



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, October 16, 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:

It was a short but routine week at school. We enjoyed hearing about long weekend adventures and time spent with families.

A friendly reminder to all families that we are a "pack-in / pack-out" school. This means that everything your child brings to school in their lunch kit will be sent home at the end of the day. We do not have recycling or compost at school, so these items are sent home to be sorted into the appropriate receptacles. Please consider using reusable containers and remind your child(ren) to rinse their containers before placing them back into their lunch kits. We do not have a custodian at the school between 10:30am and 3:30pm. We cannot have food products, containers or wrappers left in garbage cans, otherwise we will attract flies and other unwanted nighttime critters. Thank you for your support in keeping our school clean and your child(ren)'s lunch bags as clean as possible too.

Please keep an eye out for an email from the classroom teachers for sign-up link for our upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews which will be taking place on October 27th and 28th.

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23
Grade 4/5 Capital City Bike Program (classroom portion)	Div 2 & 3 Salish Sea Program 9:00-12:30 Soccer team practice – lunch recess Cross Country Race 3:45 @ Lambrick Park	8:10am Cross Country practice Inclusion Awareness Day Wear neon or tie-dyed clothing Swim Club @ Saanich Commonwealth Place 3:15-4:00	Grade 4/5 Capital City Bike Program (practical- bring your bike and helmet) Soccer team practice – lunch recess PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza and Sushi	Professional Development Day (No School)

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Oct. 26 – Halloween safety talk with Police Liason Officer Alex Omoding
 Oct. 26 - Pumpkin Run
 Oct 26 – Cross Country Finals - Cedar Hill Corner @ 3:45
 Oct. 27 – Parent Teacher Interviews 3:00-4:30
 Oct. 28 – Parent Teacher Interviews (dismissal @ 11:50am – Swim Club still on)
 Oct. 30 – Skating Div 3 & 8 (12:15 – 1:00)
 Oct. 30 – Costume Parade and PAC Halloween Dance
 Nov. 2 – Div 2 & 3 Parliament Building fieldtrip
 Nov. 3 – Soccer Jamboree @ Hampton 11:45am- 2:20pm
 Nov. 6 – Skating Div 6 & 7 (12:15 – 1:00)
 Nov. 9 – Photo retake day

October Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

Canadian Islamic History Month
 German Heritage Month
 Latin American Heritage Month
 LGBTQ2+ History Month
 Women's History Month
 Autism Awareness Month

18 – Persons Day
 31 - Halloween

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 THIS WEEK:



Making the most of these golden days together.



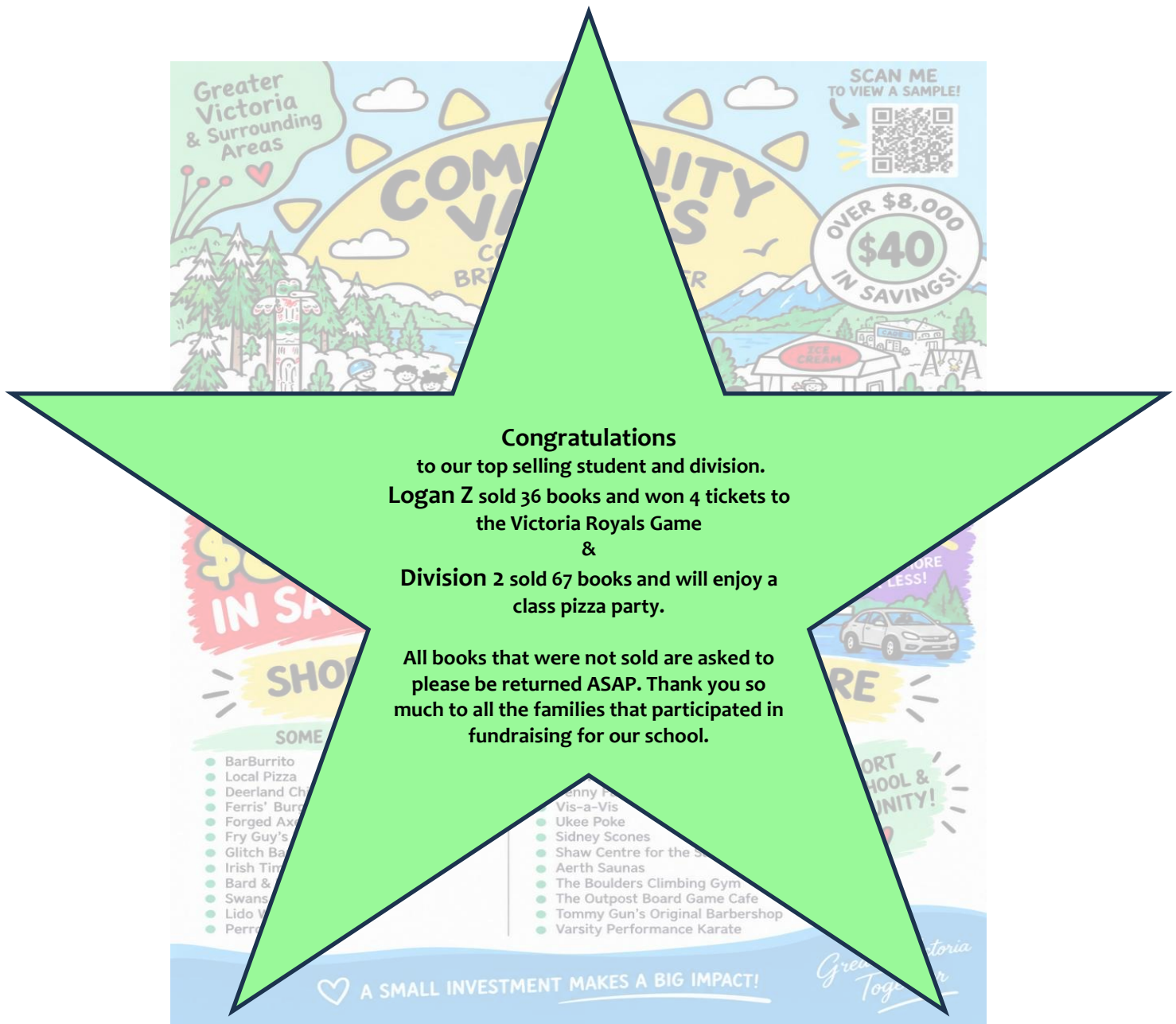
Can you find our school mascot Kenzie?

Kenzie's in this announcement and on the front page beside McKenzie Weekly do not count

Starting last week we are hiding an image of our mascot Kenzie in the newsletter (seen above). If you spot Kenzie hidden within the pages of our newsletter you are welcome to fill out the google form for an entry into prizes each month. Our last newsletter brought in 24 entries! Prize winners will be contacted by Ms. Carmen on October 26th. Thank you for participating and staying involved in our community news! This week One prize per month:

- Prime parking at the Halloween PAC Dance
- Concession voucher for purchases at a PAC event
- Holiday chocolates
- Gift card for a warm drink
- Spring Concert prime seating

[Link -- > Enter for your chance to win](#)



Night of Lights tickets are on sale in the main office! All proceeds go to support our Spring performance and the creation of props. It will be a production you don't want to miss!

Night of Lights holiday shopping event at Hillside Mall! The mall will be open only to shoppers with a Night of Lights ticket, making this a special evening.

Incredible door prizes, live music, holiday foods and drinks!

100% of ticket sales will benefit McKenzie elementary and help provide materials to create props for our spring performance. If you can't attend you can still purchase a ticket to enter the door prize draws.

Come shop, celebrate and support our school community this holiday season!

NOL
night of lights

\$5.00
cash
Get your NOL tickets today!

Sunday, November 22 ♦ 6 PM - 9:30 PM

When you purchase a \$5.00 ticket to Hillside Centre's special evening, **Night of Lights**, 100% of the proceeds support local charities in your community. It also buys you a special evening event like no other!

THE EVENING INCLUDES:

- Great Prizes including 1 of 3 \$1,000 Shopping Spree!
- Tasty Treats
- Entertainment
- Fabulous In-Store Discounts

For tickets or information, CONTACT: [Redacted]

Money set aside through ticket sales WE SUPPORT: [Redacted]

Limited number available. Entrance to the special evening is for select holders ONLY, so visit your friends!

HILLSIDE
style. LIVE HERE.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT
hillsidecentre.com

It's that time of year for...

Mckenzie School Book Character Pumpkin Decorating!

WHAT TO DO:

Get yourself a pumpkin, decorate it (uncarved) as a character from a book. Bring your pumpkin to the library on Monday Oct. 26. Pumpkins will be on display for the week and taken home on Oct 30th

Book Character Pumpkin CONTEST RULES:

- You can use accessories for your pumpkin entry. Only one entry per student
- This is an optional activity
- You can also make an entry by only using a box and art supplies if a pumpkin is not available
- You may use pumpkins or gourds or both to create your project
- There can be no carved entries as the pumpkin will decay more quickly
- To decorate: use paper, glue, paint, markers, pipe cleaners, fabric, or other craft items on the pumpkin or box. Be CREATIVE!
- Projects must represent a book character from a book/graphic novel
- On the entry form, please write the title and author of the book
- Feel free to bring a picture of the book cover or a copy of the book to display with your pumpkin
- This is a home project, and entries should be done mostly by the students, but parents or other family members may help you pick out an idea.

Please bring your pumpkin or box project to school by Monday, October 26.



Our lost and found is located outside the main office. It is currently overflowing with sweaters and jackets. Please take a moment to check for any missing items.

Looking to label your child's belongings? When you purchase labels through Mabel's Labels, a portion of your purchase is donated back to our school.

Follow the link below to order labels:

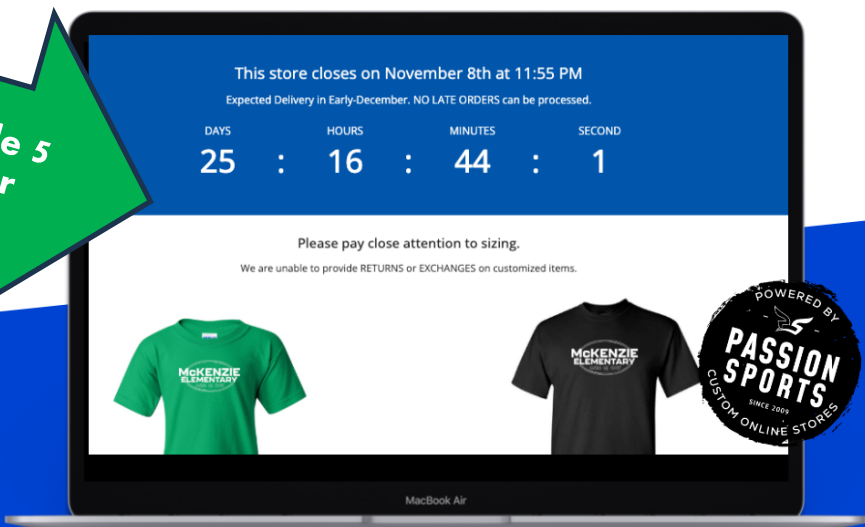
[Mabels Labels - McKenzie](#)

McKenzie Class of 2027

Online Grad Apparel Store

store.passionsports.ca/McKenzieClass27

Grade 5
Gear



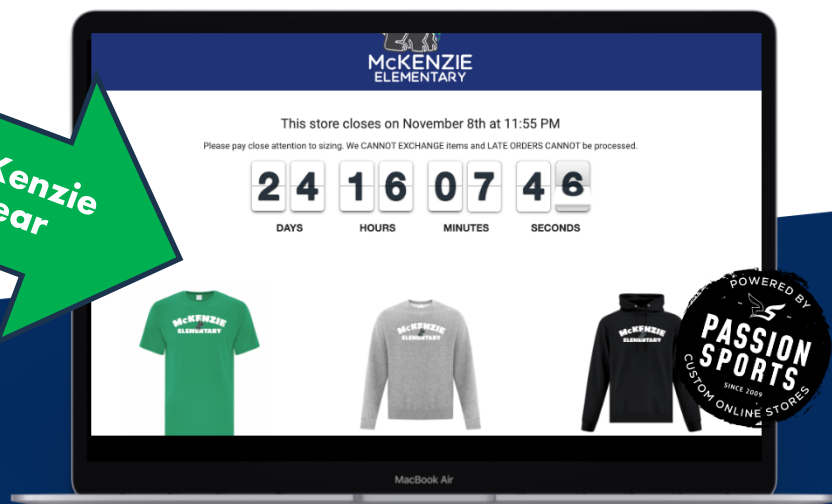
Order by Nov. 8

McKenzie Elementary Spirit Wear Store

Online Spiritwear Apparel Store

store.passionsports.ca/mckenzie_elementary_spirit_wear

McKenzie
Gear



Order by Nov. 8

Class of 2027 Apparel and McKenzie Elementary Spirit Wear

- Sample sizes are now outside the office for ordering convenience.
- LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
- Passion Sports will NOT do returns or exchanges for mistaken orders.
- Online store closes on November 8th at 11:55pm. Expected delivery in early December

Grade 5
Apparel:
[Order here!](#)

McKenzie
Spirit Wear:
[Order here!](#)

PAC INFORMATION:



PAC HOT LUNCH DAY

Hot Lunch is Thursday October 22nd for
Pizza and Sushi.

Order deadline is Oct 18th

To order, visit www.mckenzie.hotlunches.net
Access Code: MEHL

Questions? mckenziehotlunch@gmail.com

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](#)

MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY
HALLOWEEN
DANCE

DJ & DANCING
SNACKS & DRINKS
GAMES & PRIZES
BAKE SALE BY DONATION

30 OCTOBER
6:00-7:30PM

ENTRY BY DONATION
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

Back by popular demand!
spooky photos
by donation!

Look for the new addition to
the newsletter Search and find
for Kenzie for *Prime Parking*
at the dance!
See above for details.

Volunteers Needed

PAC hosted events need your
support to run. If you are able to
help set up/take down, volunteer
during the dance or donate baked
goods please sign up below. We
appreciate your help!

[Halloween Dance Volunteer Sign
Up Link](#)

Save
the
Date!

- PAC Family Photo Sessions: November 13th (details to come)
- PAC Family Board Game Night hosted by The Boardgame Café: November 19th

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:



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

More info 



 Triple Threat
BASKETBALL ACADEMY

BASKETBALL SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR GIRLS IN VICTORIA

 GRADES
3 - 8

 ALL LEVELS
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 OCT 25 -
FEB 28

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