



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, October 2, 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:

Welcome to October!

Our week began with an assembly about Truth and Reconciliation. Thank you everyone for wearing orange on Monday and actively engaging in learning about the origin of Orange Shirt Day and continuing our conversations and commitments to reconciliation.

We have another busy week coming up with our first cross-country race on Tuesday after school, a fire drill with the Saanich Fire Department on Tuesday and individual student photos on Wednesday.

We wish everyone a restful weekend in the beautiful Fall weather.

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Coupon books can be sold until Oct 13th! Division 2 is in the lead!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 5 Gr. 5 Strings 2:45pm- 3:30pm	Oct. 6 Fire Drill Soccer team practice – lunch recess Cross Country Race Beckwith School 3:45pm	Oct. 7 8:10am Cross Country practice Individual Photo Day 	Oct. 8 Soccer team practice – lunch recess	Oct. 9 8:10am Cross Country practice

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving (No School)
 Oct. 14 – First Swim Club practice @ SCP 3:15-4:00
 Oct. 14 – PAC Meeting (details to come)
 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

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

05 – World Teachers Day
 11 - International Day of the Girl Child
 12 – Thanksgiving
 18 – Persons Day
 31 - Halloween

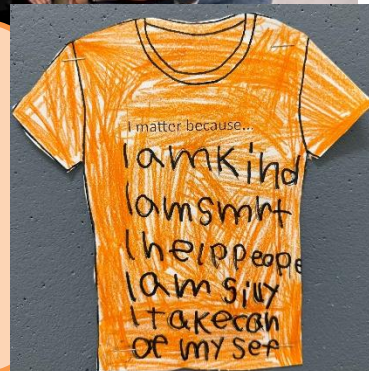
McKenzie Bell Schedule

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:



On Monday our school community gathered to honour and learn about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. As part of a school-wide collaboration led by Ms. Ferris, students reflected on the prompt, “At school, every student should feel..” and shared a word on their feather. Together, the feathers created a meaningful bulletin board outside the office. A collective reminder of the importance of belonging, respect, inclusion and ensuring every student feels valued and supported at school.



WETcoast weather is upon us. Thank you for continuing to send your children dressed appropriately for the weather. Rainboots, jackets and umbrellas are wonderful ways to help your children stay comfortable and enjoy their outside recess time. We work hard to get our students outside rain or shine so they can enjoy fresh air, movement and free play.



In British Columbia, routine immunizations are recommended for children at kindergarten entry (4-6 years of age). If your child has not received their kindergarten immunizations, please contact your local Public Health unit to book an appointment.

For more information about immunization, visit:

Immunizations for School Aged Children and Youth:

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/health-topics/immunizations/immunizations-school-aged-children-and-youth>

HealthLink BC:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-library/immunizations/children>.

Contact Your Local Public Health Unit:

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/our-locations/health-unit-locations>



**SHOP LOCAL & SAVE MONEY
WHILE HELPING RAISE FUNDS**

Dear McKenzie Families,

Your support is needed for our **COMMUNITY VALUES Coupon Book** fundraiser!



- [1] Over \$8,000 in Savings at businesses in Greater Victoria
- [2] A Stamp page that will allow NEW merchants to offer deals throughout the year
- [3] Custom Coupon Templates to make your own coupons to share with family and friends
- [4] NEW Travel Section with Deals outside your community to explore with Family!

IMPORTANT INFO

• **Sale Dates:** (September 24th – October 13th)

• **ONLY 3 WAYS TO BUY A BOOK**

1. **Cash** — please put your money in an envelope or Ziplock bag with child's name and fundraising slip
2. **Cheque** — please make payable to McKenzie Elementary School (Please put your child's name on Memo line)
3. **School Cash Online** - *\$43.00* (online fees applicable)

- This is **NOT** a free book if you choose to not buy or sell it, please return it **ASAP**
- **For Questions, contact : Ms. Natalie @ ncoffin@sd61.bc.ca**



BONUS INCENTIVES

- Every book a student sells they will receive a blind bag that will contain a collectable COOP Games keychain
- If you sell 12 books or more you will be guaranteed all 12 characters.



If you sell **13 books** or more, you are guaranteed all 12 characters **PLUS** a **rare golden** character and a special Light up squishy dumpling

TOP SELLING CLASS

will win a **PIZZA PARTY!** with books and money in on time



TOP SELLER

win 4 tickets to a Victoria Royals Game



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

Division 2 is currently in the lead to win the pizza party!

Thank you for supporting our school and helping raise funds for library shelving, bounce bands and wobble stools.

NOL

— night of lights —

\$5.00 each
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 Sprees!**
- Tasty Treats
- Entertainment
- Fabulous In-Store Discounts

For tickets or information,
CONTACT:

Ms. Sam in the office

Money we raise through ticket sales
WE SUPPORT:

Our students and our Spring performance

Limited number available.
Entrance to the special evening is for
ticket holders **ONLY**, so tell your friends!

HILLSIDE
style. LIVES HERE.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT
hillsidecentre.com



Get a head start on your holiday shopping!

Join us for an exclusive Night of Lights holiday shopping even at Hillside Mall! The mall will be open only to shoppers with a Night of Lights ticket, making this a special evening you won't want to miss.

Grab a friend, sibling, parent, or grandparent and enjoy an evening filled with entertainment, shopping, and tasty treats all while supporting out school!

100% of ticket sales will benefit McKenzie elementary and help provide materials to create props for our spring performance.

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

See you there!



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Looking for Gently Used Books

1000X5 has sent 338,000 of your gently used books for babies and preschoolers into homes where books may be few. This is Year 14 of sending gift bags each with 3 books. Over the year, children may receive 30 books – transforming learning. Please take your gently used books for wee ones to your school and look for the pink bin in the library.

Check out our website for more information: www.1000X5.ca

PAC INFORMATION:



PAC HOT LUNCH DAY

Our next PAC 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

MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY
HALLOWEEN
DANCE

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

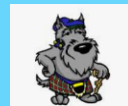
30 OCTOBER
6:00-7:30PM

ENTRY BY DONATION
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

Halloween-themed illustrations: a spider on a web, a ghost, a tombstone with a cross, and a jack-o'-lantern.

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

Link → [PAC MEETING MINUTES](#)



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

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:



Link → [Parent Literacy Resource](#)

Why is Parent Involvement so Important?

- Parent involvement is one of the top predictors of literacy success.
- Teachers endorse and embrace parent support.
- Children thrive when parents and teachers work in harmony.
- This parent Resource is a rich and playful Resource designed by literacy experts.
- It is research-based featuring the most essential foundational skills: the alphabet; phonological awareness; word study; comprehension; fluency; and writing.

This Resource is created especially for parents. It will promote a love of reading in a world of books.

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 



Do you have a child in Gr 2 or 3?

Is your child keen to learn a new instrument?

come join us For Little Ukulele

No experience necessary

Fall term: Oct 5 - Dec 7
 Winter term: Jan 4 - Mar 8
 Mondays: 6:15-7:00pm
 Oak Bay Secondary School
 \$65 per term

For more information and to register, visit: islandukulele.org




Triple Threat BASKETBALL ACADEMY

BASKETBALL SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR GIRLS IN VICTORIA

GRADES 3 - 8 ALL LEVELS WELCOME OCT 25 - FEB 28

\$195 FOR 15.5 HOURS

SCAN TO LEARN MORE




KidsKlub MCKENZIE

Early Learners

SPACE AVAILABLE

- ✓ Ages 3-5yrs
- ✓ 8:15am-4:45pm
- ✓ Program runs through the school year and during the summer months

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.kidsklub.ca/early-learners

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