McKenzie Weekly

Friday, November 20, 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 have had a busy, cool weather week! Division One shared their simple machine inventions with the school; so many creative ideas were shared! Thursday was busy with our first Lockdown Drill of the school year and the PAC sponsored Board Game Cafe in the evening. We had four Saanich Police officers assist with our drill, and they were very impressed with the quick, appropriate response from the entire building. Thank you so much to our PAC that provided a fun evening of games. Families had a great time learning some new games and with friends.

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov. 23 Div 1 & 4 Parliament Building Fieldtrip Grade 3 Vision Screening	**Nov. 24**  Theme Day: Twin, Triplet, Quadruplet Day	**Nov. 25** Indigenous Lunch Swim Club 3:15-4:00 PAC Wreath Making 6:00 pm 	**Nov. 26** End of Term 1	**Nov. 27** Professional Development Day (No School)

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Nov. 30 – Dec. 11 – 10 Days of Giving at McKenzie
Nov. 30 – 50's Day in Kindergarten
Dec. 1 – Kindergarten Hearing 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. 9 – PAC Meeting
Dec. 13 – Swim Club Swim Meet # 2
Dec. 14 – Div 2 & 12 @ Hotel Grand Pacific
Dec. 15 – Theme Day – Holiday Explosion
Dec. 18 – Jingle Bell Run 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

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

Around McKenzie this week:













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.



- 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

November 30th – December 11th
10 Days of Giving:
School Collection for members of our community

On the 1st day of giving, McKenzie families donate: ***Dry goods!*** *(i.e. Pasta, rice, cereal sugar, pancake mix)*	**On the 2nd day of giving, McKenzie Families donate:** ***Household Paper Products!*** *(i.e. Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towel, napkins)*	**On the 3rd day of giving, McKenzie families donate:** ***Canned Goods!*** *(i.e. Soup, chili, spaghetti sauce, beans)*	**On the 4th day of giving, McKenzie families donate:** ***Personal Care!*** *(i.e. Toothpaste, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products)*	**On the 5th day of giving, McKenzie Families donate:** ***Anything Goes!*** 
On the 8th day of December McKenzie Families donate: ***Treat Day!*** *(i.e. Cookies, popcorn, licorice, chips, chocolate)*	**On the 9th day of December McKenzie Families donate:** ***Boxed Goods!*** *(i.e. Crackers, stuffing, coffee, tea)*	**On the 10th day of December McKenzie Families donate:** ***Pocket Snacks!*** *(i.e. Granola Bars, wagon wheels, fruit cups)*	**On the 11th day of December McKenzie Families donate:** ***Condiments & Spices!*** *(i.e. Ketchup, mustard, syrup, pickles, salt, pepper)*	**On the 12th th day of December McKenzie Families donate:** ***Anything Goes!*** 

Please join us in filling classroom boxes with hamper items for some of our McKenzie families who would appreciate a little help at this time of year. We will be collecting items from Monday, November 30th through to Friday, December 11th.

Please ensure all items donated are:

- Unopened
- Commercially packaged (sorry, no home canned items).
- NOT expired – please check the expiry date before sending the items to the school

PAC Information:

Night of Lights holiday shopping event is this Sunday! $5.00 a ticket.

Enjoy a festive evening filled with holiday cheer, wonderful shopping opportunities, exclusive discounts and exciting door prizes. It's the perfect time to find something special for everyone on your holiday list while taking advantage of great savings.!

If you require last minute, tickets please reach out to Ms. Sam at sblair@sd61.bc.ca

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.



Holiday Wreath Workshop

Join us for an evening with You Floral to create your very own holiday wreath
All proceeds go to McKenzie Elementary

WHEN:WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 6PM
WHERE: MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY SMALL GYM

$60 PER PERSON
(IF YOU ATTENDED LAST YEAR AND STILL HAVE YOUR WIRE FRAME YOU CAN SAVE $5)

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE.

CONTACT MCKENZIEPAC@GMAIL.COM TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!

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










Thank you to our PAC for hosting a wonderful game night led by The Board Game Café.

Community Offerings:

Parenting When Anxiety Shows Up As Anger

December 2, 2026 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm PST

'intheknow'

ONLINE EVENT

connect + learn

Register here: [Parenting When Anxiety Shows Up as Anger]

Anxiety in our kids can show up as anger, and that can make parenting extra challenging. Learn from Karen Peters, Registered Clinical Counsellor, to discover some strategies that can help us before, during, and after these hard moments.

We invite you to join us and other families in a supportive space where your voice and perspective truly matter. Together, we'll watch a video and share strategies to help navigate those hard moments, and focus on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

Whether you have questions or unique ideas from your own journey, your contributions are a valuable part of our conversation. This inclusive, supported discussion is gently facilitated by a FamilySmart Family Peer Support Worker who understands the challenges we face as parents.

6:30pm-8:00pm Pacific Time (British Columbia)
7:30pm-9:00pm Mountain Time (Alberta)

We are grateful for funding from the Ministry of Children and Family Development and our partnership with HeretoHelp.



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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