



McKenzie Weekly



Friday, February 20, 2026

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 saw a few snowflakes falling today along with the cooler temperature, yet many bulbs are starting to bloom! Our teaching staff are working hard to complete the various posts on the student's online portfolios or they are starting to write our next set of Learning Updates for your children. If your child is part of a classroom with an online portfolio; please take some time to look at their work and the progress they have made so far this term.

This week was filled with a variety of literacy activities, Lunar New Year celebrations and recognition of Ramadan. Next week we look forward to 100s Day and Pink Shirt Day!

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb. 23 Diving Fieldtrip Div. 5	Feb. 24 100 th day of school celebration for kindergarten	Feb. 25 Pink Shirt Day Swim Team Practice afterschool @ SCP	Feb. 26 Basketball Team  Bake Sale Fundraiser Basketball game after school at McKenzie	Feb. 27 End of term 2

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Mar. 2nd - Diving Fieldtrip Div. 4
- Mar. 3rd - Div. 2 Walking Tour fieldtrip
- Mar. 11th - Div. 7 & 8 Observatory fieldtrip
- Mar. 9th - Jump Rope for Heart
- Mar. 13th - PAC Hot Lunch & Learning Updates "Live"
- Mar. 16th- 27th - Spring Break (no school)

February 2026 – Black History Month GVSD#61 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

- 25 – Pink Shirt Day
- 28 – Rare Disease Day

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.



**The McKenzie
Basketball Team
is hosting a
bake sale fundraiser!!**



-February 26th-

**during first recess, after school at the garden
and at our home game against Northridge.**

**To help make this fundraiser a success, we are suggesting a \$5.00 donation.
That said, we truly appreciate any contribution, big or small.**

Every bit helps.

**All proceeds are supporting our coach Troy Wilson (Coach Big Dawg) in his courageous
battle against cancer.**

**Coach Big Dawg has poured countless hours, energy, and heart into mentoring and uplifting
our community. We invite you to learn more about the incredible impact he has made:**

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/troy-tbone-wilson>

McKenzie Run Club

We are excited to share that McKenzie Elementary Run Club will begin on **Friday, March 6th!** Our Run Club will meet Friday mornings from 8:10-8:35 until Friday, April 24th. Our school team will also be taking part in the **TC10k** and the **Thrifty Foods 1.5km Family Fun Run** on **Sunday, April 26th, 2026**, with discounted team registration available.

Students of all ages are welcome, and they do not need to register for a race to participate in weekly practices. More details about practices, race registration, and how families can get involved will be shared next week in a **permission form**.



That
sounds
amazing!

Literacy Week – A few students from Book Character Day



PAC NEWS:

PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES:

Looking for a resource from a previous week? Click [here](#) for the full list.

WITS Program

We train educators and community leaders in our whole-community approach to ending peer victimization and bullying. The award-winning WITS Programs started in Victoria and have since spread into elementary schools across Canada, into the USA, Brazil, and – most recently – Belgium.

<https://witsprogram.ca/what-is-the-wits-program-english/>

If you have a resource to share, email it to mckenziepac@gmail.com.

PFLAG Victoria – Parents and Friends Legitimizing All Genders
All Sexualities All Diversity.

Educating. Sharing. Advocating.

PFLAG – Victoria offers peer-to-peer support for families with questions about a loved one's gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation.

victoriabc@pflagcanada.ca



PARENT EDUCATION:

VCPAC SAFETY TOWNHALL
FEBRUARY 26, 2026

*ON-SITE CHILDMINDING AVAILABLE!
PIZZA & GAMES FOR THE KIDS.*

**CREATING SAFE &
CONNECTED SCHOOLS**

- K-12 Safety Framework
- Data and Trauma-Informed Practices
- Shared Responsibility among Partners

COME SHARE YOUR STORIES & ASK QUESTIONS!

SPEAKERS

- **DEB WHITTEN**, SD61 Superintendent
- **SEAN POWELL**, SD61 Associate Superintendent
- **GEOFF JOHNSON**, Former Superintendent
- **CHRIS CLARKE**, GVTA Health and Safety Officer

 **Feb 26, 2026**
6:30-8:30PM

 **ESQUIMALT HIGH**
847 Colville Rd.

FREE TO REGISTER

<https://forms.gle/z3zU9VA64ZAWqz7R8>



COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:



Outdoor Spring & Summer Programs

Our affordable, year-round educational adventures are all about getting outside to play and explore. Kids build real-life skills, confidence, and a love for nature without even realizing they're learning!

- **Hands-on outdoor skills**
- **Inclusive, supportive environment**
- **Day, overnight & wilderness options**
- **New adventures every time!**



SPRING CAMPS ↗

A fun, inclusive Spring Break adventure where kids build real outdoor skills, confidence, and a lasting connection to nature.

↗ **SUMMER CAMPS**

Campers build self-confidence, independence and resilience through age-appropriate challenges and achievements.



Come play outside with us! Pro-D, leadership & custom camps available.
Visit westernadventures.ca or call 250-888-1338 to get started.

