



Dear McKechnie Family,

I hope this message finds you well. It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I extend my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome to the McKechnie family.

The opportunity to join such a dedicated and enthusiastic team is truly inspiring. I am eager to bring my skills to the table and collaborate with each of you, fostering a positive impact on the learning environment at McKechnie.

With over two decades of teaching experience in Vancouver, my journey began in 1996 when I embarked on this fulfilling path at the age of 21. Over the last 10 years, I have had the privilege of serving in administrative roles, gaining valuable insights and perspectives. My diverse experience includes positions at McBride Annex, MacKenzie, Maple Grove, and, most recently, at McBride Main School for the past 5.5 years.

On a personal note, I call North Vancouver, near Deep Cove, home. In our household, we cherish the presence of my 17-year-old son, 13-year-old daughter, and my 87-year-old mother. Our lively family is completed by our beloved pets—a Chocolate Lab named Cooper, a Jack Russell Terrier named Lily, and three cats: Rupert, Phinn, and Ferb.



Stepping into the role of Principal at McKechnie fills me with excitement about the possibilities that lie ahead. I am keen on collaborating with each of you to create an environment that not only supports student success but also nurtures their well-being.

Your dedication and enthusiasm for education are evident, and I am confident that together, we can make a significant positive impact. Please feel free to share any insights or important details that can help me acclimate to the McKechnie community more smoothly.

I am grateful for the warm welcome and look forward to our shared journey ahead.

Best regards,
Lindsay Thompson

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Principal
McKechnie Elementary
School

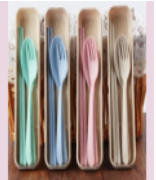
What's
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@McKechnie

January
2024



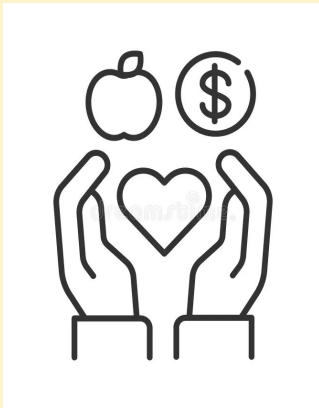
The students and staff of Dr. R. E. McKechnie Elementary School acknowledge that we work, live and learn on the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and T'sleil Wathuth Coast Salish peoples.

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!

Humanitarian Club



The Humanitarian Club worked very hard to put together another successful Santagram initiative. Through designing, creating, decorating and selling these special holiday messages of goodwill, they were able to raise \$345.95 for a local charity. Stay tuned for their next fundraising event, Candygram sales in early February!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS

Save the Date!

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

Our school's Scholastic Book Fair will take place on

Feb. 5, 6, and 7. Times TBA.

Your investment in your reader helps our whole school. All purchases earn Scholastic Dollars that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school's classrooms and library.

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on!

See you at the Fair!



September 2024

Kindergarten Registration Deadline is on January 31st for McKechnie siblings

September 2024 Kindergarten registration started on November 1st. Children born in 2019 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

Holiday Hamper

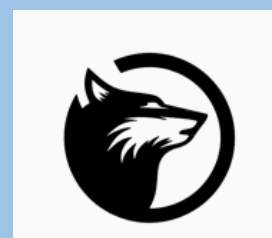
Thank you to the McKechnie Families who made many Xpey' families holiday season extra special. We collected \$1,835.00 going toward gift cards which allowed each family to purchase their own holiday dinner supplies/groceries, household items, and any other gifts. **Well done McKechnie!**



Family Photo Night

Mark your calendars! **Family Photo Night** is on February 13th and 14th. More details to follow soon.

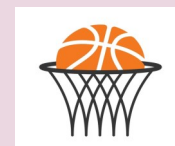
McKechnie School Spirit Monday & McKechnie Zip Hoodie and Sock Sale



The first Monday of each month is McKechnie Spirit Day! Show your McKechnie pride by coming to school and to games wearing a McKechnie wolf mascot T-Shirt, sweatshirt, hoodie, or socks.

Don't own McKechnie Spirit Wear? You're in luck! For the 1st time, McKechnie Zip hoodie with embroidered logo as well as socks are available for sale on [SchoolCash Online](#). Both students and adults can order so get yours now! Please place order (s) by Wednesday January 24th on [School Cash](#)

Basketball at McKechnie



Basketball season has begun! The teams are being organized and coached by Ms. Lum-Tong, Mrs. Chang, Ms. Tsang, and Mr. Kemp. Both teams have been practicing together and are excited for upcoming season! The games will begin the week of January 22nd with the first game starting next Tuesday (January 23). Junior Girls basketball games will on Tuesdays and Senior Boys basketball games will be on Wednesdays. Please see the below game schedule. Come out to support the teams!

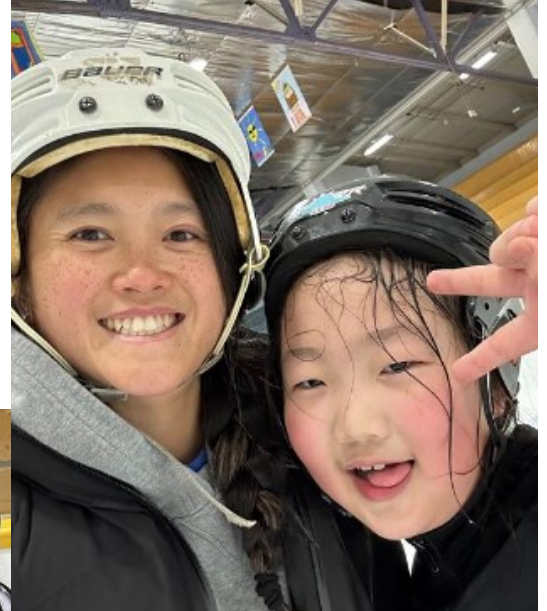
Junior Girls Basketball Game Schedule

Date	Home	Away	Location
1/23/2024	McKechnie	Kerrisdale	McKechnie
1/30/2024	Carnarvon	McKechnie	Carnarvon
2/6/2024	Kitchener	McKechnie	Kitchener
2/13/2024	McKechnie	Trafalgar	McKechnie
2/20/2024	McKechnie	Tennyson	McKechnie

Senior Boys Basketball Game Schedule

Date	Home	Away	Location
1/24/2024	McKechnie	Laurier	McKechnie
1/31/2024	Kerrisdale	McKechnie	Kerrisdale
2/7/2024	Lloyd-George	McKechnie	Lloyd-George
2/14/2024	McKechnie	Quilchena	McKechnie

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

January 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Div 5 & 6 Skating Field Trip in AM 	20
21	22 pro-d day  NO CLASSES	23	24 Deadline to order McKechnie hoodie and socks on SchoolCash 	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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4	5	6 2 pm dismissal Goal Setting Conference 	7 2 pm dismissal 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 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Pink Shirt Day 	29		