



# McKenzie Weekly

Friday, May 29, 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:

WOW! The last week of May has come and quickly gone! Congratulations to the McKenzie Track Team! We are so proud of our athletes and grateful to all of the school staff that stepped up to sponsor this large team. Today we also hosted our monthly Indigenous Student Lunch which included a drumming circle and many family guests.

On Monday afternoon we will be participating in a full Earthquake Drill which will include practicing our 'duck and cover' and moving the entire school outside to our Assembly Areas on the upper field. Staff will review all earthquake procedures with their classes prior to the drill.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Beattie*

## Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>June. 1</b>	<b>June. 2</b>	<b>June. 3</b>	<b>June. 4</b>	<b>June. 5</b>
Kindergarten phone conversations  Earthquake Drill				Grade 4 & 5 Pickleball tournament  Div. 4 & 10 Gyro Park Beach Fieldtrip (9:15am – 1:00pm)

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Div. 5 Elk Lake Fieldtrip (9:30am-12:00pm)
- June 10<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting (Hybrid @ 6:30pm)
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – Choir @ Glanford (1 pm rehearsal, 5:45pm performance)
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Parent Appreciation Drive Thru (Coffee & Treats 8 – 9 am)
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – \*New\* kindergarten after school play 3:15pm – 4:00pm
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch (Subway & Sushi - **order deadline June 14<sup>th</sup>**)
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Celebration of Learning
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 5 Ceremony (a.m.) & whole school take home day
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Kindergarten hosts Donuts for Dad
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Whole School Fieldtrip to Beckwith Park
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Year End Fun Day (p.m.)
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – **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 1 Global Day of Parents

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)

## **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:

Congratulations to our Track & Field team that competed at the Zone Meet and City Finals this week. The energy at the UVIC stadium was full of so much positivity and team spirit. We are so proud of all our athletes who competed and cheered on their teammates.



Thank you to our parent volunteers for keeping the Track Meet running smoothly and on pace: Andrea G, Shelley P, Kayla C, and Chris K. We appreciate you!



A big shout out of appreciation for the teachers that make Track and Field possible:  
**Mrs. Bushell**  
**Mrs. Schneider**  
**Mrs. Nowak**  
**Mrs. Gregson**  
**Ms. Harvey**  
**Ms. Salido**  
Thank you for all the energy, organization, and lunch break practices to lead the McKenzie Track Team.



An extra congratulations to the students who qualified for City Finals:



**800 m** – Brooklyn V, Ella K, Emmett P, and Corwyn M.

**100 m** – Mya S, Kamaihra W (2nd place in City Finals), Krista A, Kai L, and Isaac I.

**4×100 Relay Teams:**

**Gr. 5 Girls A** – Mya S, Cora I, Brooklyn V, and Kamaihra W (2nd place in City Finals)

**Gr. 5 Girls B** – Emmalynn C, Ella K, Mia C, and Zyrene L (3rd place in City Finals)

**Gr. 3 Boys A Team** – River C, David A, Corwyn M, and Isaac I.



**NEW GATE ACCESS AT OUR SCHOOL:**

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 our ongoing commitment to maintaining a secure and welcoming environment for our community.

**As you arrive or depart, we kindly ask that you ensure the gate is fully closed behind you.** Your cooperation and attention to this small but important step helps us keep our school safe for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in keeping our community secure.

**Ⓡ Parking Update: Ⓡ**

Recently, our supervisors have observed an increase in unsafe parking practices during pickup and drop-off times, including stopping in front of fire hydrants, parking in no-parking zones, and parking against the direction of traffic. We kindly remind all parents and caregivers to follow parking regulations outlined in the BC Motor Vehicle Act and to observe all posted signage.

Your cooperation is essential in helping keep students, families, staff, and the wider community safe during these busy times. We have also received regular concerns from neighbours regarding unsafe parking in front of their homes, and we appreciate everyone’s support in respecting local parking laws and community spaces.

## PAC INFORMATION:

### **Families Change**

**The Health and Justice Alliance have created a new, free resource to support family well-being during parental separation. This toolkit contains six key messages, images, social media posts and newsletter text that are linked to practical actions and tangible resources on an updated, interactive website to help parents and children navigate this stressful time and foster resilience. For more information, please visit the website.**

**[FamiliesChange.ca](https://www.familieschange.ca)**

Our next PAC meeting will be held:

June 10<sup>th</sup> 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

## COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:

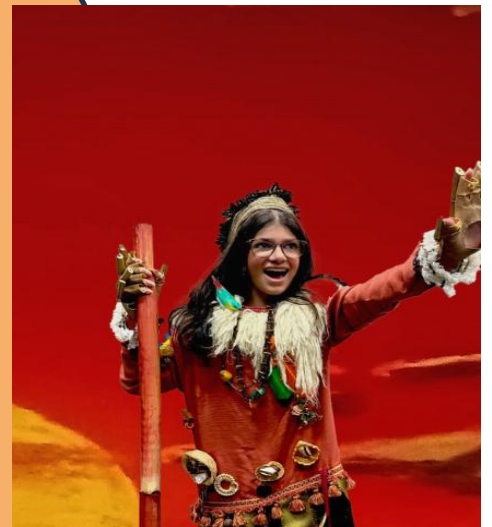


Next week Colquitz Middle School will host their year end

Musical Theatre Performance. Grade 6, 7 & 8 students

will perform The Lion King Jr. at Spectrum Theatre.

Link to purchase → Colquitz Lion King Musical Theatre



JOIN US FOR A ONE-DAY  
**PARENTING WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, May 30, 2026**  
10 am - 3 pm | \$99.00

**Fairfield Mental Health**  
1702 Lillian Road, Victoria, BC

For parents of children 6+, including adult children.

Learn **strategies** to help support your children from Emotion-Focused Family Therapy (EFFT).

**Facilitator: Tory Vitaly, MSW, RSW**

- EFFT is an evidence-based practical approach that helps parents and caregivers
- Learn to manage emotional dysregulation, emotional shutdown, anxiety and more
- Presentation with a Q&A
- Supportive space to learn new skills

How to Register: Phone 250-507-8363 or book online at [fairfieldpsychology.com](http://fairfieldpsychology.com) (under "Fairfield").



**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:**



Looking for something to do this summer?

**CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER GUIDE!**

We've compiled a curated collection of camps, events, and activities to make summer planning easier for parents. Whether you're looking for full-day camps, creative programs, or something new to try, everything is organized in one place so you can spend less time searching and more time planning a summer they'll love.



PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES, FROM TODDLERS TO TEENS  
SPORTS, STEM, ART, DANCE, AND MORE!  
FULL DAY, HALF DAY, AND FLEXIBLE OPTIONS



Scan here to see it!



**Link to ChatterBlock summer event guide:**

[resources.chatterblock.com/static/production/downloads/summer-program-guide.619d45cac4bc.pdf](https://resources.chatterblock.com/static/production/downloads/summer-program-guide.619d45cac4bc.pdf)

