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.



## Winter Concert Success

Bravo to our students in all divisions for their hard work and dedication in preparing for our winter concert. From learning lines, playing accompaniments, rehearsing, and dressing the part to perform holiday music, their efforts truly shone.

Our strings students deserve special recognition, as they only began playing their instruments in September and delivered an impressive performance on Wednesday.

Our choir students also deserve special praise for their beautiful performance, showcasing their commitment, teamwork, and musical growth.

Thank you to our emcees, runners, and backstage crew for ensuring the event ran smoothly. The gym was festive and colourful, beautifully decorated with family mittens that added to the holiday spirit.

A special thank you to Ms. Salido for orchestrating all divisions and bringing staff together on stage. We are grateful for her leadership and for sharing her many talents with our school community.

### Saanich Food Resources

#### Emmanual Baptist Church

Tuesdays 3pm-4pm Fresh Produce Distribution - 2121 Cedar Hill Cross Rd - 250-592-2418

#### Living Edge Markets

Tuesdays 4:00pm- 5:30pm - 898 Royal Oak (tickets given out at 3:30pm)

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 3:30pm 2275 Lam Circle

Thursdays 5:30pm- 6:30pm 7577 Wallace Rd (tickets given out at 5:15pm)

#### Gateway Baptist Church

Tuesdays 4:00pm- 5:30 pm Fresh Produce Distribution - 898 Royal Oak Ave - 250-658-5121

#### Saanich Baptish Church

Thursdays 5:30pm- 6:30pm Fresh Produce Distribution - 7577 Wallace Dr – 250-744-2020

#### Oaklands Community Association

2827 Belmont Ave #1 – 250-370-9101

#### Shelbourne Community Kitchen

101-3787 Cedar Hill Rd – 250-590-0980

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

## Important Dates:

French Immersion: Jan 12-16

English: Jan 26-30



**If your child was born in 2021, we are  
eager to welcome them to Kindergarten!**

Register Online:  
[www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)



# PAC NEWS

## **MCKENZIE PAC'S ANNUAL TREE CHIPPING FUNDRAISER IS JAN 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Our annual Christmas Tree Chipping Fundraiser in partnership with Bartlett Tree Experts is Jan 3rd & 4th and we need your help to collect trees and donations :). Volunteer #'s are for adults needed but please feel free to bring your Kenzie kids to help with collecting as well. Sign up for a shift here: [Volunteer Sign-Up](#).*

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**





# 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**



**FAIRFIELD PSYCHOLOGY**  
[fairfieldpsychology.com](http://fairfieldpsychology.com)

## **Tutoring Resources in Victoria**

Sylvan Learning Centre

<https://www.sylvanlearning.com/locations/ca/bc/victoria-tutoring/victoria/>

Kumon

<https://www.kumon.com/ca-en/home>

UVic Career Services - create an account and login to see available student tutors

<https://www.uvic.ca/career-services/info-for/employers/index.php>

Find a Tutor

<https://findatutor.ca/>

Victoria Literacy Connection - volunteer run

<https://victorialiteracyconnection.ca/>

## **Parent Support Services of BC - Free Online Support Groups**

These groups are free, anonymous, and confidential, offering a safe space for parents and caregivers to:

- Share stories
- Build community
- Gain parenting skills
- Access emotional support
- Discover local services and resources

 **Weekly or Bi-weekly Support Groups**  
Facilitated by trained volunteers:

- Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM — Parenting Children with ADHD
- Thursdays @ 6:30 PM — Parenting Neurodivergent Children
- Thursdays @ 7:00 PM — General Parenting
- Thursdays @ 7:30 PM — Parenting Teens (13+)
- Sundays @ 10:00 AM — Parenting Children with ADHD
- Sundays @ 7:30 PM — Parenting Youth with Anxiety/Depression

 Register here: <https://bit.ly/pssreferralform>

