



What's
up
@McKechnie

March
2025

Dear McKechnie Families,

On behalf of the entire staff at McKechnie, I hope you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing Spring Break! We are now embarking on a very exciting and busy stretch of the school year. The spring months bring us plenty of year-end activities and lots of planning for the next school year. For our Grade 7 students, this period culminates with the traditional Strathcona Field trip and the Grade 7 graduation to honour their journey through elementary school.

And McKechnie students...Guess what? We have just 56 days of school left until summer break! 🐛 Let's make these last few months awesome. Keep working hard, show off all the amazing things you've learned, and most importantly, have fun! You've done such a great job this year, so let's finish strong and make some great memories together!

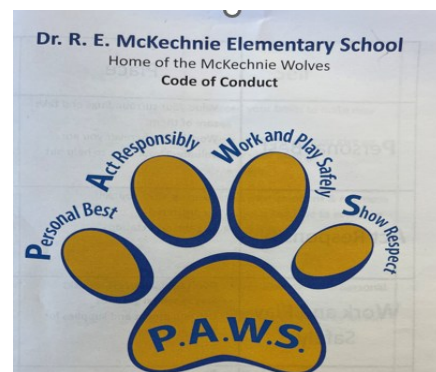
Warm regards,

Lindsay Thompson
Principal,

McKechnie Elementary School



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.



McKechnie SchoolCash Online Fees

K-Pop Schoolwide Dance Classes—April 7th to April 11th—\$12

We are excited to announce that students in grades K-7 will participate in K-Pop dance classes from **April 7 to 11**. This engaging activity is part of our fine arts and physical education curriculum, and it is expected that all students will participate. There is no opt-out option for this activity.



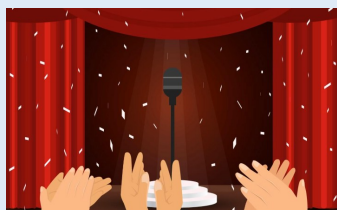
To culminate the week, there will be a performance on Friday, April 11. We will be sending more details about the performance next week.

To support this activity, we are requesting a \$12 fee per student.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in making this a fun and enriching experience for our students.

Kindly make \$12 payment on [SchoolCash](#) Online by Thursday April 4th

Performance Fee—\$15



We are pleased to enrich your child's learning through a wide variety of performances this year. This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. Past parent support has made these opportunities possible, and we appreciate your continued contribution.

Kindly make \$15 payment on [SchoolCash](#) Online by Thursday April 10th.

Grade 7 Bake Sale



Bring your loonies & toonies! There will be a Grade 7 Bake Sale on **Thursday April 17th**. Items will include cupcakes, Jello, and cookies. All the proceeds from this yumminess will go to support the Grade 7s going to camp in June.

Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Please ensure your child brings their lunch with them in the morning.

Lunches kept in a thermos will stay hot, and our [hot lunch program](#) is available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We kindly ask that you do not drop off or bring lunch to your child during the day.

Please
be on time

Additionally, **please pick up your child promptly at 3:00 p.m.** Please call the office if you anticipate being 10-15 minutes late. Late pickups can cause your child to feel anxious.

From the Garden Club

Ms. Koke and Mrs. Chang will be organizing the Garden Club this week to start planning some of the plantings.

Things will work a little differently this year. Divisions 7-12 will be assigned a partner class with whom they will be sharing a box. Garden Club will be a smaller group of 10 grade 6/7s this year and will be chosen based on the ability to commit to before school times and after school for watering and other duties. We plan to have a small tomato plant sale later in the spring.

Please see Ms. Koke in the library if you have seeds you wish to share or you would like to get some free seeds from our seed bank.



Ms. Shelley Koke

Library Information



Please remember to have your child return library books this week or come into the library to renew books as they will all be overdue as of April 1. Ms. Koke has just received her last order of books for the year, so those new books will be processed and available over the next couple of weeks.

If your child has a book still showing in their account that they believe they have returned, please have them come into the library to help Ms. Koke look for the book. If it is not located, Ms. Koke will ask you to pay for the book. If it shows up later, Ms. Koke will refund your money. Thank you.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday April 23rd and Thursday April 24th

2PM Early Dismissal on BOTH days

Please pickup at 2PM REGARDLESS of conference time and inform your daycare/caregiver

BELL SCHEDULE AND SAFE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

Safe Arrival Phone Number
604-713-5159 Extension 54

WHAT TO DO IF LATE, PICKING UP EARLY, OR ABSENT

(Please do not have your child call the Safe ARRIVAL LINE, Guardians must leave message)

Safe Arrival Procedures for Parents and Children:

When your child will be absent, picked up early, or late, please phone the Safe Arrival Line at **604-713-5159 Extension 54** PRIOR to 9 am.

Report the following information slowly and clearly:

1. Child's name (SPELL SURNAME) and division number
2. Date your child will be absent **OR** if arriving late, time of return.
3. When students arrive late - They must **SIGN IN** at the Office **BEFORE** reporting to class.

When students are picked up early - They must **SIGN OUT** at the Office **BEFORE** pick up.

Safe Arrival Number 604-713-5159 Ext. 54

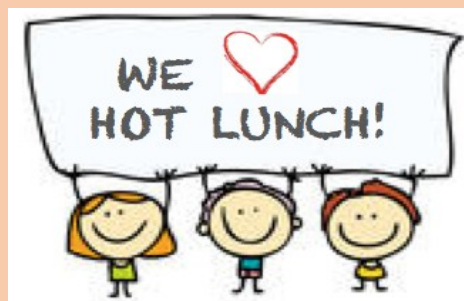
NOTE: For extended absences (ie - Vacation) please email classroom teacher AND the [office](#) dates of extended absence. No need to call Safe Arrival daily in this case.





HOT LUNCH NEWS

Starting from March 31, 2025, the Hot Lunch Program at McKechnie will increase from twice a week to four times a week! This means that Hot Lunch will now be available from Monday to Thursday! Please order [here](#)



McKechnie Friday

Feature presenters
& new workshops
each week!

Morning Coffee & snacks provided Meet-Ups

Come meet other McKechnie parents at this casual Friday morning event that will be ongoing EVERY Friday. Special interest topics will be shared at each Meet-Up, please let us know if there's anything you'd like to share with our McKechnie community.

RSVP by text to **604-506-0882** by Thursday each week.

来和其他McKechnie的家长见面，并与大家交流！这是一个轻松的星期五早晨聚会，将会在每个星期五定期举行。每次聚会都会分享特定的主题，如果您有任何想和社区家长们分享的内容，请告诉我们。让我们一起在星期五早晨享受美好时光！请在3月6日(星期四)前发短信至604-506-0882，回复您是否出席，谢谢！

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS & CARE GIVERS

FRIDAYS

9:00AM

McKechnie Elementary School Library

GROUP PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING

Tuesday April 8th at 9AM

Please arrive to school on time as there are NO RETAKES

Photos can be purchased by families. Kindly remind the class teacher if you do NOT wish to have your child in the class photo or schoolwide panorama photo which will be displayed in the school.

Choir News

On Tuesday, March 4, the McKechnie School Choir participated in the VSB's Elementary Choral Festival at John Oliver Secondary. 12 Elementary Schools sang over 2 nights at this annual event. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to sing to large audience of other students and parents, and hear other elementary school choirs in the district. Every school performed two pieces on their own, and then, at the end of the evening, all school choirs came together to sing two more numbers. What a glorious sound it was to hear over 300 young voices united in song. The McKechnie choir students represented our school with pride and their beautiful voices at the festival, and they dedicated many lunch hours to rehearsals in preparing for the event. Their singing and musicianship has certainly improved over the year. Mr. deVerteuil and Ms. Koke are very proud of all their hard work and growth. A wrap up celebration party will be happening soon. Stay tuned!



Invitation from Magee PAC

Parents & guardians to a special Magee PAC sponsored event coming up on April 15th. Speaker is Dr. Deborah McNamara who will do a talk on "Building Strong Connections with Youth." <https://macnamara.ca/>

The presentation will be in the Magee Theatre starting at 7pm on April 15th. Doors open at 6:30pm. RSVP required by April 10. Admission is free. (Donations for theatre upgrades are appreciated, but this is optional).

For more info about the Magee PAC or to RSVP, please visit:

<https://www.mageepac.ca/event-list>

RSVP by QR code



The desire for relationship and connection is the greatest need humans have. Best practices in the home and in classroom settings are offered based on insight, research, and experience

Dr. MacNamara
<https://macnamara.ca>

Magee Secondary Theatre
Tues. April 15, 2025 @ 7pm



**Building Strong
Connections
with Youth**

-by Dr. MacNamara



7-9pm April 15th, 2025
Magee Secondary Theatre
6360 Maple Street, Vancouver, BC

Questions? Contact pac.magee@gmail.com
Hosted by Magee PAC. Limited capacity. RSVP required.



Dr. MacNamara



Whistler Ski Trip with Divisions 1,2,3



April 2025

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		1	2 <i>Due today</i> 	3	4	5
6	7 <i>McKechnie Monday</i> 	8 <i>Class & School Photo Day</i> 	9 <i>AM-Div. 4,5 to Kits Secondary</i> <i>Div. 10,11,12 to Science World</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 <i>Grade 7 Bake Sale</i> 	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19
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27	28 	29	30 <i>Immunization K & Grade 6</i> 			

Principal	Lindsay Thompson	604-713-4952
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Director of Instruction	Christopher Wong	
VSBC 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

Next McKechnie Spirit Day is on

Monday April 7th

Please come to the McKechnie office to view
Items for Sale



May 2025



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				1 6:30 -Saleema Noon <u>Zoom</u> meeting with parents	2 Big 1 @ 2 Earthquake Drill 	3
4	5 McKechnie Monday  Saleema Noon School Presentation	6	7 Saleema Noon School Presentation	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Div 1-6 to Magee for Musical Performance 	15	16	17
18	19 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN! 	29	30 5-8PM Friday Friday Night Fun Fair 	31