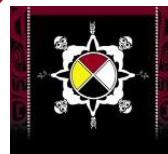




McKenzie Weekly



Friday, September 18, 2025

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 have had a sun filled first, full week at school and all our classes have begun to settle into their new schedules and routines.

We have a variety of funding resources available at school for families and students that may need some help with extra items for meals at school (extra breakfast food and supplementary lunch items), additional groceries, covering costs of school planners, school supplies and more. We know that the rising costs of living in Victoria continues to present challenges for many in our community and we have additional resources to help. If your family could use some additional support in these areas, please do not hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher or one of us in the office.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Welcome Back Event when the classrooms will be open to visit between 5:00 – 5:30 next Wednesday.

Have a great weekend.

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Wanless

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept. 21 Pro – D Day (No School for students)	Sept. 22	Sept. 23 Welcome Back Event 4:30-6:30pm 	Sept. 24	Sept. 25 PAC Hot Lunch Subway & Sushi

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Sept. 28 – Orange Shirt Day Assembly
Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)
Oct. 6 – Fire Drill
Oct. 7 – Photo Day
Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving (No School)
Oct. 15 – Great Canadian Shake Out Earthquake Drill

McKenzie Bell Schedule	
Morning Bell	8:45
Recess	10:15-10:30
Lunch - Eating	11:50-12:10
Lunch - Outdoor Play	12:10-12:35
Dismissal Bell	2:37



PAC Hot Lunch Day!

Our first hot lunch of the year is next **Thursday, September 25th**

**Order deadline is Sunday,
September 20th**

To order, visit
www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net
Access Code: MEHL
Questions?
mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER REMINDERS:

ATTENDANCE:

If your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to let us know. Either via email: attendance27@sd61.bc.ca or phone: 250 479 1691.



PARENT CONNECT:

Parent Connect is the Greater Victoria School District online service used for signing digital forms and providing consent for use of digital tools in the classroom. Please log in (or sign up using the email address you provided the school) to Parent Connect to complete your student verification forms and consent items where action is required. Additionally, you are encouraged to review items that you have previously consented to by selecting 'Forms' in the menu. Consent for all forms and digital tools rolls over from year-to-year. For additional information please visit the tech for learning site: <https://techforlearning.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-connect/>

PARKING:

The staff parking lot on Raymond Street is very small and is for staff parking only. There are two additional lots at the back of the school, or street parking along Margaret and Raymond Streets for family parking. In addition, please remember to respect our neighbours by not blocking their driveways or parking on their lawns when you are dropping off or picking up your children.

DOGS:



Dogs are not allowed to be on school property during the school day. Please leave your four-legged friends at home if you are walking your child(ren) to and from the school.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Our online calendar has been updated with dates of PAC meetings, Pro-D Days, School Vacations, and other important dates. Please visit <https://mckenzie.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/calendar/> to view.



AGENDAS:

We are asking families to pay \$10 for each agenda and encourage payment be made through The Cash Online site (link is on the left side on the homepage of our McKenzie School website). Cash will be accepted if you are unable to use the CashOnline site.

EARLY PICKUP:



If you are picking up your child prior to the dismissal bell, please ensure that you sign them out at the office. If your child arrives after the morning bell they will also need to check in at the office to collect a yellow late slip to give to their teacher. In the event of an emergency, it is extremely important for us to know which students are in the school.



ALLERGY AWARENESS: McKenzie Elementary has several students and staff with severe allergies. **All types of nuts (peanuts and tree nuts), fish, sesame, eggs, kiwi, cherries, cucumbers, all scents, wasps and bees are the items of greatest concern. For some students and staff members, these foods cause an anaphylaxis reaction which could result in death.** We also have several children who are Celiac and/or gluten intolerant. ***When preparing lunches, we strongly encourage the use of alternatives to peanut or nut butter and we ask that you avoid sending peanuts, all types of tree nuts, fish/shellfish and cherries.***

McKenzie clubs: On the announcements this week have been opportunities to sign up for Swim Club, Cross Country running (Gr 3-5), Strings (Gr. 5), Choir (Gr 3-5), Library helpers (Gr. 5), lunch monitors (Gr. 5) and Leadership (Gr. 5). If your child was absent and is interested in one of these opportunities, please connect with your teacher next week.

UVIC PACIFIC COAST SWIMMING HAS A MCKENZIE SWIM TEAM Lightning F.A.S.T. “Friends Learning Skills Together”



REGISTRATION INFORMATION has been sent home with interested students or can be picked up in the office.

If you have any questions, please email the school sponsor Ms. Sam – sblair@sd61.bc.ca

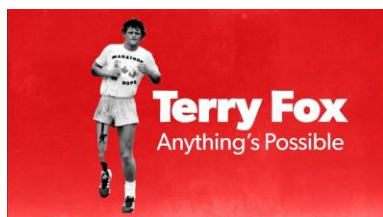
First practice is Wednesday, Oct 14th from 3:15pm-4:00pm.

Program runs Oct - Mar with 4 Sunday swim meets a year.

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ABLE TO COMPETENTLY SWIM 25 METERS AND BE COMFORTABLE IN THE WATER WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE POOL.

TERRY FOX RUN:

Today our students ran laps around the outside of our school in support of the Terry Fox Run. If you are interested in supporting this charity we will be collecting “Toonies for Terry” for the month of September.



Art Cards:

Due to not reaching our minimum order last year we will not be doing our Art Card fundraiser this year.

We look forward to displaying our art projects during the McKenzie Art Show in February.

Spring Concert

Ms. Salido and our 12 divisions will soon start practicing to host a unique production in the Spring. Due to the preparations of this new event we will not be having a Winter performance.



Reminder:

Student Use of Personal Digital Devices

Any device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone, smart watches or tablet, is not to be used during school hours. Students are expected to store these devices out of sight and on silent or airplane mode. If your child has one of these devices, they need to be on 'school mode/do not disturb/airplane mode' during the school day. If you need to communicate with your child, please call the office and we will pass along a message or arrange for the two of you to connect during a natural break in the day.

Greater
Victoria
& Surrounding
Areas

COMMUNITY VALUES

COUPONS THAT
BRING US TOGETHER

SCAN ME
TO VIEW A SAMPLE!



OVER \$8,000
IN SAVINGS
\$40

McKenzie is
fundraising!

Coupon books will
be sent home to sell
from Sept 24th - Oct
13th. You can get
ahead start and
view/share the
digital copy.

[View online coupon
book](#)

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24
NEW
BUSINESSES!

NEW!
TRAVEL
SECTION
EXPLORE MORE
FOR LESS!

SHOP • DINE • SAVE • EXPLORE
FEATURING LOCAL & REGIONAL BUSINESSES!

SOME OF THE NEW BUSINESSES INCLUDE:

- BarBurrito
- Local Pizza
- Deerland Children's Museum of Victoria
- Ferris' Burger & Oyster Bar
- Forged Axe Throwing
- Fry Guy's Bistro
- Glitch Bar & Games Room
- Irish Times Pub
- Bard & Banker
- Swans Pub
- Lido Waterfront Bistro
- Perro Negro

- Ono Poke
- Ottavio Italian Bakery & Deli
- Penny Farthing Public House
- Vis-a-Vis
- Ukee Poke
- Sidney Scones
- Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea
- Aerth Saunas
- The Boulders Climbing Gym
- The Outpost Board Game Cafe
- Tommy Gun's Original Barbershop
- Varsity Performance Karate

SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL &
COMMUNITY!



A SMALL INVESTMENT MAKES A BIG IMPACT!

Greater Victoria
Together

McKenzie PAC
presents



MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY



WELCOME BACK NIGHT

Families, food, and a fresh start together

- Bring your own picnic and join us on the school fields.
- Walk the halls, meet your child's teacher, and connect with other McKenzie families as we kick off a great year together.



SEPTEMBER 23



4:30 PM – 6:30 PM



WHERE:
McKenzie Elementary

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

	Ice Cream Truck	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
	Corn Dog Truck	4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
	Meet the Teacher, Classroom Tours	5:00 PM – 5:30 PM



BRING

- ✓ A blanket chairs and/or your own picnic dinner
- ✓ Your whole family siblings welcome!
- ✓ Got lawn games or a soccer ball? Bring 'em along!

A great school year starts with
a strong community. **Come build ours together.**