



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, April 3, 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:

This week we began the final term of this school year. This is always a busy and exciting stretch of time, with many opportunities for students to shine. Thank you to our entire school community for your ongoing support as we work together to finish the year strong!

We hope you all enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday for another short week!

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apr. 6 Easter Monday (No school)	Apr. 7	Apr. 8 Div. 11 & 12 Police Station Field Trip 9:00am- 11:30am Hybrid PAC meeting @ 6:30pm	Apr. 9	Apr. 10 Run Club 8:10 am

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Apr. 15th – Kindergarten hearing screening
- Apr. 17th – PAC Hot Lunch (Subway & Sushi) **Order deadline Apr. 12th**
- Apr. 20th – Saanich Fire Program (Grade 4s)
- Apr. 23rd – Photo Day – Class & Whole School Photos
- Apr. 24th – Spring Dance – See pg. 4 for volunteer info



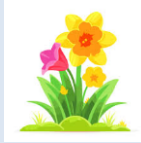
April 2026 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar Autism Acceptance Month Sikh Heritage Month

- 2 – World Autism Awareness Day
- 2 – Passover
- 3 – Good Friday
- 5 – Easter
- 6 – Easter Monday
- 7 – World Health Day
- 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.



Neighbourhood Reminder: Respect Each Other's Space

A friendly reminder to everyone in our community to be mindful of our neighbours and shared surroundings.

Please remember:

- Keep driveways clear at all times—no blocking access, even temporarily.
 - Follow posted bylaw signs and local regulations.
 - Be respectful of property boundaries, gardens, and lawns.

Thank you for doing your part to be considerate of our neighbours.

We are in the planning stages for the 2026-2027 school year. If your child is in kindergarten to grade four this year and you are planning on attending a different school next year, please let us know ASAP. If your child is staying at McKenzie next year, there is no need to do anything.

*Please let us know if your child is going to be absent or late.
Email: attendance27@sd61.bc.ca Phone: 250-479 1691*



PAC INFORMATION:

Did you know that every parent/caregiver is a member of the PAC and we appreciate your input?

Join us for our next PAC meeting April 8th, 2026 @ 6:30pm in the McKenzie Library. If you cannot make it in person, please use the link below.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29248347643831?p=SMOvW94DwqQUutlISI>

Meeting ID: 292 483 476 438 31

Passcode: dF6FE9nW

Meeting Agenda:

1. Admin update
2. Treasurer's update
3. Events: Spring dance and family photo session
4. Fundraising
5. Parent Education
6. PAC elections next meeting - call for interest in open positions



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



Parent Support Services of BC

Our mission is to support the well-being of all families and children by empowering those in a parenting role through community connections, research, education, and advocacy. Services include programs, workshops, support groups, a book club and a helpline.

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

Once again, our small but mighty PAC is excited to host the
Spring Fling Dance.

School dances are a fantastic way to bring our community together while raising
important funds to support our school.

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 ←](#)



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.



COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:

Looking for something fun and inspiring to do next 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.

Kidovate is a free youth entrepreneurship initiative from UVic's Gustavson School of Business—helping young minds turn ideas into action. Check out the following link for more information: <https://www.kidovate.ca/>

Saanich Recreation Summer Schedule

Summer 2026 Activity Guide Now viewable online



GENERAL REGISTRATION
April 8, 6am



POOL AND ICE PROGRAM REGISTRATION
June 10, 6am

[Saanich Registration Link & Activity Guide](#)

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For location & registration details visit our website.

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.



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



Register online at
familysmart.ca/events



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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 Leki (MA, CCAC), addictions counsellor, and Kim Dunlap, a mom with lived experience, that can help us with communication, boundaries and relationship.

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



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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 FOUNDATION
Group member of VGH family

In Partnership with
TILlicum
save on foods
DoveWest Athletics
DENMAN PRINT WORKS
LONDON DRUGS
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ZOMO @ 913
MONTANA'S

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:

Ages 7-9:
[Register Here](#)

Ages 10-13:
[Register Here](#)

Community Junior Golf
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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

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