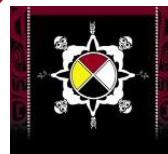




McKenzie Weekly



Friday, September 25, 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:

This week our staff were able to come together on Monday for our first Professional Development Day. Our grade-group teachers worked collaboratively to plan fantastic lessons to support our students in their writing goals for this school year.

Thank you so much to our PAC for a successful first 'Hot Lunch' day! We so appreciate our volunteers, Jean and Shantal, who organized our pizza and subway sandwiches! The weather did not cooperate this morning and we were inside for our first recess. We did get the students outside in the lighter rain for lunch recess and this served as an important reminder to many to have outdoor shoes / boots, rain-proof jackets and a change of socks and pants. We do our best to go outside, rain or shine!

On Monday, students are invited to wear orange to acknowledge Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation. We will host an assembly on Monday morning and on Wednesday, the school will be closed to honour National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Throughout the week, classes will learn more about the importance of this day.

We hope your weekend is filled with wonderful things.

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Wanless

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept. 28 Orange Shirt Day Assembly (wear orange) Gr. 5 Strings 2:45pm-3:30pm	Sept. 29 Multilingual Welcome Coffee 8:45am-9:45am	Sept. 30  National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 Cross County 8:10am-8:35am

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Oct. 6 – Fire Drill
Oct. 6 – Cross Country Race @ Beckwith Park 3:45pm
Oct. 7 – Photo Day
Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving (No School)
Oct. 15 – Great Canadian Shake Out Earthquake Drill
Oct. 19 – Grade 4 & 5 Capital City Bike Program (classroom)
Oct. 23 – Div 2 & 3 Salish Sea Program
Oct. 22 – Grade 4 & 5 Capital City Bike Program (practical)
Oct. 22 - PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza & Sushi (Order deadline Oct 18th)
Oct. 23 – Professional Development Day (No school)
Oct. 27 – Parent Teacher Interviews
Oct. 28 – Parent Teacher Interviews (early dismissal)
Oct. 30 – Costume Parade and PAC Halloween Dance

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

McKenzie next week:

Families of Multilingual Learners:



You are invited to a Multilingual Coffee Morning on Tuesday, September 29, 2026. Drop off your child at their lineup and come join us in the library from 8:45-9:45. Come meet other families, ask questions, learn about community support, pick up some resources to practice at home, and get help with parent connect (if needed). If you have any questions, you can contact Lauren Williamson at 250-479-1691 or at lwilliamson@sd61.bc.ca. We look forward to seeing you then!

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 watchers 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 you child has one of these devices, they need to be on 'school mode/do not disturb/air plane 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.

Div 5, 6 & 7 are looking for fuzzy sock donations to make Fuzzy Sock Calm Critters.



Thank you if you are able to donate fuzzy socks!

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 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

Greater
Victoria
Surrounding
Areas

McKenzie is fundraising! Coupon books have been sent home to sell from Sept 24th-Oct 13th. We are raising money for inclusive seating and library shelving.

SCAN ME
TO VIEW A SAMPLE!



COMMUNITY VALUES

COUPONS THAT
BRING US TOGETHER

OVER \$8,000
IN SAVINGS!
\$40

OVER
\$8,000
IN SAVINGS!

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*

Many students have started to sell coupon books and earn prizes.

- The top selling student will win 4 tickets to a Royals Game.
- The top selling class will win a pizza party!

Thank you for supporting our school and helping raise funds.

With daylight savings no longer being implemented, we will see darker mornings with reduced driver visibility. Please remind your children of the safety precautions they can take to ensure a safe trip to school.

Follow the links below for suggestions:

[ICBC - Back to School Safety](#)

[ICBC - Pedestrian Safety Tips](#)

[ICBC - Cycling Safety Tips](#)

BE SEEN, BE SAFE



DARKER MORNINGS CALL FOR:

1. LIGHT COLOURED CLOTHING
2. REFLECTIVE GEAR
3. FLASHLIGHTS



PAC Information:



If you weren't able to attend our first PAC meeting of the year you can find our minutes on the McKenzie Elementary webpage.

Link → [PAC MEETING MINUTES](#)

If you would like to stay up to date with PAC events, Hot Lunch information and connect with other parents check out our [McKenzie PAC Facebook Page](#)

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Community Offerings:

**Victoria Stamp and
Postcard Fair**
Sunday Sept. 27, 2026



Victoria
Stamp
Club

10:00AM - 3:00PM
Sandman Hotel Victoria
2852 Douglas Street



Free Admission - Free Parking - Free Stamps for Beginners

www.vicstamps.com



5th Annual South Island Powwow

Where Tradition and Culture Come Alive

When: September 30th, 2026

Where: Royal Athletic Park, 1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria, BC

Gates open at 10:00 am

Grand Entry at 12:00 pm

Free Admission

Everyone Welcome



RIDE TOGETHER. HONOUR. REMEMBER

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY RIDE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2026



8:30 AM

Meet at the Songhees Park
Coffee & Snacks



9:00 AM

Opening Presentation



10:00 AM

Ride begins
Songhees Park → South Island Powwow



11:00 AM

Arrive at Crystal Pool Tennis Courts
Bike Valet available

FREE REGISTRATION



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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
Songhees
FIRST NATION



National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation



FREE!

vfa Victoria Festival of Authors
presents

KIDS FEST

2026

October 17th
12:30-3:30
Fernwood Community Centre Gymnasium
1240 Gladstone Avenue

11 Children's Authors!
Storytelling with Elder Sky Bellefleur!
Crafts! Snacks! Prizes!

Plus morning workshops by Story Studio
10:30 - 12:00
Reading by local youth
4:00 - 5:00

www.victoriafestivalofauthors.ca

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