



McKenzie Weekly

Friday, October 9, 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:

Our first full week of October saw routine learning and outdoor activities in this beautiful fall weather.

We know that the rainier, cooler Fall days are coming, so please have your child(ren) dress appropriately for the weather. If possible, please send a pair of indoor shoes for these wetter months. This will help to keep our building clean and floors safe. A spare change of clothes is also helpful to have in their backpacks or in their classrooms for emergencies; particularly for our younger students.

We had our second fire drill of the school year with the Saanich Fire Department on Tuesday, and we successfully cleared the building in 1:40 minutes and had full attendance completed within 5 minutes! The Fire Department officers were very impressed. Next week we will be having our first earthquake drill. Teachers will be reviewing these procedures with students over the coming days. All our emergency drills are noted in our weekly newsletters.

We wish everyone a long weekend filled with gratitude.

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16
Thanksgiving (No school)	Soccer team practice – lunch recess Cross Country Race Lambrick Park 3:45pm	8:10am Cross Country practice Swim Club @ Saanich Commonwealth Place 3:15-4:00 PAC Meeting (online @ 6:30)	Soccer team practice – lunch recess Great Canadian Shake Out Earthquake Drill	8:10am Cross Country practice

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Oct. 19 – Grade 4 & 5 Capital City Bike Program (classroom)
 Oct. 20 – Div 2 & 3 Salish Sea Program 9:00-12:30
 Oct 20 – Cross Country Race – Lambrick Park @ 3:45
 Oct 21 – **Inclusion Awareness Day** – wear neon or tie-dyed clothing
 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 26 – Cross Country Finals - Cedar Hill Corner @ 3:45
 Oct. 27 – Parent Teacher Interviews 3:00-4:30
 Oct. 28 – Parent Teacher Interviews (early dismissal – Swim Club still runs)
 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

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:



SEARCH AND FIND FOR KENZIE

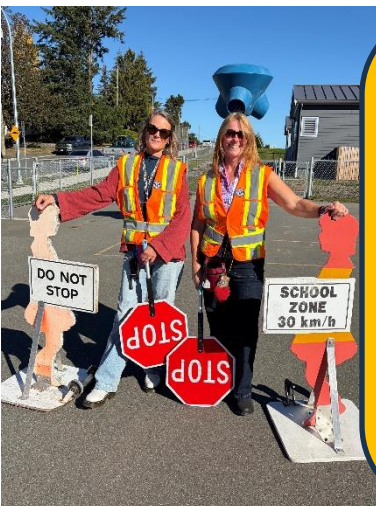


Starting in THIS newsletter we will be hiding an image of our mascot Kenzie (seen above). If you spot Kenzie hidden within the pages of our newsletter you are welcome to fill out the google form for an entry into prizes each month.

Prizes include:

- 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](#)



With daylight savings no longer being implemented, we will see darker mornings with reduced driver visibility. You will notice our crossing guards will start to wear High Visibility Light Up vests as we enter the winter months.

Please consider whether you can take any steps to ensure your child is more visible on their route to school and 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](#)

FINAL WEEKEND TO PUSH SALES AND SUPPORT OUT SCHOOL!!

Greater Victoria & Surrounding Areas

Division 3 has taken the lead to winning the pizza party with a student in their class selling 32 coupon books!

COMMUNITY VALUES

COUPONS THAT BRING US TOGETHER

SCAN ME TO VIEW A SAMPLE!

OVER \$8,000 IN SAVINGS!

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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	● Ono Poke ● Ottavio Italian Bakery & Deli ● Penny Farthing Public House ● Vis-a-Vis ● Ukee Poke
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SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY!

If you are gathering with family and friends over Thanksgiving weekend here are some tips to promote the coupon book:

- Over \$8000.00 worth of savings!!
- New vendors include Bard & Banker, Ferris Oyster Bar, Penny Farthing, Vis a Vis, Aerth Saunas, Deerland Children's Museum, Outpost Boardgame Café, Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea, The Boulder's Climbing Gym
- Destination discounts: Cultus Lake Adventure, Museum of Vancouver and ZipZone Peachland

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

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!



Many of our Grade 5 students have stepped into leadership roles this year, including playground helpers, lunch monitors, assembly leaders, and library helpers.

Thank you for being responsible role models, supporting our school community, and helping our younger students. We are proud of you for taking on new challenges, developing your leadership skills, and preparing for the transition to middle school. Keep up the great work!

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

ONLINE PAC MEETING

OCTOBER 14th @ 6:30pm

To Join: [Oct. 14th PAC Meeting Via Teams](#)

Meeting Agenda:

Admin update

Treasurer's Report

1. Budget approval

Events

1. Halloween Dance - Oct 30

2. Board Game Night - Nov 19

3. Family photos

4. Holiday shop

Fundraising

1. Wreath making

2. Royals Games?

Call for volunteers

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](#)



- 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
WELCOME

 OCT 25 -
FEB 28

\$195
FOR 15.5 HOURS

SCAN TO
LEARN MORE

