McKenzie Weekly

Friday, November 13, 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:

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday morning. Our student hosts did a wonderful job of leading the assembly and we appreciated the music, art and Remembrance Day art and reflections from our students.

Our first term is quickly coming to an end. Staff and students are completing projections, finishing off assessments and beginning to gather evidence to inform the upcoming Learning Updates (Report Cards). Learning Updates will be posted on 'Parent Connect' on December 11th. If you have not yet accessed/registered for Parent Connect you can do so at this link: Parent Connect

This link can also be found under the 'Parent' section of the McKenzie Elementary website.

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov. 16 Div. 1 & 7 – SPCA presentation	**Nov. 17**	**Nov. 18** Swim Club 3:15-4:00	**Nov. 19** Lockdown Drill 9:45am PAC Board Game Café Evening 5:30	**Nov. 20** PAC Hot Lunch Subway & Sushi Order Deadline Nov. 15th

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Nov. 15 – Swim Club Swim Meet (Saanich Commonwealth Place 9:30-12:00)
Nov. 23 – Div 1 & 4 Parliament Building Fieldtrip (9:00-12:00)
Nov. 23 – Grade 3's Your Vision Is Our Vision Screening
Nov.24 – Theme Day - Twin Day
Nov. 25 – Indigenous Lunch
Nov. 25 – PAC Wreath Making
Nov. 27 – Pro-D Day (School is not in session)
Nov. 30 – 50's Day in Kindergarten
Dec. 1 – Kindergarten Screening
Dec. 3 – Div 1-5 Bus Program
Dec. 4 – Theme Day - Holiday Headwear
Dec. 7 – Div 11 & 12 @ Goldstream
Dec. 7 – McKenzie Choir performing @ The Victorian
Dec. 8-10 – PAC Holiday Shopping Event
Dec. 13 – Swim Club Swim Meet # 2
Dec. 14 – Div 2 & 12 @ Hotel Grand Pacific
Dec. 18 – Theme Day – Holiday Explosion and Hot Lunch Pizza & Sushi (order deadline Dec 13th)
Dec. 21 – Jan. 1 - Winter Break (school is not in session)

November Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar
Hindu Heritage Month

16 – Louis Riel Day
20 – Transgender Day of Remembrance
20 – World Children's Day
25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

MCKENZIE THIS WEEK:





McKenzie Remembers









Enjoying the sunshine when it appears! Thank you for sending your students with appropriate clothing as we head into winter.





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

Thank you for particiapting and staying involved in our community news.

If you spot Kenzie hidden within the pages of our newsletter you are welcome to fill out the google form to enter our draw. Our next prize draw will be on the Nov. 18th for 2 tickets to Night of Lights at Hillside Mall.



One entry per newsletter and one prize per month:

- Night of Lights event tickets/doorprize entry
- Concession voucher for purchases at a PAC event
- Holiday chocolates
- Gift card for a warm drink
- Spring Concert prime seating

Enter for your chance to win

Emergency Drills

On Thursday November 19th we will be joined by the Saanich Police to conduct the first of two Lockdown Drills for the school year. A 'lockdown' is carried out when there is a major incident or threat of school violence within the school, or in relation to the school.

This safety procedure is designed to maximize the safety of staff and students in circumstances where there is potential for violence in the school or surrounding area. This protocol applies to all staff and community members that may be in the school during the lockdown. During a lockdown, staff and students will secure themselves in the nearest room, lock and secure all interior doors to the extent possible and remain in lockdown until released by police. This may involve several hours, and the expectation is that school rooms remain as silent and secure as possible. From the time of the arrival of the police until the lockdown is released, police will maintain charge of the school.

If McKenzie Elementary is placed in a 'lockdown,' parents should wait for information from the school district before coming to the school. At each school, lockdown drills are practiced twice per year.

PAC Information:







Island Jerky Fundraiser

$8 per 80g package or 3 for $22

Available flavours:
Original (wheat free)
Black Pepper (wheat free)
Teriyaki
Sweet & Spicy

purchases can be made online through the McKenzie hot lunch website: https://mckenzie.hotlunches.net/

order deadline December 5th

"Island Jerky is made by TWO J's Smokehouse in Sidney, BC and is not your typical jerky. We create the best wood smoked beef jerky available in BC. We pride ourselves in using the highest quality of beef and spices that produces a lean true wood smoked beef jerky."

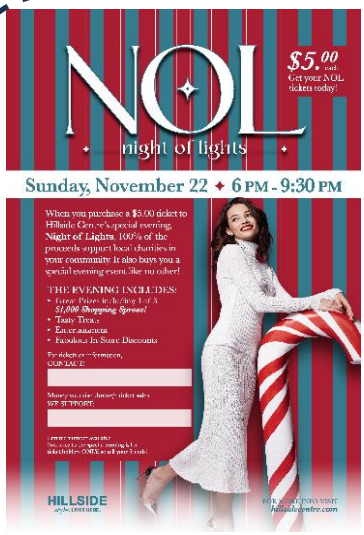
Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

McKenzie PACCampaign ID: #000038319

McKenzie Elementary's PAC is running a Purdys chocolates holiday fundraiser once again, we love a sweet opportunity to support our McKenzie kids!

order online : https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000038319

Order deadline December 5th



Night of Lights tickets are on sale in the main office.
To learn more visit: Hillside Mall Night of Lights 2026
100% of proceeds are returned to Mckenzie to benefit our school and our upcoming Spring performance.

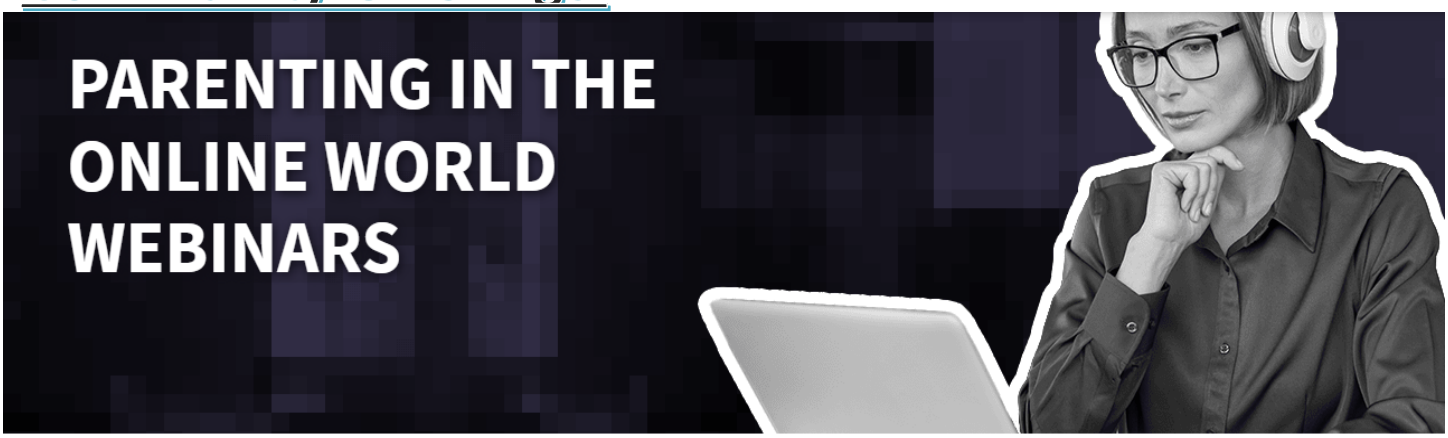
Spring Concert Spoiler Alert: It is unlike anything our school has done before. Props, costumes, and performances are all in the early stages of being planned.

PAC Meeting Minutes can be found on our website: McKenzie 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:



During these sessions, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection will provide insights into concerning trends seen through operations of Cybertip.ca — Canada's tipline to report the online sexual exploitation of children — and offer considerations and resources for talking with children and youth about online safety.

You can register for one of the **free** virtual sessions being offered to parents and caregivers below.

Please note that these webinars are not intended for children.

Register for Parenting in the Online World here: Online World Webinar

English 2026/2027 Sessions

Nov.	Jan.	Feb.	Apr.
18	19	18	7

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VICTORIA SINGLE PARENT RESOURCE CENTRE

PARENTING COURSES

Our FREE Parent courses run every *Fall, Winter, & Spring*. And are open to everyone in the community.

- Mindful Parenting
- Healthy Boundaries
- Understanding Anger & Stress

EMAIL TODAY

info@1-up.ca



Connect and Learn

Online Events for Parents and Caregivers

Every month, FamilySmart hosts events for parents and caregivers of a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge.

Join us to watch a video and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments, focusing on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.



"The 'in the know' was very informative and helpful. I will be reviewing the videolink to soak up what I heard and for it to be a way to help my child and myself and cope as a parent.

– Parent Event Partcipant

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EDUCATION EVENTS

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Ministry of Children and Family Development

Register online today at familysmart.ca/events

Together, We Help Families Feel Less Alone