



# What's up @McKechnie February 2025

Dear McKechnie Families,

As we find ourselves in February, we are excited to embrace a month dedicated to kindness. Many of our classes have been busy creating lists and making plans to share their ideas and actions on kindness throughout the school. On February 26, we will celebrate Pink Shirt Day, and we encourage everyone to wear a pink shirt!

We are especially proud of Chloe Jong, a grade 7 student, who has passionately worked towards sustainability by sourcing ethically and sustainably produced t-shirts for McKechnie students. Please consider purchasing a "We Howl for Kindness" Pink Shirt to support our school and Chloe's admirable efforts.

In January, McKechnie students enjoyed several winter field trips, including skating at Kerrisdale Arena and skiing at Whistler. Fun was had by all, and we extend our gratitude to the teachers for organizing these wonderful opportunities and to the parent volunteers who assisted.

Lastly, I would like to remind families that students will have a four-day weekend this month, as teachers will be engaging in professional development on the 14th, followed by Family Day on the 17th.

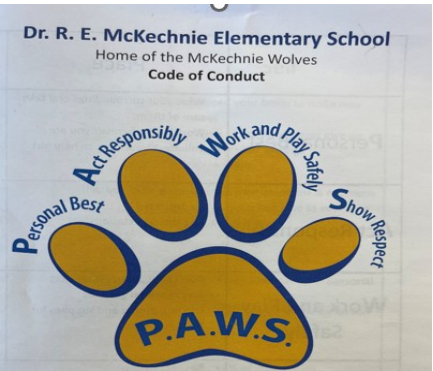
Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

**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.



## Are you returning to McKechnie Form

We are currently working to confirm our registration numbers. To assist us, we ask that you please complete the [form](#) by Friday, February 14, 2025.

Please fill out one [form](#) for EACH CHILD you have attending McKechnie Elementary (if you have several children, you will need to fill out a new form for each child.)

If you have already moved or know that you will moving out of our catchment area before September 2025 and are planning to attend another school in the fall, please indicate on form. If you are unsure of your future plans or if your situation changes before the end of the school year, please contact the office directly via [email](#) to let us know of your updated plans.

Grade 7 students moving on to high school do NOT need to complete this form.



## Humanitarian Club

Candy Grams will sold from February 3rd to February 7th. Please purchase on [SchoolCash](#) by February 7th. Students will fill Candy Grams on February 10th and 11th.

**\$2 for 1**

**\$5 for 3**



## Grade 7 Bake Sale



There will be a winter-themed Grade 7 Bake Sale on **February 12th**. Items will include cupcakes, Jello, and cookies, and all the proceeds from the 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.

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.



## **Pink Shirt Day Wednesday February 26th**

### From the Garden Club

Any teachers, families or students who are interested in planting food items from seed, please see [Ms. Koke](#) before purchasing what you need. We have lots of seeds in the seed bank that we have collected that we would be happy to share for a small donation to garden club or an exchange of seeds that you have. There's lots of kale, marigolds, scarlet runner beans, tomatoes, peas of various types, and radish seeds, in addition to a smaller selection in commercial packages. Ms. Koke is in the library Monday-Wednesday, and best to drop in either before or after school. Thanks for supporting garden club.



### March Break Absence Form

March Break is from 3/17th -3/28th. Please complete this [form](#) by Friday 3/14th **ONLY** if your child(ren) will be leaving early or returning late from March Break.



### 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.

Please contact the school office if you require further information. **Thank you**



## From the PAC

Family Photo Night  
February 10th & Feb 12th  
(4pm—8pm)  
Register [here](#)



We are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers for Photo Night Volunteer, Hot Lunch Volunteers, and Communication Officer. If you are interested in any of these positions, feel free to send an Email to [yourmckechniepac@gmail.com](mailto:yourmckechniepac@gmail.com), or reach out to [Ivy Han](#) or the respective contact person. We truly appreciate your support in making our school a better place!

## PAC Volunteer Recruitment

### 1. Photo Night Volunteer

Responsibilities:

- Greet families upon arrival and ensure a smooth check-in process.
- Manage the queue by guiding the next family in once the photographer has finished with the previous session.
- Assist with basic paperwork for families if required by the photography service.

### 2. Hot Lunch Volunteers

Number of Positions: 6-8

Responsibilities:

- Based on the schedule and your availability, volunteers will be responsible for distributing lunches to different divisions each day at noon.

POC: Tiffany

### 3. Communication Officer

Responsibilities:

- Share and communicate the latest school event updates via WeChat(Bilinguals preferred), email, and WhatsApp.
- Maintain and update the PAC website.
- Respond to messages on social media, fostering a positive and engaging community environment.

POC: Julie Kwong



# Whistler Ski Trip Divisions 4,5,6



# Mckechnie Photo Gallery



## McKechnie Spirit Day Monday

### T Shirts, Sweat Tops, & Socks For Sale

We have a limited amount of McKechnie Spirit Wear items for sale. Please come to the McKechnie office to view.



## ARBUTUS KIDS WORLD SPRING BREAK CAMPS

### LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

WEEK 1 – March 19 – 21 – Shipwrecked

WEEK 2 – March 24 – 28 – Earth, Wind, and Fire

- Cost per week is \$300.
- Includes 2 snacks and 1 lunch per day
- Camps run 8:00am to 4:00pm

Option of extended care until 5:30pm for an additional \$25 per day

To register please email [info@arbutuskidsworld.ca](mailto:info@arbutuskidsworld.ca) to receive registration form





# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>McKechnie Monday</i> 	4	5	6	7 <i>Candy Gram Sale</i> <i>Deadline. Buy on <a href="#">SchoolCash</a></i>	8
9	10 4-8 pm <i>Photo Nite</i> <a href="#">Register here</a>	11	12 4-8 pm <i>Photo Nite Grade 7</i> <b>BAKE SALE</b> 	13	14 <b>pro-d day</b>  <b>NO CLASSES</b>	15
16	17 <b>Family Day</b> 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 <b>PINK SHIRT DAY</b> 	27	28	

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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)


**In the event of snowfall, please refer these stations for NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL CLOSURE information.**

By 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closure on its website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)



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