



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, June 19, 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:

The last full week of school has ended with many celebrations and year-end activities our last Indigenous Student Lunch, last PAC lunch and the Kindergarten Celebration. In addition, our choir and grade 5 strings students performed at Glanford, and we hosted a Welcome to Kindergarten playground event after school.

We are looking forward to the final week of school with your children and are excited to celebrate our departing Grade 5 students on Monday, our whole school field trip to Beckwith Park on Tuesday (DON'T BE LATE - buses leave just after 9am), and the Fun Afternoon on Wednesday. The forecast indicates that it will be EXTREMELY hot. Please send your student prepared to be outside in the sun.

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie

Mark your calendar:

Library books are now overdue. Please return as soon as possible.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June. 22 Grade 5 celebration 11:00am. Bring 'Grade 5 Poster' Kindergarten hosts Donuts for Dad Whole school "take home" day – bring a reusable bag	June. 23 Whole school field trip to Beckwith Park Please bring: - Full water bottle - Snacks & lunch - Sunscreen - Hat - Multiple layers - Bathing suit for waterpark - Towel	June. 24 Year End Fun Day (P.M.) *Grade 5s bring a bathing suit & towel if you would like to be "dunked" All students please wear/bring: -Full water bottle -Sunscreen -Hat	June. 25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Learning Updates Posted 	June. 26 Administrative Day

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

2026/2027 School Year

Sept 8th – First Day of School for the 2026/2027 school year

Sept 21st – Professional Development Day (No school)

Sept 30th – Truth & Reconciliation Day (No school)

Oct 12th – Thanksgiving (No school)

Oct 23rd – Professional Development Day (No school)

Nov 11th – Remembrance Day

Nov 27th – Professional Development Day

Dec 21st – Jan 1st Winter Break

June Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

National Indigenous History Month

Filipino Heritage Month

Italian Heritage Month

Portuguese Heritage Month

Pride Season

June 27- Canadian Multiculturalism Day

June 28- Constitution Day (Ukraine)

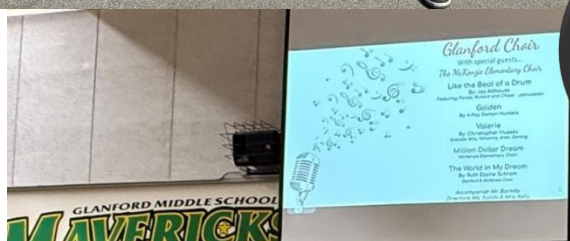
MCKENZIE THIS WEEK:

Our Choir and Strings programs celebrated the end of a fantastic year with a special joint performance alongside the Glanford music program. The concert showcased the dedication, growth, and musical talents of our students and was a wonderful way to conclude a successful year of music-making.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ms. Salido, Ms. Fisher, and Ms. Harvey for their dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to our music program. Their hard work and passion have provided our students with meaningful musical experiences and opportunities to grow as performers and musicians. Congratulations to all our choir and strings students on an outstanding year.



Grade 5 Strings Class (left to right) Karina, Dariwn, Shifa, Mia, Ella, Emmalynn, Zyrene, & Theo



Ms. Salido also hosted the Ukulele Olympics for Divisions 1-6. Each class earned points by participating in a variety of ukulele challenges. Congratulations to our winners on their outstanding effort!



Division 1 (left to right) Khai, Mia, Zylene



Division 2 (left to right) Hayden, Dylan, Jordan



Division 3 (left to right): Hannah S, Wyatt, Tianna



Division 4 (left to right) River, Sanchith, Josh



Division 5 (Left to right): Krista, Minh, Parneet



Division 6 (left to right) Kai, Hadam, Sukhraj

Thank you to the skills of Paula, Ms. Natalie and Ms. Salido for creating the Ukulele trophy and medals!

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>



Keep your eyes peeled for The Mckenzie Swim Team registration in September.

***child must be able to swim 100m independently**

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:



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](#)

A special thank you to Meghan Griffin for organizing and running our PAC Hot Lunch Program for the past five years. We are incredibly grateful for all the time, dedication, and effort Meghan has contributed through the Hot Lunch Program, PAC fundraising initiatives, and Friday Food Program.

As Meghan's student moves on to middle school, she is passing the Hot Lunch Program on to Jean Buckler. Thank you, Meghan, for your years of commitment and service, and thank you, Jean, for stepping into this important role and continuing the program.

If you are interested in helping with the Hot Lunch Program, please contact mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com.

As a parent or caregiver at McKenzie Elementary School, you are already a valued member of our PAC. Your voice, ideas, and support make a difference.

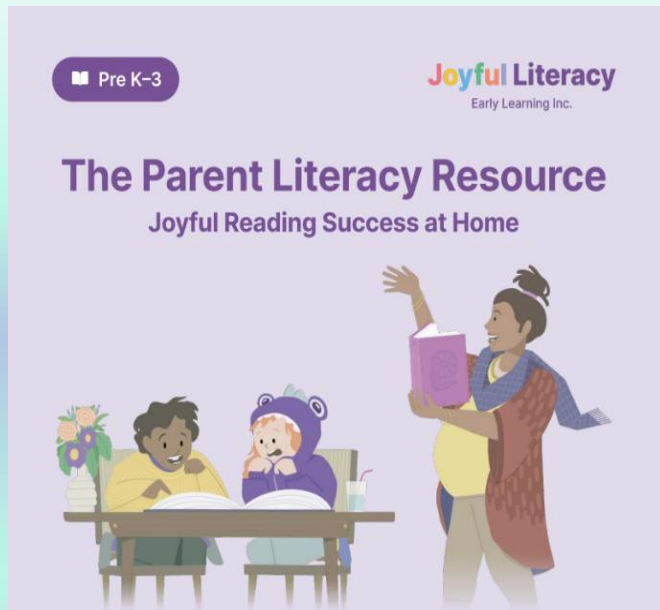
In September, please watch the school newsletter for information about PAC meetings and fundraising initiatives, join our Facebook group, and visit the school website to read meeting minutes.

We appreciate the many perspectives and voices that help strengthen our school community and support the democratic process of the PAC.

[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.

RUN AWAY TO JOIN THE
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

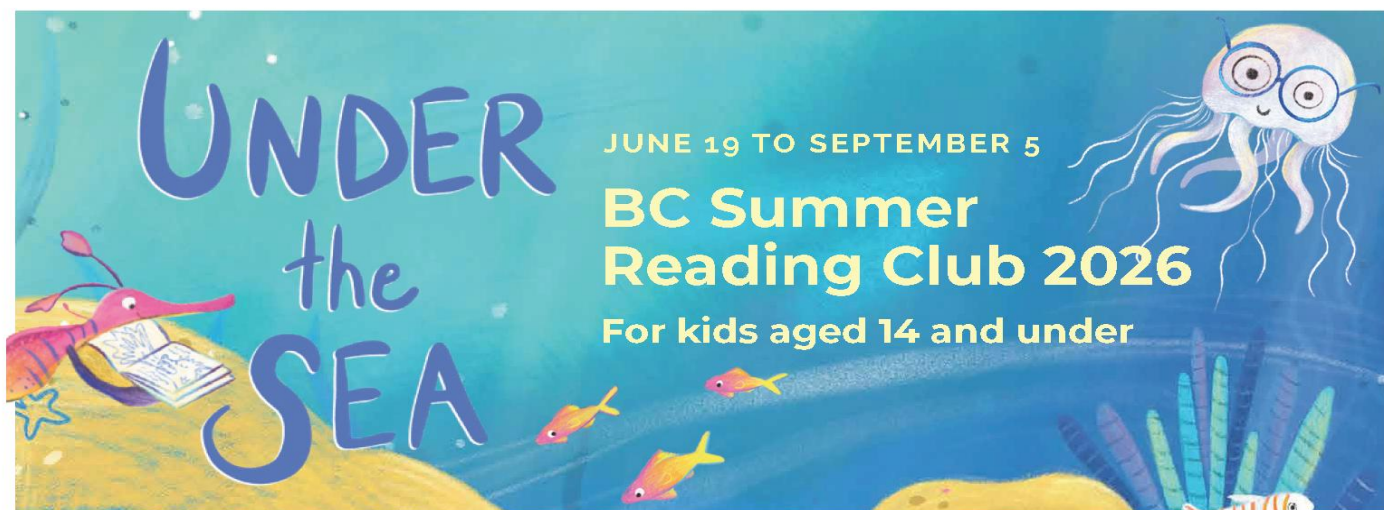
LEARN MORE AT WWW.ISLANDCIRCUSSPACE.COM/CAMPS

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



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](#)



How the BC Summer Reading Club works:

1. Pick up your reading record.
2. Read (or be read to) for 20 minutes or more each day. Read anywhere, in any format or language.
3. Record your daily reading:
 - 1 bubble = 1 day of reading
 - 7 bubbles = 1 week
4. Collect your weekly sticker and prize at any GVPL branch.
5. Repeat for up to 7 weeks to collect 7 prizes!



Visit gvpl.ca for more information about programs, weekly prizes, and more! Explore bcsrc.ca for more online resources and fun.



Weekly prizes (while supplies last)

Week 1. Bookmark **Week 2.** Temporary Tattoo **Week 3.** Pencil
Week 4. Enter the draw for more awesome prizes!

Week 5. Greater Victoria Active Communities Recreation Centre Pass
Week 6. Book **Week 7.** Medal

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

British Columbia Library Association, CUPE BC, Province of British Columbia
(through the Public Libraries Branch, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs)
and IslandLink Library Federation.



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CELEBRATION

**JUNE 19 • 10AM-3PM
ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY**

- Free admission
- Canoe Landing Protocol Practice and Swutht'tus Canoe Challenge
- Indigenous artists and vendors fair
- Live performances
- Field games
- Guided nature walks
- Food trucks
- And much more!

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

Royal Roads acknowledges the campus is located on the traditional Lands of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT [ROYALROADS.CA/NIPD](https://royalroads.ca/nipd) OR SCAN:



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For additional
information on
events taking place
in our Province,
visit:
<https://www.indigenousexperience.ca/events/>



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/>

SKAM SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

from \$200 per student

2026 THEATRE SUMMER CAMPS

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




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

START2FINISH
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!

STARTS JULY 04

WE CAN'T WAIT TO ADVENTURE WITH YOU!



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

REGISTER TODAY!

