



What's up
@McKechnie
January
2025

Hello McKechnie Families,

I hope this message finds you well-rested and rejuvenated, ready to embrace the new year with enthusiasm. It's truly remarkable how quickly Winter Break has flown by, and now we are eagerly preparing for an exciting return to school! December was a whirlwind of activities at McKechnie Elementary. Our students engaged in a variety of festive events, including decorating gingerbread men, sending Santa grams, and creating beautiful centrepieces. The highlight of the month was undoubtedly our spectacular Winter concert, "Cold Snap." We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. D, the dedicated students, and everyone involved for their hard work and outstanding performances. A special thank you to the parents for their generous donations to our music program; your support is deeply appreciated by all the staff.

In addition, we are immensely grateful to the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and the entire McKechnie community for their incredible fundraising efforts. Together, we raised an impressive total of \$17,538.00! These funds will be allocated to various resources for our students, including new technology, literacy materials, physical education equipment, and much more. Your unwavering support makes a significant difference in enhancing the educational experience for our students.

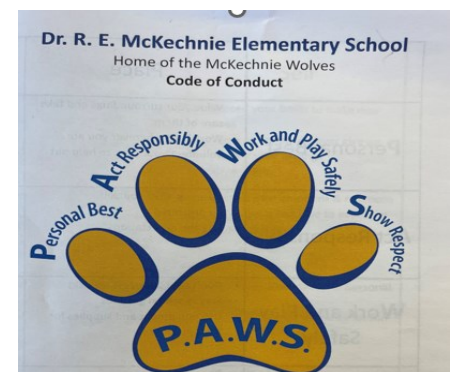
On behalf of the students and staff at McKechnie Elementary, we hope your Christmas and Winter holidays were filled with joy, warmth, and cherished moments. As we step into 2025, we wish you a year filled with good health, happiness, and prosperity.



Warm regards,
Lindsay Thompson



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.



PAC INFORMATION

After School Programs

Registration is underway for After School Programs at McKechnie. Please see [link](#) to register. Space is limited so act quick!

Holiday Hamper

Thank you to the McKechnie Families who made many Xpey' families holiday season extra special. We collected \$1,795.00 going toward gift cards which allowed each family to purchase their own holiday dinner supplies/groceries, household items, and any other gifts.

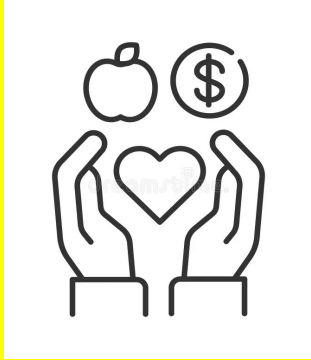
Well done McKechnie!

Staff Treats

Thank you McKechnie PAC for supplying treats to our staff on December 18th. We're so lucky to have such a supportive and active PAC!



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 \$230 for a local charity. Stay tuned for their next fundraising event, Candygram sales in early February!

Grade 7 Bake Sale

There will be a winter-themed Grade7 Bake Sale on **January 22nd, 2025**. 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!

Next bake sale dates:

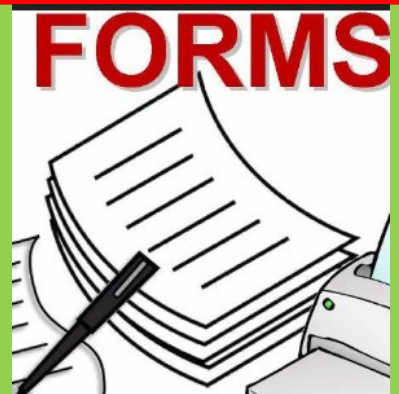
February 12th

March 12th



From the McKechnie Office

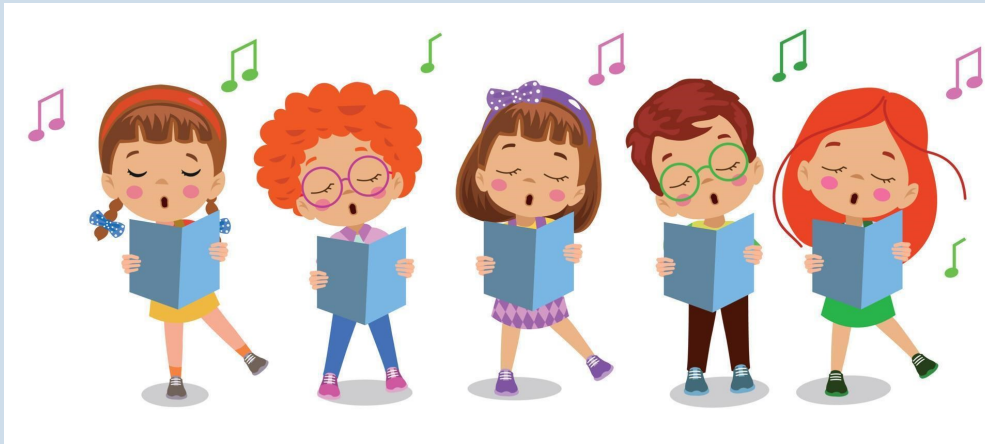
Report Cards were recently handed out in December before winter break. Reminder to please keep all report cards in a safe place as we will be charging \$10 for each request for copies of past report cards and request for Student Records Letter. Thank you.



Music Program Donations Thank You!

We would like to express our gratitude the McKechnie Families who donated to the Music Program which raised over \$702! Donors like you are the real champions of public education. You see the need and rise to the occasion time and time again. Your generosity helps produce our stellar annual holiday winter concert.

Again, thank you for your kindness and generosity.



September 2025

Kindergarten Registration

for McKechnie siblings

September 2025 registration is ending soon on January 21st. Children born in 2020 are eligible to [apply online](#). Please email [Ms. Nancy](#) after registering so that she can look out for your child's application and 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 2025** to qualify for sibling priority. **Applications received after January 31st will be placed on the Waitlist.**

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.

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.

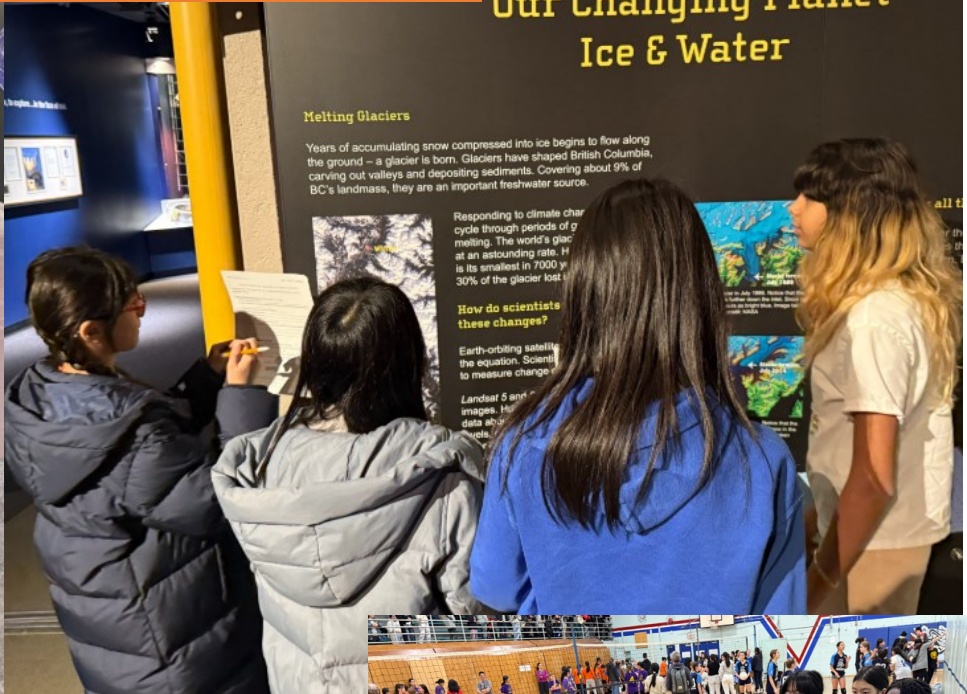
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NOTE: For extended absences (ie - Vacation) please email classroom teacher AND the [office](#) dates of extended absence. No need to call Safe Arrival daily in this case. Please contact the school office if you require further information. **Thank you**



Mckechnie Photo Gallery

Divisions 1-3 to McMillan Space Centre



Our Changing Planet Ice & Water

Melting Glaciers

Years of accumulating snow compressed into ice begins to flow along the ground – a glacier is born. Glaciers have shaped British Columbia, carving out valleys and depositing sediments. Covering about 9% of BC's landmass, they are an important freshwater source.

Responding to climate change cycle through periods of glacial melting. The world's glaciers are melting at an astounding rate. Half of the world's glaciers are smaller than 1 km². In its smallest in 7000 years, 30% of the glacier lost its mass.

How do scientists measure these changes?

Earth-orbiting satellites measure the equation. Scientists use satellite data to measure changes in glacier mass.

Landsat 5 and Landsat 7 provide images. Landsat 5 and Landsat 7 provide data about glacier changes.



You Are Here

A small speck in a huge galaxy

The Milky Way Galaxy, made up of billions of stars, dust and gas, is huge – approximately 100,000 light years across. Our Solar System is just a small speck in comparison – if it was the size of a pen tip (1 mm), the Milky Way would be about half a city block across (500 m). And in the centre of the Solar System is a star, our Sun, with its orbiting planets, including Earth.

Space is closer than you think

The life-looking atmosphere of Earth from space. It is a mix of radiation, small particles, and provides conditions for life as we know it. Understanding how our atmosphere works helps us to better understand the conditions related to climate change.

Living on Earth includes an anonymous



Div 7-12 Carousel Theatre Field Trip



Winter Concert



**Centrepiece Activity
with Big Buddies**



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

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 to receive registration form



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 and will inform local media stations, including:

- KKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)



January 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Winter Break!	2 Winter Break!	3 Winter Break!	4
5	6 McKechnie Monday 	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 pro-d day NO CLASSES	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 AM –Div 3 & 4 To Kerrisdale Arena 	22 Grade 7 Bake Sale 	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Hearing Screening for K's 	30 Div 4,5,6 to Whistler 	31	

February 2025

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2	3 <i>McKechnie</i> <i>Monday</i> 	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>Grade 7</i> <i>Bake Sale</i> 	13	14 <i>pro-d day</i>  NO CLASSES	15
16	17 <i>Family Day</i> 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 <i>PINK SHIRT DAY</i> 	27	28	

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