



What's up
@McKechnie
April 2026

Dear McKechnie Families,

As we move into April, it is wonderful to see the signs of spring all around us: longer days, brighter weather, and renewed energy throughout our school. This time of year brings a renewed focus on well being and connection. Students continue to build positive routines, practice self regulation skills, and strengthen their sense of belonging within our school community. We are proud of the kindness, responsibility, and growing resilience our students demonstrate each day.

Student Led Conferences – Important Dates

Tuesday, April 22 & Wednesday, April 23

- **Early dismissal at 2:00 p.m. on both days**
- No supervision between 2:00–3:00 p.m.
- Students cannot remain at school to wait for conference times
- Families must:
 - * Pick students up promptly at 2:00 p.m.
 - * Return with students at their scheduled conference time

Thank you for helping us keep students safe during these early dismissal afternoons.

Looking Ahead: Spring Activities & Events

We have many exciting field trips, sports opportunities, and performances coming up that will continue to enrich student learning and strengthen our school community. We appreciate families' continued support in helping students take part in these experiences. Students have enjoyed wonderful live performances by:

- ♦ Black Dog Quartet
- ♦ RainCity Improv
- ♦ Mike Battie (Juggler)

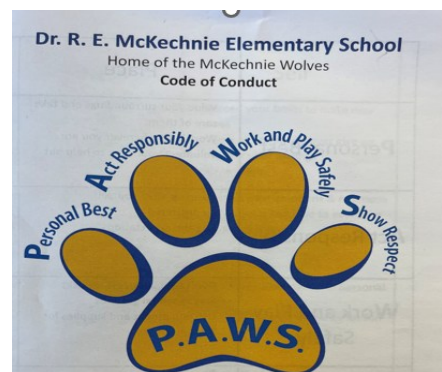
A \$12 performance fee has been posted on School Cash Online. Thank you for completing the payment to support these valuable learning experiences.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership. We value the strong connection between school and home and appreciate the important role you play in supporting student learning and well being. We look forward to the many learning experiences the rest of the spring will bring.

Warm regards,
Lindsay Thompson
Principal



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.



Subject: Urgent Reminder: Traffic Safety Around McKechnie

Dear McKechnie Families,

Lately, we have observed several concerning behaviours around our school during drop-off and pick-up times, including:

- Illegal parking or stopping in the **WRONG direction**
- Vehicles stopping in the middle of the road to let children out on 59th, Maple and 60th Ave.
- U-turns are being made in front of the school
- Speeding through school zones
- Children crossing the street unsafely, often between parked cars
- Drivers ignoring crossing guards or signage



We urge all members of our community to:

- **Do not park and block the staff parking lot**, and let your children run through the parking lot.
- Slow down and obey all posted speed limits
- Avoid illegal parking or stopping, even briefly
- Model safe behaviour for our students

Let's work together to ensure every child arrives at and leaves school safely. Thank you for your continued support in keeping McKechnie a safe place for all.

CHOIR NEWS

The McKechnie choir performed at the Vancouver Elementary Choral Festival on March 5 at John Oliver Secondary.

McKechnie was one of 15 elementary choirs to participate in this annual event that we have been participating in for over 25 years. Under the leadership of Ms. Koke and Mr. deVerteuil, McKechnie performed 2 songs on our own, before joining the other schools in two mass numbers. Students prepared for the festival, giving up their lunch and recess time 1-2 times a week for rehearsal. They



are to be commended for their dedication, and hard work, and they represented our school with great pride and their beautiful voices, and were even able to sing selections in 2-part harmony. Well done everybody! Choir is now finished for the year, but we are looking forward to another season of beautiful singing and music making in September.

Performance Fee—\$12

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 \$12 payment on [SchoolCash](#) Online by Friday April 17th.

Grade 7 Bake Sale



Bring your loonies & toonies! There will be a Grade 7 Bake Sale on **Wednesday April 29th**. 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!**



PLAY QUEST ADVENTURES

www.playquestadventures.ca

Our summer day camp inspires you to explore, play and grow through cooperative, adventure-filled activities that spark curiosity and confidence.

with Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Jenkins

July 6th - 10th	Urban Amazing Race
July 13th - 17th	Collaboration Games
July 20th - 24th	Outdoor Adventures
July 27th - July 31st	Leadership in Action

Location: Quilchena Park
Time: 9:00am- 3:00pm
Grade 4-7

Register
\$350
weekly



Register Online Now - Space is Limited!



JOIN THE PAC!

McKechnie Parent Advisory Committee

Volunteer Coordinator Wanted


PAC is looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to help coordinate volunteer activities 

Responsibilities include:

-  Assisting PAC with recruiting and coordinating Class Parents
-  Helping organize and schedule volunteers for various school events

The role is flexible, not complicated, and 99% of the work can be done online.

It's also a great opportunity to get more involved with the school and connect with other parents!

If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact
Ivy  WhatsApp: 778-829-4528

Yearbook cover contest Deadline

Friday April 10th

Upcoming PAC Activities

April

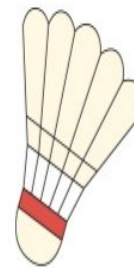


Virtual PAC Meeting #3



May

Movie Night



June

Sports Day



Friday Night Fun Fair

PAC AGM Meeting (In Person)



Mckechnie Photo Gallery

100's Day



Bike Hub



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:



Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a snack, lunch, and any necessary eating utensils. Lunches packed in a thermos will stay warm, and our hot lunch program is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. To avoid in-class learning interruptions, we kindly ask that families do not drop off thermoses or bring lunches during the school day. The school has safe, filtered drinking water available for all students.

Afternoon pickup is at 3:00 p.m. If you expect to be 10–15 minutes late, please call the office so we can support your child. Late pickups can cause children to feel anxious, so timely communication is greatly appreciated.

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.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3 Good Friday No School Today 	4
5	6 HAPPY EASTER No School 	7 PICTURE DAY 	8	9	10	11
12	13 	14	15 Div 7-11 to Van Aquarium	16	17 \$12 performance fee <u>due</u>	18
19	20 pro-d day  NO CLASSES	21	22 2PM  Early Dismissal	23 2PM  Early Dismissal	24	25
26	27	28	29 BAKE SALE 	30		

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

See Something Familiar??

Please take a moment to check the Lost and Found. Items that remain unclaimed will be donated periodically. The rack is located on the lower level by the West



entrance. Labeling your belongings is always helpful for quick returns.

May 2026



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3	4 	5	6 11:45-2pm Div 1-4 to Magee "Mean Girls"	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 	19	20 Welcome to Kindergarten 11 -12 noon	21	22	23
24	25	26 Div 10 & 11 to Children's	27	28	29	30
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