



What's
up
@McKechnie

June 2023



Hello McKechnie Families:

It's hard to believe that our school year has come to an end! It has been a fast and furious finish. We started the month of with the PAC sponsored Friday Night Fun Fair, the gr.7's went to camp, our garden was officially opened, and there were quite a few field trips and park days to end the year.

We wish all of our students who are moving over the summer as well as our gr.7's, best of luck at their new schools. We also would like to say goodbye to a few staff who are moving next year. Ms. Gee (K) and Ms. Wong (gr.2/3), we wish you all the best.

I've really enjoyed my second year here at the school. A big thank you to the wonderful parents, students, teachers and support staff at our school who help make McKechnie a special place. I hope you all take some time to relax and rest, go outside and enjoy the sunshine and come back in the fall ready to take on the new school year. Have a great summer everyone!

Mr. 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!



STRATHCONA - June 5—June 9

This week the Grade 7's had a fantastic time at Strathcona Park Lodge. They participated in many outdoor education activities such as rock climbing, high ropes and zip lining, bog walking, and an overnight canoe trip to camp outside! Many s'mores were consumed, memories were made, and a great time was had by all!



Library Update

Thank you to all the students who returned their library materials in a timely manner or settled their accounts. It's nice to ensure that your account is clear for when you return to school in the fall. If you pay for a book and the book turns up later, Ms. Koke is happy to reimburse your money. If your child believes that they have returned a book, please have them come to the library and help Ms. Koke search for the book.

Recap of this year:

We had a book swap this year in addition to a successful Scholastic book sale and earned many book credits for our school. Ms. Koke has been busy weeding out books that haven't circulated for 6 years to make space for the new books that we have purchased. Ms. Koke is always willing to consider student recommendations when purchasing, so don't forget to ask about the "wish list."

Since January, McKechnie staff and students have signed out 10,851 items! Way to read, McKechnie!!

Thank you all for your support of the library this year and have a safe and event filled summer! All the best!



Ms. Koke

Are you returning late in September 2023 Survey

School starts on September 5, 2023. Please click on below link if you plan to return to school **LATER THAN** noon, **Tuesday, September 5, 2023**, but prior to **Friday, September 29, 2023**. Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist.



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TRACK AND FIELD



McKechnie had a successful Track and Field season! Well over 100 students from Kindergarten to Grade seven took part in practices and mini meets. Our enthusiastic athletes learned to run relays with the baton, sprint, and do the long run, shot put, high jump, and long jump.

The season wrapped up with the Zone Finals for intermediate students at Churchill Secondary on May 30th, and our team from McKechnie placed well in many of the events.

A big thank you to the teachers who volunteered to coach at practices and meets. Congratulations to all of the athletes on a fantastic season!



Garden Club Update



We are thrilled that our 4 garden boxes have been installed: plantings and work were done by most classes in the school. Special thanks to Garden Club students who have planted, transplanted, shovelled soil, watered and assisted with sales and other tasks. It's a satisfying feeling to nurture something and watch it grow.

Now we are watching and learning about growing food, caring for the environment, sustainability, and life cycles of various living things.

Thank you to the PAC for helping us with the limestone surface costs, to Urban Roots Garden Centre for plant donations, to Neighbourhood Small Grants (Vancouver Foundation) for supporting our endeavours, to VSB Sustainability Grant people and to our school community for donations of seeds and purchases of plants to support our material costs for boxes, soil, and amender. It has taken a community and a lot of hard work to get to this point. Thanks also to Mr. Singh for all your support and to all students and parents who supported us through our plant and popsicle sales.

Jen at KidsWorld is going to help us water this summer, but if anyone would like to help her out in the tasks of weeding and watering during the dry summer months, I am sure that there is enough work to go around. Feel free to contact Ms. Koke or Mrs. Chang if you are interested in helping.

Have a green and wonderful summer and we wish you all the best!

Ms. Koke, Ms. Chang and Ms. Killam



HUMANITARIAN CLUB FUNDRAISING

The Humanitarian Club is a group of enthusiastic, and hardworking students in Grades 4 - 7 who help organize fundraising events for charity and promote worthy causes.



This year, they have fundraised for such events as Toonies for Terry, as well as, created and promoted Postcards for Peace. In addition, the Humanitarian Club has sold Santa Grams for the Vancouver Legion Poppy Fund, Candy Grams for BC Children's Hospital, and popsicles for the Vancouver SPCA. Their year long bottle drive has also raised over \$250 for the Make a Wish foundation. Kudos to this hard working group of McKechnie students!

We had a terrific turn out for the Humanitarian Club's popsicle sales. Thank you to the McKechnie community for coming and supporting our fundraising efforts to raise over \$500! The proceeds will be going to the Vancouver S.P.C.A.

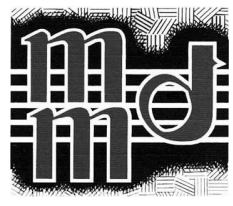
Indigenous History Month

June marks Canada's National Indigenous History Month, with June 21st being National Indigenous Peoples' Day.

This is a time to honour the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people in Canada, to listen to their stories, learn more about their culture, and incredible contributions, as well as, to express our gratitude for their stewardship of these lands that we live on.



Magee Music



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Come Join the Maple Grove & McKechnie Concert Band September – June 2023/2024

Dear students and parents at Maple Grove and McKechnie elementary. My name is Mr. Keith Ollerenshaw and I am excited to present you a wonderful new opportunity to learn how to play a band instrument at Magee Secondary. Our goal is to create a large ensemble of many unique instruments. You will have a choice of the following instruments. Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, bass, or percussion. Next year there will be two ensembles. One for students with no experience, and another for students with experience. Our beginner band will meet from 3:15 – 4:00 and our experienced players will meet from 4:15 – 5:00.

No experience is necessary, and if you don't already have an instrument, we can either help you rent an instrument from a music store (Tapestry Music has the best deal), or if you can't afford it, we can find a way for you to get something to play!

For people who don't know yet what they want to play, we will have you try different instruments. We will teach you how to read music, how to hold and play your instrument, and introduce you the wonderful world of wind playing.

And the best part of it, this program is absolutely free!

Sincerely,

Keith Ollerenshaw

Artistic Director of Bands

Magee Secondary School

kollerenshaw@vsb.bc.ca

To Pre-register your child please:

Send an email to Mrs. Chang at tchang@vsb.bc.ca include the following information:

- a. Your child's full name
- b. Your child's grade next year
- c. Will your child be joining beginner band (no experience) or intermediate band (has experience)
- d. What instrument would your child like to play (beginner band can be unknown) or What instrument does your child play (intermediate band)
- e. Parent name(s) and email address(es) for email list

McKechnie Photo Gallery



Principal: Mike Singh 604-713-4952
 Administrative Assistant: Nancy Yuen-Chan
 Director of Instruction: Christopher Wong
 VSB Trustee Liaison: Suzie Mah

Vancouver School Board 604-713-5000

Safe Arrive @ McKechnie—Please Call before 9 am

604-713-5159 Press “54#”

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

SAFE ARRIVAL



September 2023

Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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3	4	5  10 am dismissal	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20  Meet the Teacher & PAC Welcome Back Social	21	22  No school	23
24	25	26	27	28  PAC MEETING @ 7pm	29	30