



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, June 12, 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:

It has been another busy week of activities for McKenzie students! Div. 1, 2 & 3 students had the fantastic, core-memory-building opportunity to camp at Goldstream Park overnight. The weather was amazing and the +65 students had a wonderful time thanks in huge part to our many staff members that VOLUNTEERED their time to organize this event, and to stay with the students overnight. Additional GRATITUDE to all the parent helpers that also spent the night and helped with all the logistics.

You have likely noticed all the changes on the school grounds.... from gates to split-rail fencing and the highly anticipated Ga-Ga Ball pit.... There is A LOT going on! A HUGE thank you to the many different departments of the SD61 Facilities Staff that have contributed to these projects.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar: **Library books are now overdue. Please return as soon as possible.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June. 15 	June. 16 Div 7 & 9 to Miracle Lanes Choir & Strings @ Glanford (1:00pm rehearsal, 5:45pm concert)	June. 17 Parent Appreciation Coffee & Treats 8:00 – 8:45am School Spirit Theme Day Tropical and Bright Lost & Found on display in the gym	June. 18 26/27 Kindergartners after school play 3:15-4:00	June. 19 Lost & Found “up for grabs” Div 1, 2 & 3 walk to Christmas Hill 9:00-12:00 Kindergarten Celebration of Learning Indigenous Lunch PAC Hot Lunch Subway & Sushi Order deadline June 14th

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

June 22nd – Grade 5 Celebration @ 11:00 am
June 22nd – Kindergarten hosts Donuts for Dad
June 22nd – Whole school “take home” day – bring a reusable bag
June 23rd – Whole School Fieldtrip to Beckwith Park
June 24th – Year End Fun Day (p.m.)
June 25th – **Last Day of School** & Learning Updates posted

June Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

National Indigenous History Month
Filipino Heritage Month
Italian Heritage Month
Portuguese Heritage Month
Pride Season

June 19- Juneteenth
June 20- World Refugee Day & June Solstice
June 21- National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 27- Canadian Multiculturalism Day
June 28- Constitution Day (Ukraine)

MCKENZIE THIS WEEK:



Divisions 1, 2, and 3 celebrated the end of the school year with an unforgettable camping trip to Goldstream. From hiking and catching snakes and crayfish to games, free play, and endless s'mores around the campfire, the trip was filled with adventure, laughter, and lasting memories. The students also took ownership of the experience by planning, cooking, and cleaning up all their own meals. This wonderful gift of childhood would not have been possible without our brave staff and incredibly hands-on parents who embraced the adventure alongside the children. Thank you to everyone who helped make this experience such a success.



Mrs. Bushell, Mr. Horwood, Ms. Natalie, Mrs. Wanless, Paula, Tana, Jenny and parent volunteers!!

PARENT APPRECIATION DRIVE/WALK/ROLL THROUGH



Between 8:15–8:45am on Wednesday, June 17th

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our amazing parents and guardians. Your support, partnership, and dedication are greatly appreciated. As a small token of our thanks, we invite you to enjoy a complimentary coffee and baked treat on Wednesday, June 11th, during morning drop-off from 8:15–8:45 a.m. Several stations will be set up around the school, offering a variety of treats as a gesture of appreciation for our wonderful families.

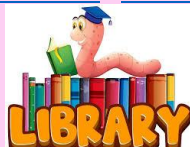
We look forward to thanking you for all that you do!

All library books are now overdue.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us ensure that all books are returned so the library can complete its inventory.

If your student has an outstanding library book, a printout with the book information has been sent home to help locate it. If you are unable to find the book, please contact Sam in the school office or Ms. Natalie to discuss payment options.

<mailto:ncoffin@sd61.bc.ca> <mailto:sblair@sd61.bc.ca>



Lost and Found

A school years' worth of unclaimed items will be on display in the gym June 17th & 18th.

Please plan to have your student or a guardian come to look for any lost items.

All remaining lost & found items will be displayed on tables for McKenzie families to 'shop' on June 19th. Bring your own bags and help yourself to any unclaimed items.

All items left over will be donated during the first week of July.

Grade 5's and their families are invited to our Grade 5 celebration!

What: A Grade 5 ceremony and picnic

Who: McKenzie's grade 5 students and their families

When: Monday, June 22, 2026, at 11:00am

Where: On the school's lower field, near the garden

Bring: Your own blanket or chair to sit on, and a picnic lunch.

Your child will bring their poster when they come to school that morning.

REPORT CARDS – PARENT CONNECT

With Parent Connect, you can give/revoke online permissions and see report cards at any time of the year.

Parent Connect instructional video + info:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect>

Here is the direct link to the sign in page:

<https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>

2026–2027 School Supply Lists

The 2026–2027 school supply lists are now available on our website to help families prepare for the upcoming school year.

For added convenience, families may choose to purchase supplies through Teachers File and have them delivered directly to the school in time for September. An information letter with ordering details is also available on our website.

Link → [School Supply Lists](#)

PAC INFORMATION:

**THANK
YOU
TEACHERS
AND STAFF**

The PAC will be hosting our annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on June 26th. Sandwich and veggie platters will be provided by the PAC. If you are able to contribute a food or drink item to round out our luncheon, we would appreciate your help!
Sign-Up Genius Link --> [Staff Appreciation Lunch](#)



Last Chance to order!
Final Hot Lunch of the
school year!

PAC HOT LUNCH DAY

Our next PAC Hot Lunch is Friday, June 19th for Subway and Sushi.

Order deadline is Sunday, June 14th

To order, visit www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net

Questions? mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com

Have you noticed the new Gaga Ball Pit being installed?

We're excited to see this new addition taking shape and can't wait for our students to enjoy it! This project is the result of our school community coming together to support our PAC fundraising efforts and help shape decisions that benefit all our children.

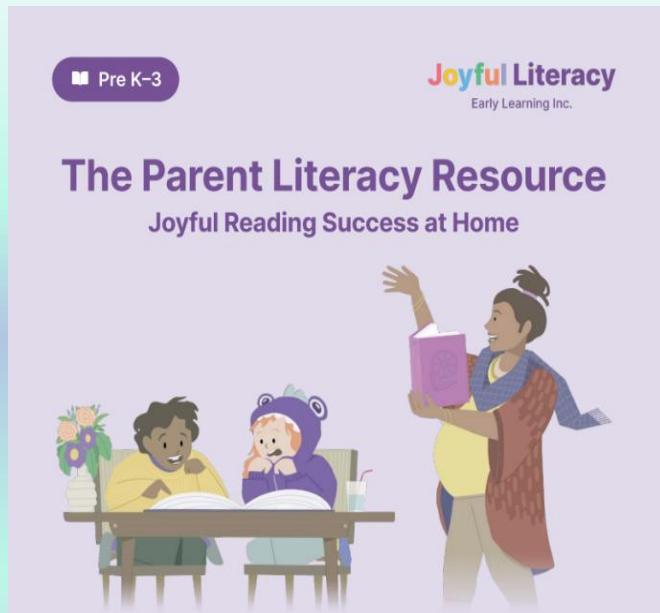
Since September, the PAC has been carefully discussing how to allocate PAC-raised funds. We are grateful to the parents and caregivers who took the time to participate in the voting process and share their input. Your involvement helped make this project possible.

Thank you for being part of such a supportive and engaged school community. To stay connected and informed about future projects, fundraising initiatives, and PAC activities, please read the newsletter, join the PAC Facebook page, attend our monthly PAC meetings, and review the PAC meeting minutes posted on the McKenzie website.

[McKenzie PAC Facebook Group](#)

[Parent Info - PAC Meeting Minutes](#)

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:



Link → [Parent Literacy Resource](#)

Why is Parent Involvement so Important?

- Parent involvement is one of the top predictors of literacy success.
- Teachers endorse and embrace parent support.
- Children thrive when parents and teachers work in harmony.
- This parent Resource is a rich and playful Resource designed by literacy experts.
- It is research-based featuring the most essential foundational skills:
the alphabet; phonological awareness;
word study; comprehension; fluency; and
writing

This Resource is created especially for parents. It will promote a love of reading in a world of books.

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CIRCUS!
All Levels Weekly Summer Camps
For Kids & Teens

Create a once-in-a-lifetime circus performance for your family to experience!

ISLAND CIRCUS SUMMER CAMPS

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scan for your chance to win a \$500 credit!

Grade 5 parents heading to Colquitz!

You are invited to the Colquitz PAC meeting as guests on Monday June 15 @ 6:30 PM. Meetings are held in the school library - the entrance is through the front doors of the school. We have a light business agenda, but it will be a good opportunity to share some of the details on how the middle school PAC experience is different (or similar!) and answer some questions that incoming parents might have!



Explore Under the Sea with GVPL's 2026 BC Summer Reading Club!

Join us for a summer of reading, creativity, and connection. The **2026 Summer Reading Club (SRC)** runs from **Friday, June 19, to Saturday, September 5**, and is open to children aged 14 and under.

Pick up your SRC reading record starting Friday, June 19, at any GVPL branch.

How It Works

- Pick up your reading record at any GVPL branch.
- Read (or be read to) for 20 minutes or more each day. Read anywhere, in any format or language.
- Record your daily reading. Each bubble represents one day of reading.
- Collect your weekly sticker and prize at any GVPL branch.
- Repeat for up to 7 weeks to earn a medal and celebrate your achievement.

Promo Code for Rainforest Adventure Camps

We have a new code available that provides a \$25 discount for a full camp week for McKenzie students at our Greater Victoria Camp: **PAC25**

The code can be used more than once by each family to register campers for multiple weeks and for multiple siblings. The code is valid for our 5-day camp weeks (Monday-Friday) as well as our 4-day camp weeks (June 29-July 3 and August 4-7). The code cannot be applied to individual dates scattered over multiple weeks.

Our non-profit camps prioritize active, outdoor play and nature-immersion. We are participant-centred, following the unique interests and curiosity of every camper to spark self-discovery. We strive to cultivate a community built on kindness, respect, empathy, and connection. Our child-centred, play-based camps have been running for seven years in the lower mainland. Our out-trips include beaches, pools, parks, playgrounds, and more. Our mission is to empower and inspire kids and create community.

We go on different out-trips each day, and we meet and have pick-up near the out-trip of the day.

More information on our Greater Victoria Camp can be found here:

<https://www.rfcamps.com/Greater-Victoria-Camp/>



Embrace Arts Foundation is hosting several free/by donation community events this summer in Greater Victoria. These events are for folks of all ages and abilities.

[Community Events - Embrace Arts Foundation](#)



You may have heard that the City of Victoria is a recipient of \$35,000 from the B.C. government's \$1.7-million 2026 Community Event Support Fund to host free public festivities tied to big-screen viewings of the FIFA World Cup games.

Activities in Victoria include viewing parties in Market Square, festivities at Ship Point, and along Government Street at many local restaurants and businesses. The events will be taking place over 10 to 13 days from Canada's opening game on June 12 to the championship game on July 19.

2026 THEATRE SUMMER CAMPS

from
\$200
per student

Our summer camps offer workshops in order to support young theatre artists in creating their very own shows to be performed in an open house at the end of the week!

Whether you're an aspiring actor, writer, designer or want to learn more about theatre, let your creativity shine this summer!

WEEK-LONG CAMPS FROM JULY 6 TO AUGUST 21 FOR AGES 5 TO 16

Ages 5-8

Ages 8-12

Ages 10-13

Ages 13-16

LEARN MORE AT
[SKAM.CA/SCHOOL](https://skam.ca/school)

Forrest T. McMullen Memorial Children's Bicycle Education Program

Learn to ride safely & have fun with a free bike education day!

Fun Activities

- Bike Safety Lessons
- Prizes
- Food & Drink Provided
- Completion Certificates

Saturday, June 27th

12:30pm - 4:00pm

Central Middle School

1280 Fort St, Victoria,
V8V 3L4

Who Can Come?

Children in elementary & middle School
Places are limited
Sign up now to secure your spot

Bring your bike, helmet and water bottle

Scan to fill in form to register for this free event and for more details

RIDE IT FORWARD

Capital Bike

KidsKlub

MCKENZIE EARLY LEARNERS

Kids Klub is proud to be opening a new
Early Learners program at McKenzie
Elementary School (4005 Raymond St)
for ages 3-5

FOR MORE INFO
CALL US AT 250-881-1223
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.KIDSKLUB.CA

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Empower kids for life

SUMMER ADVENTURES

KEEP KIDS ACTIVE AND ENGAGED THIS SUMMER

8 weeks of themed challenges - join students across the country on a great
adventure! Can you guess this year's theme?

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

- FREE
- PRIZES EVERY WEEK!
- Grade 1-8
- Virtual, so you can participate from anywhere!
- 8 weeks of themed literacy, movement, and craft activities
- Challenges released every Saturday
- Complete the challenge and submit your photo by Thursday to be entered into the prize draw!

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JULY 04

WE CAN'T WAIT TO
ADVENTURE WITH YOU!



<https://forms.gle/2hM7h7Syd26CnXp89>

REGISTER TODAY!



TRACK & FIELD CAMPS 2026 at UVic!

Get an introduction to a wide range of running, jumping and
throwing events (sprints, middle distance, steeple chase, high
jump, long jump, and throws) with a focus on progressive skill
development in a fun environment!

Week-long camps running throughout July and August.

AGES 5-7, 8-10, 11-14, 12-16

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