



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, May 8, 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:

Congratulations to all of our Grade 4 and 5 students who participated in the Young Entrepreneur Fair this week. We were so impressed by the wide range of creative and innovative products that were sold. Thank you to all of the staff who helped prepare and plan for this wonderful event and learning experience for the entire school! Today was also the annual elementary school Rugby Jamboree! A special thank you to our staff sponsor, Mrs. Bushell and parent volunteer, Coach Paul Visser. Our team won two games and lost one; but learned A LOT!

We would like to send a huge appreciation cheer to all our Teachers and Educators. This week was Teacher and Educator Appreciation Week and we are extremely grateful for the amazing staff that we get to work with every day. Your child(ren) have incredibly loyal, hard-working and dedicated adults who plan and prepare rich learning experiences that meet the needs of all students.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, caregivers and important adults who nurture, support and care for the children in our community.

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May. 11 School Spirit – Wear Red & Pink Kindys to Butterfly Gardens 11:20-2:30pm Popsicle Sale after school	May. 12 School Spirit – Wear Orange & Yellow Grade 5's to Camp Thunderbird	May. 13 School Spirit – Wear Green PAC Meeting Online 6:00pm Parent Education Night: Sleep & Screens 7-8 pm	Mar. 14 School Spirit – Wear Blue Grade 5 Middle School Transition Day (Colquitz & Glanford)	May. 15 Professional Development Day (No School)

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- May 18th - 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 25 Popsicle sale after school
- 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)

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar
Asian Heritage Month
Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

- 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

MCKENZIE THIS WEEK:

Thank you to the students and families for supporting our Young Entrepreneur Fair. It was a fabulous day and a celebration of the students' hard work.



Please look in our next newsletter for the final amount that our entrepreneurs donated to their chosen charity.

Division 12 had their 7 duck eggs hatch this week. The class is taking good care of the new ducklings, and many hands have volunteered to snuggle, feed, and clean their home.



Divisions 1, 2, and 3 are selling



Popsicles

\$2 each!

We are raising money to pay for Athletics 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:

Join us for our McKenzie PAC meeting on May 13th.

Our meeting will be held online from 6:00pm – 7:00pm to accommodate our Parent Education Night: Sleep and Screens from 7:00- 8:00 pm (see poster below)

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

Microsoft Teams
Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29248347643831?p=SMOvW94DwqQ-UutISI>

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/join/232582779982247?p=Cmkc5AMhsST5xRv6c>


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



Victoria Child and Family Psychological Services

Victoria Child & Family Psychological Services is a group of registered psychologists who specialize in working with children, teens, young adults, and families. We provide evidence-based services in a caring and compassionate environment. Our approach is always collaborative and engaging, to empower you to make the positive changes you seek.

<https://www.victoriachildpsychology.com/>

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

PAC HOT LUNCH

Friday, May 22 is our next special food day for Pizza and Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday, May 17th

To order, visit www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net

Questions? mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com



COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:

Family Smart presents: ADHD - The Real Deal

A video presentation by Dr. Duncan, will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD, and provide up to date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

Tues. May 12, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm or Wed. May 13, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Register: <https://familysmart.ca/online-events/>

Watch now: <https://youtu.be/A9Vpmh7iHbc>

A graphic for a clothing swap event. It features a clothesline with various items of clothing (a blue shirt, blue pants, a striped tank top, and green shorts) hanging from it. Below the clothesline is a large purple cloud shape containing the text "CLOTHING SWAP 2026" in orange. To the right of the cloud is a stack of colorful folded clothes. In the top right corner, there is a logo for "SAANICH neighbourhood place" with a house icon.

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:



A banner for Western Educational Adventures Summer 2026. It features a blue background with a white logo on the left that says "we" inside a circle. To the right of the logo, it says "western educational ADVENTURES" and "Outdoor Youth Programs Summer 2026". Below this, there is a green section with the heading "Who WEA Are" and a short paragraph: "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 adventure. 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 \$24/!

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



Come for the science,
stay for the fun!

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

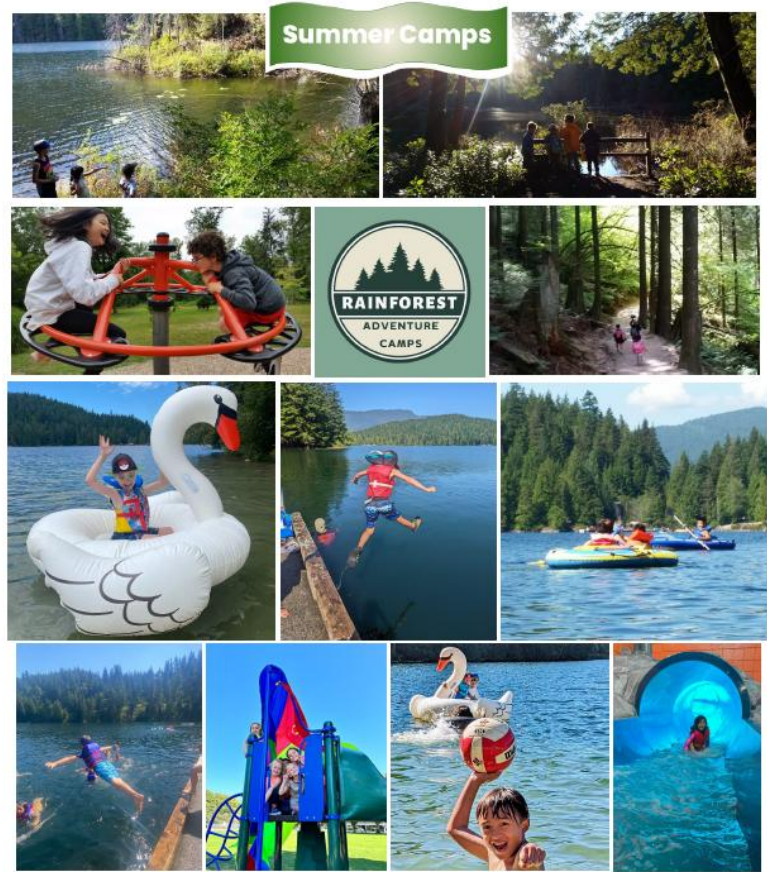
For K-12 students, educators
and scientists of all ages.

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



✨ Swimming Non-profit, child-centred, outdoor-based day camps ✨ Forest Exploration
 ✨ Sports
 ✨ Arts & Crafts
 ✨ Table Games

June 26-September 4, 2026
www.RfCamps.com

✨ Playground Games
 ✨ Talent Shows
 ✨ And much more!

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.