



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, June 5, 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:

We successfully completed our final emergency drill of the year on Monday. Our students and staff did an excellent job evacuating the building, gathering at our 'muster' locations and staff practiced sweeping our site for hazards. We would like to congratulate the McKenzie Pickleball Team for competing in the second annual SD61 'SLAMBOREE' at the Archie Browning Sports Center! Thank you to Mrs. Bushell, Ms. Paula and the Victoria Regional Pickleball group for creating and supporting this event once again. There are LOTS of events coming up in the next few weeks; be sure to read the newsletter carefully and look for email and permission forms from the classroom teachers.

Have a great 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. 8 Indigenous student activity @ Northridge 1:00- 2:00pm	June. 9 Div. 5 Elk Lake Fieldtrip 9:30am-12:00pm	June. 10 PAC meeting hybrid 6:30pm	June. 11 Div 11 & 12 to Imax 9:00-1:00 Div 1, 2 & 3 Goldstream Camping 9:00 am departure from McKenzie	June. 12 Div 1, 2 & 3 Camping 2:00 departure from Goldstream End of Term 3

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

June 16th – Div 7 & 9 to Miracle Lanes
June 16th – Choir & Strings @ Glanford (1:00 rehearsal, 5:45 concert)
June 17th – Parent Appreciation (Coffee & Treats 8:00am – 8:45 am)
June 17th – Whole school theme day – **Tropical and Bright**
June 17th-18th – **LOST & FOUND on display in Big Gym**
June 18th – *New* to kindergarten after school play 3:15pm – 4:00pm
June 19th – Div 1, 2 & 3 walk to Christmas Hill 9:00-12:00
June 19th – Kindergarten Celebration of Learning
June 19th – PAC Hot Lunch (Subway & Sushi - **order deadline June 14th**)
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:

Our garden is bursting with blooms, vegetables and fruit.

Along with a happy garden comes many happy bugs, birds and critters. Please remember our school is a "pack in, pack out" for garbage and to clean up after yourself if you are eating outside.

The "pack in, pack out" garbage policy in the Greater Victoria School District requires students and staff to take all lunch and snack waste (including food scraps, containers, and wrappers) back home. Thank you for joining us build a greener, more sustainable future.

This initiative is designed to support the district's [Climate Action Plan](#) by reducing landfill waste and minimizing janitorial burdens



Congratulations to our Pickleball Team who participated in a “Slamboree” today at Archie Browning Centre. Our pairs matched against Rogers, Quadra, Strawberry Vale and Macaulay elementaries.



Thank you to our wonderful coach Mrs. Bushell and Muriel, Richard and Tina from Victoria Regional Pickleball Association for teaching us how to play!



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!



NEW GATES @ ACCESS POINTS

To help keep our students, staff, and families safe, new gates are being installed around the school grounds. These gates are an important part of maintaining a secure environment for our community.

As you arrive or depart, we kindly ask that you ensure the gate is fully closed behind you.

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 will be 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 5s 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, 2025 at 11:00 am

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 (see below), to put onto a fence before our celebration.

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.

PAC INFORMATION:

PAC Meeting Link:

June 10th Online & In – Person @ 6:30pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

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

Meeting ID: 292 483 476 438 31 Passcode: dF6FE9nW

Agenda:

Admin Update

Treasurer's Update

Events:

Staff Lunch – June 26th

Welcome Back Event – Sept 23rd



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

BGC South Vancouver Island

Since December 1960, BGC South Vancouver Island (formerly Boys & Girls Club of Greater Victoria), has been helping children and youth discover, develop and achieve their best potential as adults, leaders and citizens in our community. We create innovative programs that address and meet the ever-changing needs of our local children and youth. We offer a safe, supportive place to belong where children and youth can have fun, experience new opportunities, build positive relationships, learn valuable skills and develop confidence and capability along the way.

<https://bgcsvi.org/programs/>

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:

Explosive Behaviour in Teens: Strategies To Empower Parents: When our teens show up in explosive ways, we might blame ourselves or feel unsure how to respond. Join us to watch this video presentation followed by a discussion.

Time & Dates:

Thurs. June 11th - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Online Event Registration: <https://familysmart.ca/online-events/>

Watch Now: <https://youtu.be/USkd1QIeNdc?si=Og59Q0s4JebWQU2n>

Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More, What It looks Like Ages

9 - 12: Learn from Karen Peters, a registered clinical counsellor, as she talks with us about the developmental stages of children 9 to 12 years old and what might be some signs of mental health challenges at this age. Join us to watch this video presentation followed by a discussion.

Time & Date:

Tues. June 9th - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Online Event Registration: <https://familysmart.ca/onlineevents/>

Watch Now: https://youtu.be/paAcClwWI_s?si=9iBAUu8tYkvC2dL8



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.



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.

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:

VIKES 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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