

Dear McKechnie School Community,

Gung Hei Fat Choy! I extend warm wishes to each and every one of you for a wondrous and prosperous Lunar New Year ahead. As we embrace the energy of this auspicious time, it's evident that our McKechnie family has much to celebrate.

I am thrilled to be settling into my role as principal and getting to know the wonderful students and families that make up our vibrant community. Your warmth and enthusiasm have made my transition incredibly smooth, and I am deeply grateful for your support.

February may be a short month, but it is certainly filled to the brim with activity and significance. It's a time when we come together to recognize and honor various cultural and social milestones. From commemorating Black History Month to celebrating the joyous traditions of the Lunar New Year, from spreading love on Valentine's Day to promoting kindness on Pink Shirt Day, each occasion holds its own special significance in our hearts.

I'm also excited to announce our upcoming Hip Hop event, scheduled from February 26 to March 1, culminating in captivating student performances. This promises to be a dynamic and engaging experience for all involved, showcasing the talents and creativity of our students.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our staff and students in preparing for the recent student-led conferences on February 6 and 7. It was heartening to see our community come together to celebrate student successes and accomplishments. These conferences provide valuable opportunities for reflection, growth, and collaboration, and I'm proud of the effort that went into making them meaningful and productive.

As we navigate through the remainder of February, it's incredible to think that Spring Break is just around the corner. Thank you for your ongoing support, enthusiasm, and commitment to excellence. Together, we will continue to create a nurturing and inspiring environment where every member of our McKechnie family can thrive.

Warm regards,

Lindsay Thompson

**Principal** 

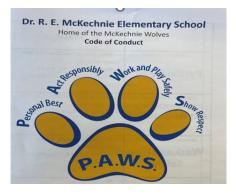


#### What's UP @McKechnie

#### February 2024



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 Office

#### **Extended March Break**

The school will be closed for March break from Monday March 18th to Monday April 1, 2024. Please let the school office and classroom teacher know **before** you leave if your child(ren) will be away on an extended leave.



#### Will your child be returning September 2024?

Attention Kindergarten to Grade 6 families:

Please complete <u>survey</u> by Friday February 16th to reserve a space for your child in the 2024/2025 school year .

#### School Cash Online fees due

Please log on to <u>School Cash</u> Online to check if there are any outstanding balances. If your child will be away for a specific event, please inform the classroom teacher and office so that you will not be invoiced.

#### \$10 Processing Fee

If you require *Proof of Enrollment* letter or copies of report card from the office, there will be a nominal \$10 administrative fee to be invoiced through School Cash online

#### **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.





#### **Pink Shirt Day**

Wednesday February 28th is Pink Shirt Day. Please remember to wear something pink or a close to pink colour, in recognition and support of this anti-bullying day.

#### **Humanitarian Club**

The Humanitarian Club is very pleased to announce that \$450 was made through the online sale of candygrams!! These sweet treat messages will be delivered on Valentine's Day as a thoughtful gesture of kindness to others in our school community. Thanks go to all of the Humanitarian Club volunteers whose creativity and designs made these items a big hit. Gratitude is also sent to all of the families who



purchased these fundraising products. A local charity, soon to be determined by the Humanitarian Club, will be notified of this up coming donation.

#### News from the Library:

Ms. Koke would like to thank everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Sale-from the teachers and parent volunteers who helped with set up and take down, to student volunteer helpers, and families who supported our sale by purchasing items. The students were super excited to put on the sale and we surpassed our goal with sales of over \$4000!! Way to go, McKechnie!

All funds go directly to benefit our students through book purchases and supplies for our library. Congratulations to Max in Division 11 for winning the \$25 in free books and to Mrs. Chang for winning the \$25 prize for the classroom. Thank you to everyone who completed and submitted their entries.



#### WHAT'S UP @ MCKECHNIE— February 2024





# Mckechnie Photo Gallery





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

### February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	<b>6 2 pm dismissal</b> Goal Setting Conference	<b>72 pm dismissal</b> Goal Setting Conference	8	9	10
11	12	13 Family Photo Night	14 Family Photo Night	15	16 pro-d day No classes	17
18	19 Family Day—NO SCHOOL Family cay	20	21	22 PAC MEETING 2-3 PM	23	24
25	26	27	28 Pink Shirt Day	29		



## March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Jess Dance Performance for parents @ 1 PM	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 SCHOOL REPORT CARD	13	14	15	16
17	18 March Break	19 March Break	20 March Break	21 March Break	22 March Break	23
24	25 March Break	26 March Break	27 March Break	28 March Break	29 March Break	30
31	April 1	April 2 BACK SCHOOL				