



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, April 10, 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:

Spring has truly sprung this week and it is wonderful to see our garden and school grounds start to come alive. Track (grades 3,4, & 5) and rugby season (grades 4 & 5) has started for our older students, and we look forward to cheering them on in the coming weeks. We will be able to open our fields again next week and are excited to provide the students with more space to run and play! Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apr. 13	Apr. 14	Apr. 15 Kindergarten hearing screening	Apr. 16	Apr. 17 Run Club 8:10 am PAC Hot Lunch (Subway & Sushi) Autism Awareness Spirit Day – Wear a FUN hat!

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Apr. 20th – Saanich Fire Program (Grade 4's)
- Apr. 23rd – Photo Day – Class & Whole School Photos
- Apr. 24th – Spring Dance – See pg. 4 for volunteer info
- Apr. 30th – Autism Awareness Assembly
- May. 1st – Div 4 field trip to Island View Beach



April 2026 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

Autism Acceptance Month

Sikh Heritage Month

- 14 – Vaisakhi
- 22 – Earth Day
- 22 – Administrative Professionals' Day
- 28 – Day of Mourning for Lost Workers

2025-26 SCHOOL GROWTH PLAN FOR MCKENZIE SCHOOL:

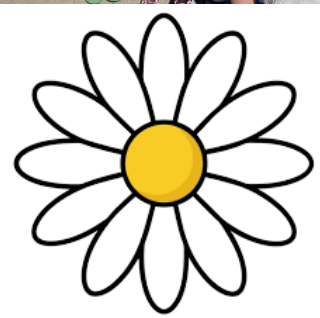
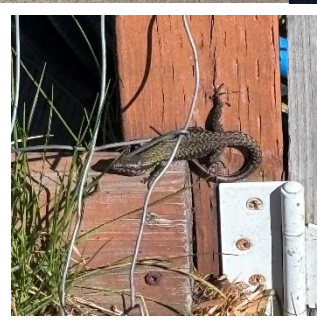
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING GOAL: As a staff and community, we will provide students with opportunities to improve or increase their sense of belonging at school.

LITERACY GOAL: To improve writing through more explicit, tactile, and oral language pre-writing strategies.

MCKENZIE THIS WEEK:



FUN IN THE SUN





Divisions 1, 2, and 3 are selling

Popsicles



\$2 each!

We are raising money to pay for Mathletics and year-end activities.

For sale by the garden, after school, on:

Monday, April 13

Monday, April 20

Monday, April 27

Thank you,

Mrs. Schneider, Ms. Bushell, and Mr. Scott

PAC INFORMATION:



PAC HOT LUNCH DAY

Our next PAC Hot Lunch is Friday, April 17th for
Subway and Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday, April 12th

To order, visit www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net

Questions? mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com

Saanich Neighbourhood Place

Saanich Neighbourhood Place is proud to be a part of the Coalition of Neighbourhood Houses. Neighbourhood Houses are non-profit community based organizations that are committed to healthy children, families, youth and individuals.

<https://www.snplace.org/>





MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPRING FLING DANCE

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
24 APRIL

LIVE DJ | PIZZA
 SWEETS TREATS
 ENTRANCE BY DONATION

HELP US SWEETEN THE NIGHT!
 TREAT DONATIONS NEEDED!
 HOMEMADE OR STORE-BOUGHT
 GOODIES WILL BE SOLD AT THE DANCE.
 PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE OFFICE IN
 THE AM OR TO THE DANCE

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
 BY ADULTS.

Proceeds benefit the PAC and help make
 future events possible.

SPRING FLING DANCE:

This event depends on the help of volunteers. If you're able to lend a hand, we'd love your support.

→ Spring Fling Volunteer Sign Up Link ←

Family Photo Night is coming soon!

EACH FAMILY RECEIVES 1 **FREE** 8X10 PHOTO OF THEIR CHOICE!

- An affordable and convenient option for family portraits.
- Great for Mother's Day, Father's Day and holiday gift-giving!
- Sitting fee is \$30. 100% of the fee is donated back to your school!
- Convenient weekend and evening portrait sessions
- 10 minute sitting includes 10-15 online proofs with the option to order additional photos.

Have questions? Email us at help@mountainwest.ca

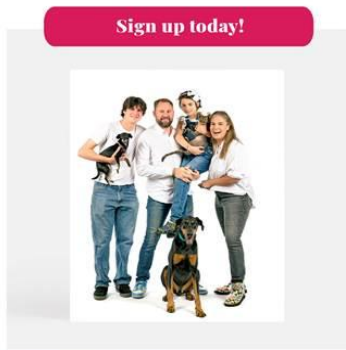


PHOTO SESSION FUNDRAISER

Mountain West Studios is excited to be providing family photo sessions as a fundraiser! The sessions will take place on **Friday, May 8** in the small gym. This environment allows us to provide quality portrait sessions within a comfortable location. Our goal is to provide portraits that **CELEBRATE YOU** and your Family.



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This is a fundraiser! 100% of the \$30 sitting fee goes directly back to the school, and each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 print.

To book your Family portrait sitting, please visit this link:

[McKenzie Elementary School Family Sittings](#)

If you have any questions after reviewing our sign-up page, please contact our customer service team.

VCPAC Annual General Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026

7:00-9:00 pm

Reynolds Library and on Google Meet

<https://tel.meet/fvc-doix-uvq>

VCPAC Call for Nominations

VCPAC is accepting **nominations for the VCPAC Board** in accordance with our **revised bylaws (February 2026)**.

Each **active member PAC** is invited to nominate a parent from their school community to stand for election to the Board at the **VCPAC Annual General Meeting**.

To submit a nomination, please complete the online form at the link below:

👉 **VCPAC Board Nomination Form:**

<https://forms.gle/cprg3vEGdBtvyyaD6>

The form includes eligibility requirements, PAC confirmation, and nominee consent. Advance nominations are encouraged, though nominations may also be accepted from the floor at the AGM in accordance with the bylaws. Thank you for supporting strong parent representation across SD61. If you have any questions, please contact nominations@vcpac.ca.

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:

Looking for something fun and inspiring to do this weekend?

The Bay Centre is hosting **Kidovate** on Saturday, April 11, 2026! Come out and support Victoria's middle and high school students as they showcase and sell goods and services they've created, repurposed, or sourced themselves. It's a great chance to discover unique finds while encouraging the next generation of entrepreneurs.

<https://www.kidovate.ca/>



Since 1993

Soccer Day Camps 2026

...more than just a soccer camp!

Keep the SAVINGS Rolling, Pay Less Today, Until June 1

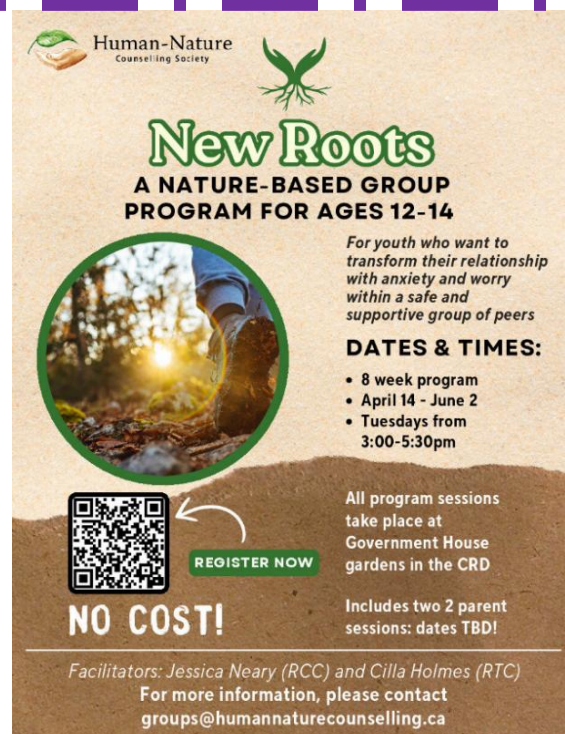
✓ July & August weeks ✓ Morning & Full Day sessions
✓ Ages 5 to 13 ✓ Before & After Care available

For more information:
royalsoccerclub.com
800-427-0536

For location & registration details visit our website.

Mornings Starting from \$165/week
Full Days Starting from \$249/week

* Limited time, discounts vary, see website
Additional discounts for week 1 & 6 (4 day weeks)



Human-Nature
Counseling Society

New Roots

A NATURE-BASED GROUP PROGRAM FOR AGES 12-14

For youth who want to transform their relationship with anxiety and worry within a safe and supportive group of peers

DATES & TIMES:

- 8 week program
- April 14 - June 2
- Tuesdays from 3:00-5:30pm

All program sessions take place at Government House gardens in the CRD

Includes two 2 parent sessions: dates TBD!

NO COST!

Facilitators: Jessica Neary (RCC) and Cilla Holmes (RTC)

For more information, please contact groups@humannaturecounseling.ca

Connect & Learn

Online Events for Parents & Caregivers

Every month, we host events for parents and caregivers of a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge.

Join us to watch a video and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments, focusing on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.



Supporting Our Kids With Substance Misuse

As parents and caring adults, the way we talk about and understand substance use can deeply influence the young people in our lives. Supporting young people who are misusing substances while taking good care of ourselves can be difficult. Learn some evidence-informed approaches from Alex Lekei (MA, CCAC), addictions counselor, and Kim Dunlap, a mom with lived experience, that can help us with communication, boundaries and relationship.

- COST: Free
 - DATES:
 - Thursday, April 16, 6:30pm
 - Thursday, April 23, 6:30pm
- Times are in Pacific Time (most of B.C.)



Register online at
familysmart.ca/events



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Emotion Regulation Part 2: Deepening Our Understanding

Our kids' big emotions don't always make sense. As parents, we might even feel like we're walking on egg shells because we're scared of another big emotional outburst. Watch our second video conversation with Nicole Allen, Registered Clinical Counsellor, to deepen your understanding about your kids' emotion regulation. Nicole helps us understand why some kids cope easier than others, how to determine what our child needs during those hard moments, and shares some strategies that can help.

Join us and other families for this video presentation and discussion that's facilitated by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

- COST: Free
 - DATES:
 - Tuesday, April 7, 6:30pm
 - Tuesday, April 21, 12:00pm
 - Wednesday, April 29, 6:30pm
- Times are in Pacific Time (most of B.C.)



Register online at
familysmart.ca/events



Love the ukulele? Want to learn to play the ukulele?
 School District 61's "Island Ukuleles"
 Monday nights from 6:30 – 8:00pm at Oak Bay High School
 April 13th through June 8th
 \$80 for the 8 week spring Trial Term
www.islandukulele.org

Wanting to try out bass and drums?

Have a blast?

Loads of fun!

Enjoy singing?

Love to jam?

Meet cool musicians!

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