



What's up @McKechnie April 2024

Dear Mckechnie Community,

As we embrace the arrival of April, we find ourselves entering a season of rejuvenation and progress here at Mckechnie. This time heralds new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and thrilling experiences. I trust everyone enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating Spring Break!

With the advent of spring, there comes a palpable sense of energy and vitality that permeates our school community. I am delighted to witness the enthusiasm radiating from our students as they eagerly engage in their learning journey. Their unwavering dedication and resilience in the face of challenges continue to inspire me, and I am exceedingly proud of each and every one of them.

It's worth noting that our Badminton sessions are well underway, and I am thrilled to announce the commencement of Track and Field activities on April 15th. These events not only promote physical fitness but also foster teamwork and sportsmanship among our students.

Additionally, April brings with it a plethora of exciting field trips for our students. Last Friday, our intermediates had the delightful opportunity to immerse themselves in the art of making French crepes—an experience that was met with resounding approval! Their creations were indeed tres bien!

As we navigate through the remainder of the school year, let us continue to nurture the spirit of curiosity and exploration within our students. Together, let us cultivate an environment where they can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

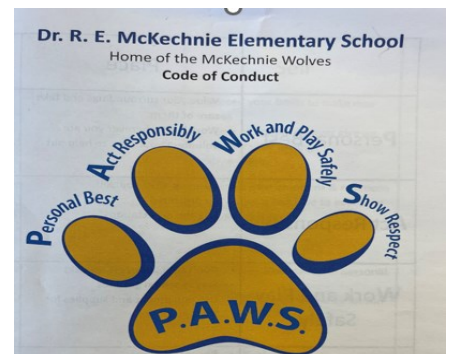
Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Your partnership is invaluable as we work towards providing our students with enriching educational experiences.

Wishing you all a month filled with growth, joy, and memorable experiences.

Warm regards, Lindsay



The students and staff of Dr. R. E. McKechnie Elementary School acknowledge that we work, live and learn on the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and T'sleil Wathuth Coast Salish peoples.



## From the McKechnie Garden

The greenhouse is going in the library with many little tomato plants under the lights. Sadly, we have lost our Urban Roots sponsor who so generously donated bedding plants to us for the last couple of years, so we will not be having many plant sales this year. Please stay tuned for very limited plants that will be pre-sold.



The Garden Club has received a cubic yard of rich organic veggie soil and has been preparing our boxes for planting. Sometimes the Garden Club is our intermediate students but there have also been many random gardeners--students who have seen Ms. Koke outside and have offered to assist. This week, if it stops raining, we will plant 2 of the boxes with cold weather items like lettuce, potatoes, kale, chard, peas, spinacha and radishes. We will be able to harvest these things and replant other plants before summer arrives.

Thank you to those students who have picked out the rocks and wood chips that some of the younger students have tossed into the boxes because they don't know better. Please coach your children to be respectful of the efforts of the Garden Club and random gardeners in not throwing garbage or other items into the boxes and to not pluck any plants from the boxes. It may look like grass, but it might be chives or something else that has been planted.

We are seeking large containers--pots or tubs that are at least 18" across that we can use for potatoes and herbs. We are also seeking donations of tarps, garden forks, rakes and a couple more large shovels if you have an excess of these items that you are not using.

Ms. Koke has a seed bank in the library, and if you need some seeds, she is more than happy to give you a couple of packages or to accept donations of seeds from your gardens. 😊 We have a variety from plants we have grown: kale, marigolds, radishes, sunflowers, and a few packages of tomato and cucumber seeds. If you have a green thumb and want to try something at home, it's a good time to get growing!

## Library Corner

Ms. Koke will be starting training for next years library monitors very soon. Although the students are primarily grade six and seven, she is willing to invite some keen younger students who demonstrate an interest and aptitude for organization. See Ms. Koke.

This year's Library Monitors will be helping to train our next group and will have the opportunity to help out over the months of April-June as they are very busy months with Track and Field field trips and grade seven camp. Monitor hours are 8:30 am-9:00 am and 3:00-3:20 Monday-Wednesday, students usually do a couple of shifts per week.

Student and parent volunteers are integral to the smooth operation of the library. Ms. Koke wants to express her appreciation for the assistance!



# YEARBOOK COVER DRAWINGS

Please come by the hallway outside the McKechnie office to see all the beautiful cover drawings we received from the kids over spring break.

The display case shows some past yearbooks and two bulletin boards have the front cover contest entries and the back cover contest entries.

McKechnie teachers, staff, administrators and the Yearbook layout parent volunteers from each division will cast their votes to select this year's winners.

Pre-orders for the limited edition yearbook will start in May. (Yearbooks are priced at cost and are full-colour publications of about 150 pages).

Please watch for more information coming to your email.

Thank you and thanks for participating!

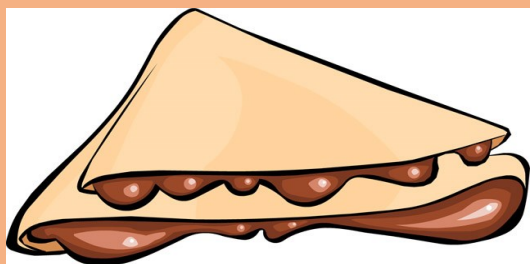
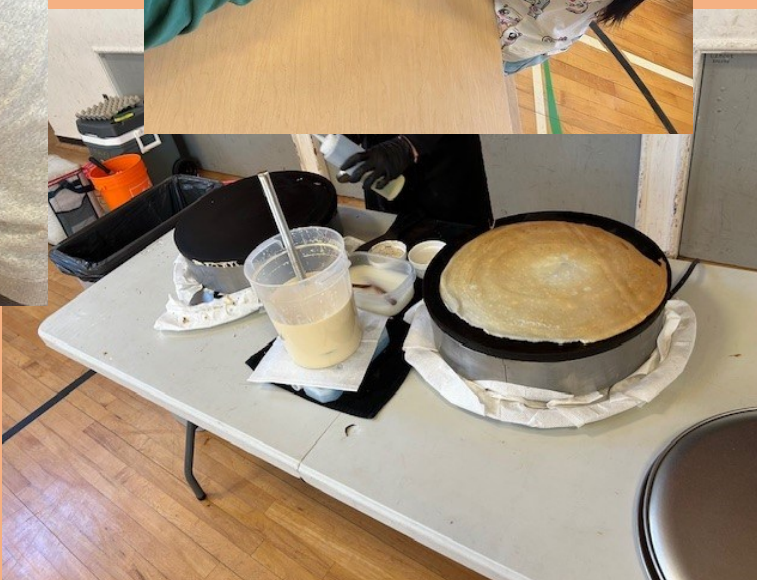
Tiffany & Sophia

McKechnie Yearbook Editors



## Crepe Making Workshop

This past Friday, April 5th, grades five, six and seven, as part of learning more about French culture in Canada, got to prepare and eat traditional French crepes with Monsieur Stephane Gallien of Le Petit Atelier. They not only enjoyed one of three different kinds of French crepes but also helped to make the gym smell like a delicious bakery!



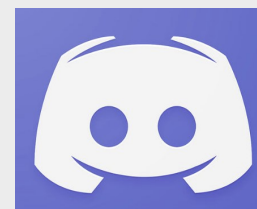
## CUTLERY REMINDER

Please remember to send cutlery with your child(ren). The office **DOES NOT** have any to give them and we will not be providing cutlery from the staffroom. If your child does not have any cutlery, they will have to have lunch without any. Thank you for remembering to do this.



## What is Discord? Is it Safe?

Discord is a free app that is popular among youth for chatting via text, voice or video. While Discord requires that users be at least 13 years old, it does not verify users' age upon registration and many intermediate McKechnie students are using the app outside of school time. Because it is all user-generated content, there is potential for plenty of inappropriate content, like swearing, derogatory language, and graphic images.



### Parental Controls

Family Centre is a Discord feature that allows parents and caregivers to monitor their kids' activity on the app. Parents will be able to see what servers their kids have joined and who they have connected with. This is a great way to monitor any changes in interactions that might seem suspicious and gives parents enough insight to ask questions and talk to their kids if they feel concerned. For more information please follow this [link](#) to Discord's support page.

### Parental Supervision

Family Centre does not give parents access to the content in the chats, or what they're talking about on video or audio calls. It is imperative that parents regularly check their child (ren)'s devices(s) and have open and honest conversations about the types of language and images that they are sending and receiving.

## McKechnie T Shirts for Track and Field and McKechnie Mondays

In anticipation of our upcoming Track & Field season we are having another McKechnie spirit wear t-shirt sale. We are recommending that all members of our team purchase their own McKechnie school t-shirt. So, if you don't already have your own shirt, now is the time to get one. These shirts are not only a great way to identify all of our students at track meets, but they also work as team jersey for both Track and Field and Cross Country and will be used for many years to come. Youth sized shirts are \$12 and Adults start at \$14. Not only are they functional as a school jersey, they're also fashionable! Get yours today! All orders are **due by Monday April 15th** through [SchoolCash Online](#).

McKechnie Socks are available for sale in the school office for \$14 each.

Reminder that **the first Monday of every month is McKechnie Monday** where we encourage all students to show their school spirit by wearing McKechnie wear. Wearing your McKechnie T shirt or socks is a wonderful way to show your school spirit!



January 8, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians/Caregivers,

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support. In 2021, the student survey underwent a review to accommodate an updated conceptual framework that align questions with the [core competencies](#) of the curriculum and the [British Columbia's Policy for Student Success](#).

We've worked in collaboration with the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) to update the parent and guardian/caregiver survey in 2018/19 and make it more useful for parent, guardians/caregivers, teachers, and schools. Your valued participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of children.

The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm) and is available in 18 different languages. The survey will be available until Friday, May 3rd, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

The results of the parent and guardian/caregiver SLS survey will be available through the Ministry of Education and Child Care website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>) in summer 2024.

Please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) if you have technical difficulties; call toll free: 1-866-558-5339 or email [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com).

We greatly appreciate your input and thank-you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

**Emilie Sia**

**Senior Economist, Research and Analytics Engagement (RAE)**

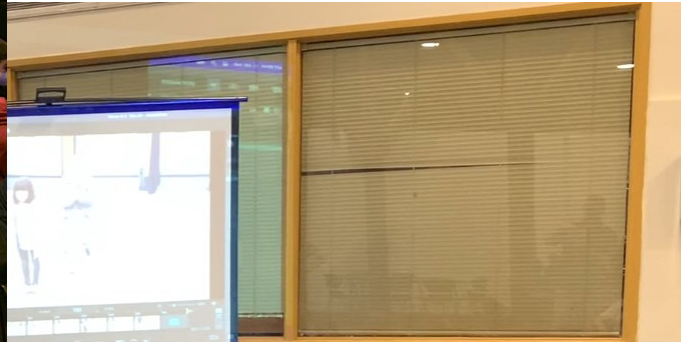
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# Mckechnie Photo Gallery



**Division 5 & 6**  
**Reel to Reel Film Festival Field Trip at**  
**The Roundhouse Community Centre**



Principal	Lindsay Thompson	604-713-4952
Office Admin Support	Nancy Yuen-Chan	
Director of Instruction	Christopher Wong	
VSB Trustee Liaison	Suzie Mah	
Vancouver School Board		604-713-5000

## Safe Arrival @ McKechnie

Please call before 9am 604-713-5159

Press "54#" and leave message

For extended leave—please email [nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca)

# MAGEE MUSIC SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER

Orders open for 2 weeks only  
just in time for Mothers Day!

We will have plants such as...

- Tropical plants
- Colourful Planters
- Beautiful Hanging Baskets
- Bright Geraniums
- Strawberries
- & More!



All proceeds go directly to individual  
student travel credit! Show your support!

**ORDER HERE!**



Order deadline - April 20th  
Pick up May 8th @ Magee Secondary  
in the rotunda (by main entrance)  
from 3:00 to 5:30pm  
[www.mageemusicsociety.com](http://www.mageemusicsociety.com)

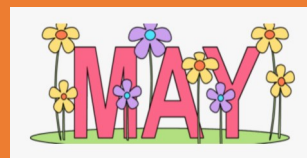




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>Last day to <a href="#">order</a> T-Shirt</i>	16	17	18 <i>Div 11 &amp; 12 to UBC Farms Field Trip</i>	19 <i>Div 1-6 Improv Field Trip</i>	20
21	22  <b>pro-d day</b> NO CLASSES	23	24 <i>Summer School</i> <a href="#">Registration Begins</a>	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Gr 6</i>  <i>Immunization</i>	2 <i>Big 1 @ 2 emergency drill</i>	3	4
5	6  <b>PICTURE DAY</b>	7	8 <i>Ultimate Frisbee</i> 	9 <i>Ultimate Frisbee</i> 	10 <i>Ultimate Frisbee</i> 	11
12 	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Buddy Trip to VanDusen Div. 3 &amp; 12 / 6 &amp; 11</i>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>PAC Fun Night</i>	25
26	27	28 <i>Div 11,12 to Children's Festival Field Trip</i> <i>8:45-2:30 - Track &amp; Field Zone Finals Gr 4-7 @ Churchill Secondary</i>	29	30 <i>Volunteer Thank You Tea</i> 	31	