



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, March 13, 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:


Learning Updates for your children went 'LIVE' at 3pm today. Please take some time over the holidays to review the excellent progress all of your children have achieved via the Parent Connect at the link below:

[Parent Connect Link](#)

Wishing all of our students, families and staff a wonderful and restful Spring Break. We hope this time brings opportunities to relax, enjoy time with loved ones, and spend some time outdoors. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on March 30th, refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the school year

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mar. 30 School Reopens after Spring Break 	Mar. 31	Apr. 1	Apr. 2 Autism Assembly	Apr. 3

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Mar. 16th- 27th – Spring Break (no school)
- Mar. 30th – school reopens
- Apr. 3rd – Good Friday (no school)
- Apr. 6th – Easter Monday (no school)



March 2026 – Black History Month
GVSD#61 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar
 17 - St. Patrick's Day
 19/20 – Eid al-Fitr
 20 – March Equinox
 21 – International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
 21 – World Down Syndrome Day
 31 – Indigenous Languages Day
 31 – Transgender Day of Visibility

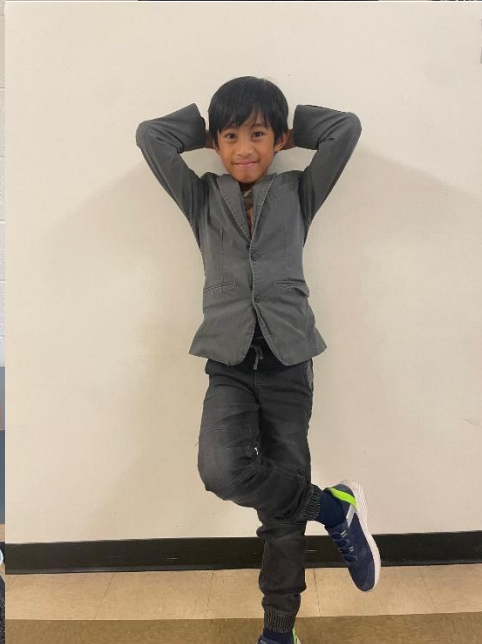
2025-26 SCHOOL GROWTH PLAN FOR MCKENZIE SCHOOL:

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.

THIS WEEK AT MCKENZIE:

School Spirit Day –
Students dress as a staff member & staff dress as a student



Dear Families,

I want to thank you as I get ready to move on from this school.

I have really enjoyed being a part of this community and getting to know so many wonderful students, staff, and families. While I am sad to say goodbye, I am also excited to be moving to a part-time position at Braefoot. I am very grateful for the time I have spent here and for the great memories created along the way!

Wishing everyone all the best for the rest of the year!

Take care,

Ms. Val

PAC INFORMATION:



Spring
Chocolate Fundraiser

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000025997>

GET YOUR
ORDER IN BY
MARCH 21ST



A colorful illustration of a blue bunny holding a chocolate egg, surrounded by various flowers in shades of purple, yellow, and pink.

ORDERS WILL
BE READY FOR
PICKUP FROM
THE SCHOOL
ON APRIL 2ND

[PURDYS
ORDER LINK](#)

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:

Spring Break Programs at the Library.

March 17-28, 2026

Follow the link below to learn more about:

- Spring Storytime at Butterfly Gardens
 - Family Play
 - Tech Play
 - Little Lego
- Flower Flip Books
- Wish You Were Here!
- Storytime at Swan Lake with the GVPL

[GVPL Spring Break Programs](#)



Please note time update for kidsFUNd skate session

Save on skating while supporting families in need at kidsFUNd Skate

Join us for a specially priced drop-in skating session to support kidsFUNd in helping low-income Saanich families participate in camps, lessons, social activities, and more. Only \$3.50 for single admission and \$10 for family admission — with skate rentals included. Saturday, March 14, from **12:15 to 1:30pm**, at G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre. All admission proceeds benefit kidsFUNd directly.

First Tee Spring Program at Cedar Hill Golf Course

FREE Learn-to-Play Golf Program!

Learn the fundamentals of golf—putting, chipping, pitching, and full swing—in a fun, interactive, and supportive environment!

Session Dates & Times:

5-week program | 1-hour sessions

Mondays | April 13th – May 11th

4/13 | 4/20 | 4/27 | 5/4 | 5/11

Ages 7-9: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Ages 10-13: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Coaches:

- Laird White, Doug Brown, Eva Kovacs, Daniel Kirby, Felix Boucher

Additional Information:

- 10-participant capacity per age group
- Previous golf skills are NOT required.
- Golf equipment is NOT required; equipment will be provided for participants during each session.

Interested? Register below or email mkleban@golfcanada.ca with any questions:



Community
Junior Golf



Ages 7-9:

[Register Here](#)



Ages 10-13:

[Register Here](#)



YOUTH PICKLEBALL

SUMMER CAMPS 2026

AGES 8 -12 • ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

Serve. Rally. Smile.

Join the fastest-growing sport this summer with Shangri-Law Pickleball! Choose from 4 locations and 8 weeks of youth pickleball summer camps!

1-WEEK CAMPS | MONDAY TO FRIDAY | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Colquitz Middle School Gymnasium

Register with the District of Saanich

- July 6 - 10
- Aug 10 - 14

Centennial Multi-Sports Box

Register with Panorama
Recreation

- July 20 - 24
- August 17 - 21

Topaz Park

Register with the City of Victoria

- July 13 - 17
- August 24 - 28

Archie Browning Sports Centre

Register with the Township of
Esquimalt

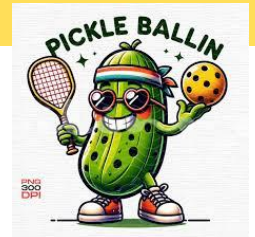
- July 27 - 31
- Aug 24 - 28

Shangri-Law Pickleball

LIVE YOUR BEST PICKLEBALL LIFE.

shangrilawpickleball@gmail.com

(250) 995-3068



Join us

ORCAS SUMMER SWIM TEAM SUMMER SEASON REGISTRATION

Make a splash this summer!

New member registration opens April 11th 8am



info@oakbayorcas.ca
www.oakbayorcas.ca

SAANICH FIRE FIGHTERS' CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
 SOLE SISTERS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Sole Sisters Victoria in partnership with
 Saanich Fire Fighters' Charitable Foundation presents...

17th Annual KidsRun Victoria

Sunday May 3rd
10am-Noon
Tillicum Centre
Lower Parking Lot

Come enjoy a morning full of FUN family activities, emergency vehicles, mascots, on-site barbecue by donation provided by Montana's Cookhouse, silent auction at the event and enjoy our beautiful nature trails. You can walk or run the 1k and or 5k routes.

Thank you for supporting KidsRun Victoria!
 Please join our team and make a difference. Your participation will help to support the pediatric oncology ward at the Victoria General Hospital and children and families affected by cancer.

For full registration details check out:
www.SoleSistersVictoria.ca

#KidsRunVictoria

SCAN TO REGISTER

In Support of
 VICTORIA HOSPITALS
 Caring makes us all better

In Partnership with
 save on foods
 DownWest Athletics
 DENMAN PRINT WORKS
 LONDON DRUGS
 TILLICUM CENTRE
 chek
 100.5+Q
 PWA
 Zingo 91.2
 MONTANA'S
 BBQ & BAR

TOGETHER *in stride*

Booking Now for Spring!

Learning with Horses

Social Skill Development through hands-on, group activities with horses in a safe, inclusive farm setting.

- Ages 11+
- Guided, non-riding interactions with horses
- Supportive, inclusive learning environment
- Explore teamwork, communication, leadership & self-awareness - learning by doing together.
- Sessions follow a curriculum with defined goals and outcomes
- 12 participants per group

Open to all school groups through our pay-what-you-can model.

Located in Saanichton

For more information & to book contact
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