McKenzie Weekly

Friday, October 30, 2026

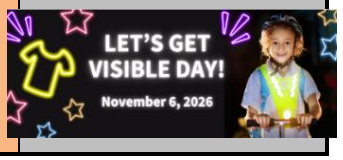
McKenzie Elementary School wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, we play, and we do our work.

Administrators' Message:

WOW! Two months of school finished already?!?! We are now more than halfway through our first term of school!
We are so thankful that the weather cooperated for our Halloween Costume Parade this morning! The students had an absolute blast, and we all enjoyed seeing all of the 'alter-egos'! We are now into the season of colds and flus. We are encouraging students to stay home when they are not feeling well, covering their mouths when they cough and sneeze, and to wash their hands OFTEN.
Have a spooky weekend!

Ms. Carmen

Mark your calendar:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov. 2 Div 2 & 3 Parliament Building fieldtrip (9:00-12:00)	**Nov. 3** Soccer Team Jamboree @ Hampton (11:45- 2:20) 	**Nov. 4** Swim Club @ Saanich Commonwealth Place 3:15-4:00	**Nov. 5**	**Nov. 6** Skating Div 6 & 7 (12:15-1:00) 

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:



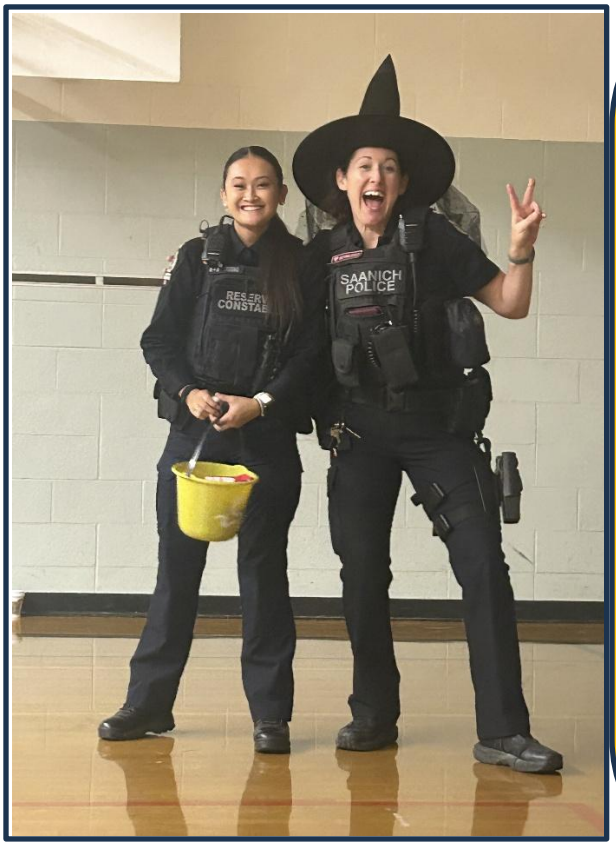
Nov. 9 – Photo retake day
Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day – (School is not in session)
Nov. 12 – PAC Meeting
Nov. 13 – PAC Family Photos
Nov. 15 – Swim Club Swim Meet (Saanich Commonwealth Place 9:30-12:00)
Nov. 16 – Lockdown Drill
Nov. 19 – PAC Board Game Café evening @ 5:30
Nov. 20 – PAC Hot Lunch – Subway and Sushi (Order deadline Nov. 15th)
Nov. 23 – Div 1 & 4 Parliament Building Fieldtrip (9:00-12:00)
Nov. 25 – PAC Wreath Making
Nov. 27 – Pro-D Day (School is not in session)

November Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Calendar
Hindu Heritage Month

7 – International Inuit Day
8 – Diwali/Deepavali
8 – Indigenous Veterans Day
11 – Remembrance Day
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 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:



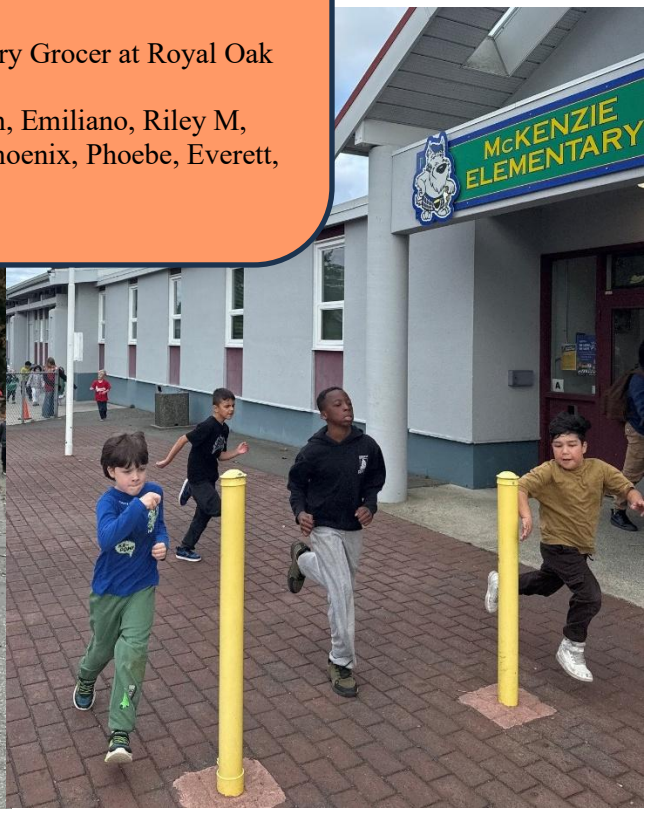
On Monday we had our Police Liaison officers come in to present a Halloween Safety talk. We welcomed Constable Omoding, Constable Bermudez, Constable Blain, Reserve Constable Kyana (Ms. Hannah's daughter ♡), and volunteers Adam and Kathleen. We learned about how to stay safe if we are participating in trick or treating on October 31st.

Halloween Safety Tips for Kids and Parents

- **Costumes that fit**: Make sure costumes fit properly and aren't too long, so children don't trip. Avoid masks or accessories that block vision.
- **Walk Safely**: Walk on one side of the street and return on the other side when it is safe to cross. Use sidewalks and follow traffic signals.
- **Adults check candy**: Parents or trusted adults should inspect all treats before children eat them. Discard anything unwrapped, damaged, or suspicious.
- **Visibility:** Make sure children can be seen. Bring a flashlight, headlamp, glow sticks, or reflective tape on clothing.
- **Stay together:** Young children should always be accompanied by a responsible adult.

On Monday we also had our Pumpkin Run. Thank you to Country Grocer at Royal Oak for donating 25 pumpkins to our runners!
Congratulations to Rupert, Avery, Ann, Sydney, Harry, Jaxton, Emiliano, Riley M, Ayden, Grayson, Hannah, Elijah, Ruby, Gurbaaj, Sebastian P, Phoenix, Phoebe, Everett, Jaelyn, Linden, Nia, Rylen and Noah










Our cross-country team had a wonderful season with 2 morning practices a week and 4 after school races against other schools. Congratulations to all our runners for choosing to join cross country and showing up even on cold rainy mornings.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our coaches, Mr. Scott and Ms. Johnston, for your dedication and commitment to extracurricular sports!









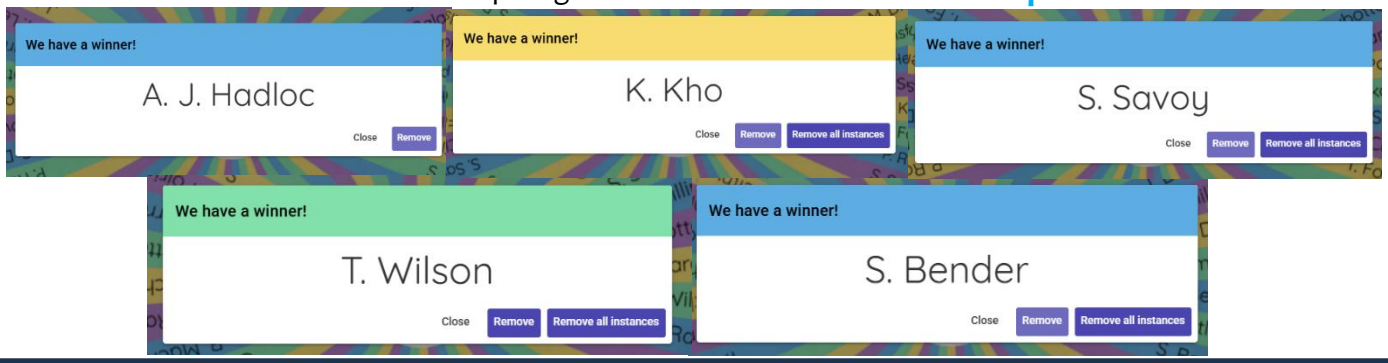




During this dark time of the year, dress up in your lightest, brightest, most sparkly, reflective or light-up clothing- or all of the above! Let's Get Visible Day, celebrates and practices the importance of being safe on roads and trails during darker morning commutes. **Each class will have a prize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

Kenzie will start hiding again in our next newsletter . Congratulations to our October prize winners! Thank you for particiapting and staying involved in our community news. **We had a total of 60 entries!**
Our winners won "Prime Parking" in the staff lot on Friday evening for the Halloween Dance. Spots are reserved for our hosting PAC members and our winners this month. Two of our winners let us know they did not need the use of the parking spot and to spin again. Thank you for being generous and thinking of our school community!

Our winners of the spots gifted back are **T. Len and J. Phillips**!



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.





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!



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.

Spoiler alert: It is unlike anything we have done before. Props, costumes, and performances are all in the early stages of being planned.



PAC INFORMATION:



TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT! Thank you to our wonderful PAC for organizing this event. We appreciate all the parents the volunteered to drop off baked items, fill a shift, offered to help set up and clean up after the dance, and our in-house DJ!





COMMUNITY OFFERINGS:





