



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, May 1, 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 was Gymnastics week in the gym, and students enjoyed exploring the different equipment while practicing their balancing, rolling, tumbling, bends, jumping, and more! On Wednesday, the fashion was extra fun as some staff and students dressed up for Decades Day! Be sure to check out the photos below. The weather is nicer, and the fields are busy with sporting practices, outdoor gym classes, and recess play. Be sure to apply sunscreen to your child and send a hat on sunny days.

Our calendars are filling up quickly with end-of-the-year field trips and special activities. Be sure to keep an eye on your emails, newsletters, and student planner messages so that you do not miss important information!!

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar: Mental Health Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May. 4 *Y.E.Fair students bring supplies for set up* Popsicle Sale after school	 <p>May 5 RED DRESS DAY MMIWG</p> Kindergarten Immunizations - A.M. Young Entrepreneur Fair is OPEN (see poster below)	May. 6	Mar. 7	May. 8 Kindy Muffins for Mum 8:45am-9:15am Rugby Jamboree 10:00am-1:00pm Mountain West Photo Fundraiser 4-8pm

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- May 11th – Kindys to Butterfly Gardens 11:20am-2:30pm
- May 12th - Grade 5s @Camp Thunderbird
- May 13th – PAC Meeting (online @ 6:00pm)
- May 14th – Grade 5 Middle School transition
- May 15th & May 18th – Pro-D Day (**No School**) & Victoria Day (**No School**)
- May 20th – Whole School Greek Lunch
- May 21st – Welcome to Kindergarten (**StrongStart Closed**)
- May 21st – Peninsula Streams presentation Div 4, 5, 6, 7
- May 22nd – Kindergarten & Gr. 1 Symphony Story time 9:30am – 10:00am
- May 22nd – PAC Hot Lunch (**Order deadline May 17th** - Pizza & Sushi)
- May 27th – Zone Track Meet (Grade 3, 4, 5 participants)
- May 28th – Div. 10 Swan Lake Fieldtrip
- May 28th – City Finals (Zone Track Meet result dependent)

May 2026 – Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar
<u>Asian Heritage Month</u> <u>Canadian Jewish Heritage Month</u>
5. National Day of Awareness of MMIWG (Red Dress Day) 4-10. Mental Health Week 15. Moose Hide Campaign Day 15. International Day of Families 17. International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia 18. Victoria Day 24-30. National AccessAbility Week 26/27. Eid-al-Adha

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:

DECADES DAY





Young Entrepreneurs Fair

Divisions 1, 2, and 3 participated in the **Powerplay Young Entrepreneurs** program. Students worked through the business plan model and created their own small businesses.

Our young entrepreneurs invite school staff, families, and students to our market on **Tuesday, May 5**. Students will visit the market with their classes.

Students may want to bring a nominal amount of money for spending in a ziplock bag. There will be a variety of crafts and homemade items. Prices generally range from \$1.00 - \$6.00 each.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Times: 9:00 am – 10:00 am
10:35 am – 11:45 am
12:40 pm – 1:40 pm



Location: Big Gym at McKenzie Elementary



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, May 4

Monday, May 11

Monday, May 25

Thank you,

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



PAC INFORMATION:

The next McKenzie PAC meeting is hosted virtually on May 13th.

Please note the time change 6:00 – 7:00 pm to accommodate our Parent Education Night: Sleep and Screens 7:00- 8:00 pm (see poster below)

Voting for these key PAC positions → will take place at the May 13th meeting. Any McKenzie parent/guardian is a member of our PAC and can put their name forward to get involved.

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29248347643831?p=SMOvW94DwqQUutIISI>

Meeting ID: 292 483 476 438 31
Passcode: dF6FE9nW

PAC POSITIONS

Please attend the May 13 PAC meeting if you are interested in any of these positions. New members welcome!

PAC PRESIDENT

- Create the agenda for PAC meetings
- Organize the regular running of PAC
- Chairs the PAC meetings

VICE-PRESIDENT

- Assist the president in the running of PAC
- Perform president's role when necessary
- Assist in coordinating communication

SECRETARY

- Keep a record of meeting proceedings
- Facilitate communication
- Write meeting minutes

TREASURER

- Keep records of financial transactions
- Provide monthly financial reports
- Signing and submitting cheques

GRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- Communicate between PAC and parents
- Help organize parent volunteers
- Assist with social and fundraising events


FREE PARENT EDUCATION SESSION

SLEEP & SCREENS

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 7 – 8 PM

Online via Teams No registration required.


Webinar Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/232582779982247?p=Cmkc5AMhsST5xfRv6c>




SCAN QR CODE OR CLICK LINK TO JOIN

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WILL LEARN

- The importance of sleep for good health
- Impacts of screen use on sleep
- Practical strategies for healthy sleep and screen use



Hosted by:  Alicia Parayno, School Health Promoter
Healthy Schools | Island Health

McKenzie Elementary PAC

BCCPAC BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils - Resources

The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC), a registered non-profit and non-partisan charity, represents the parents of more than 620,000 children attending public schools. As the provincial voice of parents, guardians and caregivers in public schools, we engage, empower and support them for the success of all learners through collaboration, partnership and education, in a culture of acceptance, inclusion and equity.

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources>

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

Sign up today!



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.

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.

LAST
CHANCE

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.

Mountain West Studios will be hosting a community photo session for students who may have missed the opportunity to have photos taken or would like a retake.

Date: Friday, May 29, 2026

**we kindly ask that you sign up by Monday, May 25*

Location: Victoria West Community Centre Reading Room
521 Craigflower Rd, Victoria



Sign Up Here: [Community Retakes - Victoria](#)

Please note the following regarding your appointment:

Photo sessions will require a \$20 deposit. You will receive a discount code in the amount of your deposit, which is redeemable towards any purchase. Students will have 2-4 standard school photos taken and uploaded to a personal gallery.

All photos taken at this event are made available for personal purchase and will not be included in school services such as yearbooks if applicable.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mountain West Studios' customer service team for assistance. Phone: 1.888.644.4494 Email: help@mountainwest.ca

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:



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neighbourhood place

CLOTHING SWAP 2026

EVENT:
Saturday, June 6th
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PRE-EVENT DROP-OFF:
Friday, June 5th
8:00 AM - 6:30 PM

ADDRESS:
3120 Tillicum Rd.
(SNP Child & Family Centre)

ENTRY:
By Donation
(\$5 minimum)

LEFTOVER ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO:





15th Annual FAMILY SPORT & RECREATION FESTIVAL

Presented by **TD**

Hosted by... **PiSE** & **GREATER VICTORIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME**



Saturday, May 2nd, 11 am - 3 pm

PISE, at Camosun College Interurban Campus
4371 Interurban Rd.

Over 30 activities | Raffle Prizes | FREE

pi.se.ca




western educational ADVENTURES

Outdoor Youth Programs

Summer 2026

Who WEA Are

WEA offers outdoor camps and programs for kids & youth in Greater Victoria, BC, Canada. WEA's experienced staff teach life skills such as independence, teamwork, and problem-solving through outdoor play and adventures. Our programs help kids unplug, connect with others, and build real-world skills in a safe and supportive outdoor environment.

2026 Summer Camps



Day Camps

Unplug and get wild at WEA's day camps! Kids ages 6-13 spend their days canoeing, hiking, swimming, shooting archery, geocaching, building fires, and making new friends. Every day brings a fresh adventure. *Starting at only \$245!*
Running weekly from June 15-Sept 4



6 Day Overnight Camp

Ready for a next-level adventure? Our 6-day overnight camp for ages 9-13 packs in all the classic activities—canoeing, hiking, archery, swimming, geocaching, and fire-building—plus wilderness cooking and camping. It's the ultimate week of outdoor fun, new skills, and unforgettable memories! *Overnight Camp fees start at only \$995!*

Dates: Jul 26-31 & Aug 2-7



[View All Summer Camps](#)

Get in touch!
(250) 888-1622 westernadventures.ca

May 7th – National Child and youth Mental Health Day!

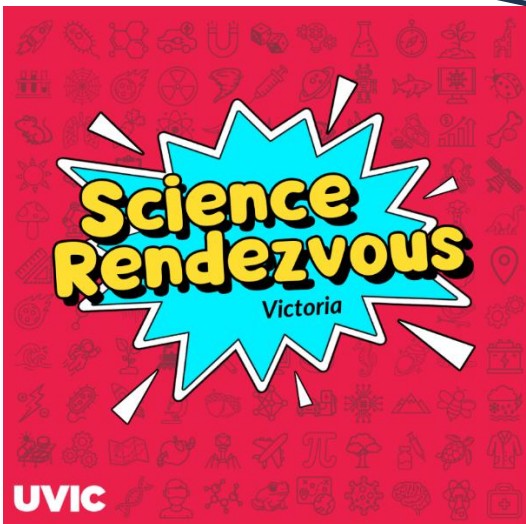
When Our Children Hurt Inside - Nurturing Awareness and the Power of Relationships:

Younger children can experience emotional pain that they don't yet have the words to describe. Sometimes this shows up as statements about not wanting to be here or behaviours that look like self-harm. This gentle, supportive session may help parents and caregivers understand why these moments happen, what they may mean, and how to respond with calm connection. Together we'll explore how small moments of being seen, heard, and supported can make a big difference in a child's safety and well-being.

Date & Time: Thursday May 7th, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Live)

A recording will be available in the coming months.

Register: <https://familysmart.ca/may-7th/>



Science Rendezvous
Victoria
UVIC

**Come for the science,
stay for the fun!**

A free day of exploration and creativity related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

For K-12 students, educators and scientists of all ages.


May 9, 2026
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bob Wright Centre, Elliott Building and Petch Building
UVic campus

This event is hosted by the Faculty of Science in collaboration with the Faculties of Engineering and Computer Science and Social Sciences



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★ AUDITIONS May/June
SING!
with us!



PRELUDE CHOIR
AGES 7-9
★
Non-auditioned.
Fun and engaging.
Registration opens April 1st.



RECITAL CHOIR
AGES 10-12
★
Sing great music and build wonderful relationships.



CONCERT CHOIR
AGES 12-19
★
Share your singing passion in rehearsals, performances, camps & tours. Build lifelong friendships.



YOUTH ENSEMBLE
AGES 17-20
★
Develop your musical and personal leadership skills.

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