



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, October 23, 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:

We had a wonderful week filled with outdoor learning, nature walks, bike safety and 'floating classrooms.' Today our staff is engaging in a variety of professional learning opportunities across the district. We look forward to sharing new ideas, concepts and strategies with our students and school community.

We are looking forward to all of the fun, 'spooky' activities next week!

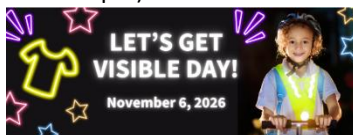
Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 26 Halloween Safety talk with Police Liaisons Pumpkin Run Cross Country Finals 3:45 @ Cedar Hill Corner	Oct. 27 Soccer team practice lunch recess Parent Teacher Interviews 3:00- 4:30	Oct. 28 Early Dismissal @ 11:50 for Parent Teacher Interviews Swim Club @ Saanich Commonwealth Place 3:15-4:00	Oct. 29 Soccer team practice lunch recess	Oct. 30 Costume Parade Skating Div 3 & 8 (12:15- 1:00) PAC Halloween Dance 6:00pm-7:30pm

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Nov. 2 – Div 2 & 3 Parliament Building fieldtrip (9:00-12:00)
Nov. 3 – Soccer Jamboree @ Hampton (11:45am- 2:20pm)
Nov. 6 – Let's Get Visible Day! (see page 4)
Nov. 6 – Skating Div 6 & 7 (12:15 – 1:00)
Nov. 9 – Photo retake day
Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day – **School is not in session**
Nov. 13 – PAC Family Photos
Nov. 15 – Swim Club Swim Meet @ Saanich Commonwealth Place 9:30-12:00
Nov. 16 – Lockdown Drill
Nov. 19 – PAC Board Game Café evening @ 5:30
Nov. 20 – PAC Hot Lunch – Subway and Sushi



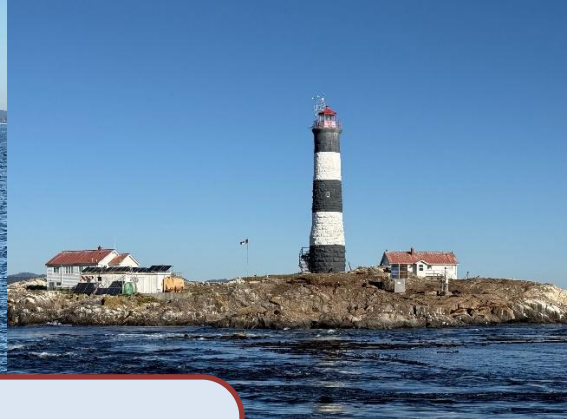
October Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar

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

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:



Div 2 & 3 spent Tuesday morning on the water with Eagle Wing Tours learning with a program called “Exploring the Salish Sea”. They saw lots of marine wildlife including a humpback whale, seals, sea lions, jellyfish and lots of birds.



Our grade 4 & 5 students had an interactive 2-day program learning from Capital City Bikes and the Everyone Rides Foundation.

Our students practiced riding independently, using brakes for control, shoulder checking, hand signals, the importance of safety equipment, and awareness of other road users.

**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.**

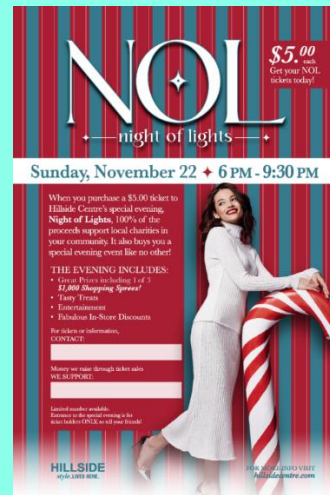


Kenzie is hiding in the newsletter (seen above). If you spot Kenzie within the pages of our newsletter you are welcome to fill out the google form each week for an entry into our monthly prizes. October prize winners will be contacted by Ms. Carmen on October 26th. Thank you for participating and staying involved in our community news!

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 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!

\$ 5.00 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!

If you aren't able to attend - you can still purchase a ticket to enter to win 1 of 3 \$1000.00 shopping sprees!

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.

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

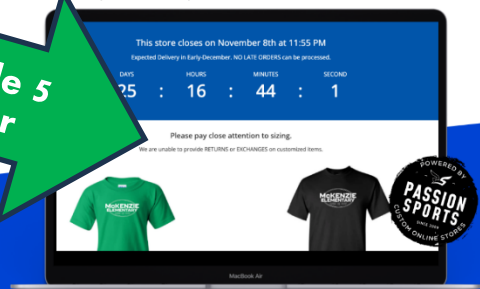
Grade 5 Apparel:
[Order here!](#)

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

**LET'S GET
VISIBLE DAY!**

November 6, 2026



During this dark time of the year, dress up in your lightest, brightest, most sparkly, reflective or light-up clothing- or all of the above! Let's Get Visible Day, celebrates and practices the importance of being safe on roads and trails during darker morning commutes. **Each class will have a prize for their brightest, most visible student!**

PAC INFORMATION:



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!

This event cannot
run without parent
volunteers

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](#)



**INCLUSIVE & SAFE
SCHOOLS**

Opportunity for Discussion
Parents & Students

 Spectrum Highschool
 Thursday OCT 29, 2026
 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Physical
Social
Emotional

 **FREE TO REGISTER**
ON-SITE CHILDMINDING AVAILABLE
PIZZA & GAMES FOR THE KIDS.
<https://forms.gle/p82G1mcTLivitM4A6>

 **QR link to Survey ->**
<https://forms.gle/UpfheSieXSaJ915A7>



PAC Event:
Wreath Making on
November 25th



To register for the VCPAC
Belonging, Inclusion and Safety
Event:

[Registration Link](#)

For more information:

www.vcpac.ca

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:



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

McKenzie Early Learners
4005 Raymond Street
V8Z 6L4



 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

