



What's up
@McKechnie
December
2023



Dear McKechnie Families:

We have lots of great activities planned as we lead up to Winter break. Mr.D is busy working with the students in preparation for the upcoming Winter Concert on Thursday December 21st. There are more details below on expected student attire and show times.

We will continue the winter craft tradition here at McKechnie of assembling centrepieces to take home. Please remember to start collecting greenery to help decorate your candles.

Report cards went out on the first of the month. Please sign and return the envelopes at your earliest convenience. We will be re-using the envelopes for the next term.

The lost and found section is bursting at the seams! It is located in the lower hallway just outside the boys washroom. Please have a quick look to see if your child has any items that need to be claimed. Any leftover items will be donated to a local charity.

Lastly, I meant to share [this article](#) at the beginning of the school year, but as you know my school year started a little later than planned! It fits in well with our school goal of Executive Functioning and gives some practical tips on how parents can support the development of these skills at home.

Mike Singh
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.

Re-usable cutlery

There are number of students who are forgetting to bring cutlery for their lunch. Reminder to please supply your child with their own re-usable cutlery so that they can wash and re-use each day. This would be a great thing to pick up over the holidays to help reduce our impact on the environment!



McKechnie Volleyball Team

Sr. Girls volleyball started last month and the girls played several games against other schools and made it all the way to playoffs! They showed great improvement in bumping, setting, serving, and hitting. The girls bonded and showed stellar team spirit throughout the entire season. Ms. Tsang and Mrs. Chang are very proud of each and everyone of them. We also want to thank all the parents who drove the girls to and from games, moved around schedules, and supported the team. Can't wait for next year!

This year's team consisted of: Alexis, Ashley, Aryanna, Carrie, Chloe C., Clarissa, Jinn, Julia, Karen, Michaela, and Nikki.



McKechnie Winter Concert—Thursday December 21st

1:30pm and 7pm

Ticket requests

We have closed the link to order tickets for the 7 pm performance as we have reached capacity ahead of booking deadline. If you were able to place an order, your 1-2 ticket(s) will be sent home on Wednesday December 13th in a small envelope. For those that we can't accommodate, you are more than welcome to attend our afternoon performance on the same day at 1:30 pm which does not require a ticket. **You must have a ticket for entry to the 7pm performance.**

Concert Attire

All students are asked to wear something blue and/or white. Any shade and combination of blue and white is fine. This will go with our winter themed concert program. Other colours are okay, but primarily students should wear something that is predominantly cool in colour. Accessories like ear muffs, toques, scarves would also be most welcome.

Some other points to consider:

- No shopping required. Please wear what students already have or can borrow. Try to "dress up" a little bit. Nothing too casual (no hoodies please). Wear something you would normally not wear to school: Skirts, dresses, blouses, nice slacks, ties, etc.



September 2024 Kindergarten Registration for McKechnie siblings



September 2024 Kindergarten registration started on November 1st. Children born in 2015 are eligible to [apply online](#). Please email [Ms. Nancy](#) after registering so that she can look out for your child's application and to make an appointment to bring supporting documents.

SIBLING PRIORITY—Early registration is encouraged so that the school can plan for the following school year and staff accordingly. Please note all registrations including siblings applications **must be received by January 31st 2024** to qualify for sibling priority. Applications received after January 31st will be placed on the Waitlist.

PAC INFORMATION

As many of you know one of the longstanding holiday traditions at McKechnie Elementary is our annual **Holiday Hampers**. This outreach program benefits children and families in need at various schools in Vancouver. As a result of the generosity of our school community, each of the recipient families we have supported have had a special holiday meal and gifts for their children.

This holiday season, McKechnie will be supporting families from Xpex' Elementary School by providing grocery store gift cards to allow each family to purchase their own holiday dinner supplies/groceries, needed household items, and any other gifts.

Participation is voluntary, but we hope that you will consider donating to this very worthwhile program. Donations will be facilitated [through School Cash Online](#). Any amount is welcome and most appreciated. **Please note that all donations must be received by Tuesday, December 12th.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you have any questions about the Holiday Hamper program, please contact:

Angie Kovats (aakovats@telus.net)



Extended Winter Break

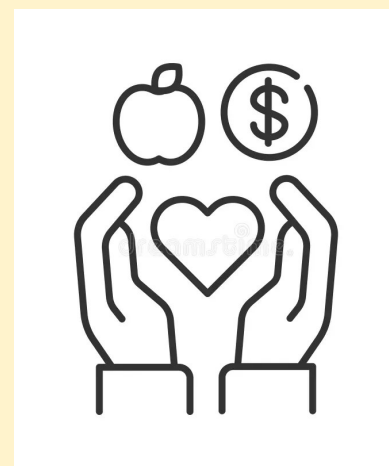
The school will be closed for Winter break from Monday December 25th to Friday January 5th, 2024. Please let the school office and classroom teacher know **before** you leave if your child(ren) will be away on an extended leave. Thank you



Humanitarian Club

The Humanitarian Club would like to thank all the students and families who helped to support the Vancouver Poppy Fund donation campaign. This year over \$534 was collected to help support those who gave so much for us to live in peace here in Canada, our Canadian Armed Services veterans and their families.

Next up, the Humanitarian Club will be designing, creating and selling Santa grams as a fund raiser for another charity of choice. Please look out for our sale days and times. On the last day of classes, these precious messages of hope and goodwill will be delivered to student recipients in every division.



Library News

Our Usborne book sale was a success! Thank you very much to all the parents who supported us in the sale. Here are some of the amazing books we purchased.



Garden Club

We have been busy doing fall cleanup and planting flower bulbs, so that we have some spring colour to brighten our day!



Mckechnie Photo Gallery

Divisions 1 and 2 @
Chinatown Historical
Walking Tour



Postcards with doves for world peace done by the Humanitarian Club members



Big Buddy class (Div 3) accompanied their little buddy class (Div 12) to the mailbox to deliver their Santa letters



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**Safe Arrive @ McKechnie—Please Call before 9 am
 604-713-5159 Press “54#”**

**For extended leave—Please email
 nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca with details**



DECEMBER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Holiday Hamper SchoolCash Online deadline	14 AM Kinder- garten Hearing Test 	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 1:30 PM & 7PM Winter Concert 	22	23
24	25  Winter Break	26  Winter Break	27  Winter Break	28  Winter Break	29  Winter Break	30
31	1  Winter Break	2  Winter Break	3  Winter Break	4  Winter Break	5  Winter Break	Back to School Monday January 8 2024

McKechnie's own, Dragana Hajduk will be playing the flute at "Christmas at the Movies".

See flyer for more information. 

PIZZA LUNCH

This is to let you know that the individual sized pizza is much larger than last year. We are also offering a variety of flavors: Ham & Pineapple, Double Pepperoni, and Double Cheese. The link is through "Munch A Lunch" <http://munchalunch.com>



Orders must be submitted by 9am

CHRISTMAS
at the
Movies

December 10, 2023 – 3 pm






Music from Frozen, The Polar Express, Home Alone, Meet Me in St. Louis, The Grinch, Love Actually and more!
Donations will be accepted for our Community Partner: Richmond Food Bank

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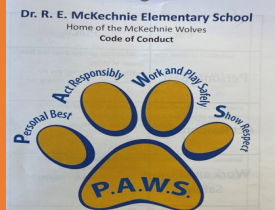
\$25 adult / \$20 senior & student (\$25 at the door)
\$15 – each for six or more

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RICHMOND ORCHESTRA & CHORUS ASSOCIATION

January 2024



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