



What's
up
@McKechnie

March
2025

Dear McKechnie Families,

The McKechnie school community has much to celebrate as we reach the halfway point of the school year. We have accomplished so much together!

February has been a short but busy month, filled with meaningful events. We recognized Black History Month, celebrated the Lunar New Year, shared love on Valentine's Day, and stood together on Pink Shirt Day.

Spring Break is just around the corner! Our dedicated staff are hard at work preparing student report cards, which will be sent home on March 10. Spring Break begins on March 17, and school will reopen on March 31, 2025.

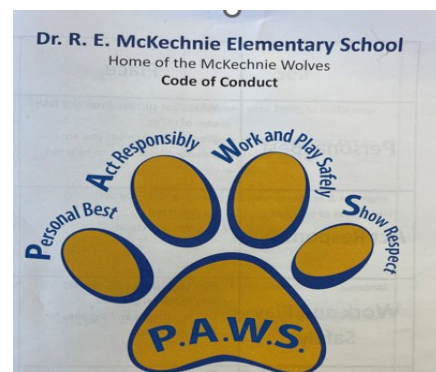
Whatever your plans for these two weeks, please take the time to relax and enjoy precious moments with your wonderful children.

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.



News from the Library:

Ms. Koke has an enthusiastic group of library monitors this year who have been trained to help with book circulation during the open book exchanges just after lunch. They come at 8:30 Monday-Wednesday, after lunch and after school.

They are doing a fantastic job of signing out library materials, shelving, processing books, straightening, watering our many plants in the space. They also help other students choose a good book and locate missing books. Keep up the good work!



There will be no Scholastic book sale this year. Ms. Koke cannot do a book sale during conferences when she is in the classroom doing conferences. We'll try to have a Scholastic Sale in October this fall in conjunction with conference dates on Tuesday/Wednesday.

Thank you for supporting the library this year!

Garden



Garden Club will be gearing up after March Break. We aren't planning any big plant sales this year but rather focusing mostly on seeds that can be planted straight into the ground. We would love to have some Zucchini and other squash seeds if you have some kicking around. Ms. Koke has many seed packets in the seed bank in the library many of which come from plants we have grown the last couple of year. There's lots of vegetables, sunflower seeds, peas of various sorts, radishes, arugula, marigold seeds and smaller quantities of other seeds, so come to the library and get some. The seeds are free to be used.

There are 4-5 sponsor teachers for different garden boxes this year, so we'll be sharing the workload more. Depending on what sorts of crops teachers choose to grow with their kids, we may need volunteer families to water over the summer for a week at a time. Let Ms. Koke know if you are interested in signing up for watering duties for a week and your availability and she'll make a schedule. When it's hot, the boxes need watering every 2-3 days.

Thanks for supporting Garden Club!

Humanitarian Club

A big thank you to all the people who purchased Candy Grams for their friends and families this February!! The Humanitarian Club was able to raise just under \$300 for one of our charitable organizations. Extra kudos go out to those members who were especially involved in the creation and advertising of the Candy Grams. This kind of team work is most appreciated



PINK SHIRT DAY



 McKechnie Friday

*Featured topic:
How to elevate your
cel phone
photography*

*Coffee & snacks
provided*

Morning Meet-Ups

Come meet other McKechnie parents at this casual Friday morning event that will be ongoing EVERY Friday. Special interest topics will be shared at each Meet-Up, please let us know if there's anything you'd like to share with our McKechnie community.

RSVP by text to **604-506-0882** by Thursday, March 6th.

来和其他McKechnie的家长见面，并与大家交流！这是一个轻松的星期五早晨聚会，将会在每个星期五定期举行。每次聚会都会分享特定的主题，如果您有任何想和社区家长们分享的内容，请告诉我们。让我们一起在星期五早晨享受美好时光！请在3月6日(星期四)前发短信至604-506-0882，回复您是否出席，谢谢！

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS & CARE GIVERS

MARCH 7, 2025

9:00AM

McKechnie Elementary School Library

ANNUAL MCKECHNIE

DETAILS
TO COME

Friday Night Fun Fair

FRIDAY,
MAY 30TH
2025

RAFFLE BASKETS
CARNIVAL GAMES
FUN PRIZES
YUMMY FOOD
AND MORE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CONTACT PAC FOR DETAILS

McKechnie Photo Gallery



Go Wolves!



Divisions 5 & 6 @ Rugby 7's



**Divisions 1 to 6 enjoyed a morning of
brass music at Magee**

McKechnie Spirit Day Monday

T Shirts, Sweat Tops, & Socks For Sale

Next McKechnie Monday is on March 3rd

We have a limited amount of McKechnie Spirit Wear items for sale.

Please come to the McKechnie office to view.



**JOIN SPRING
BASEBALL**

..... BEGINNERS WELCOME! LEARN NEW SKILLS & MAKE FRIENDS IN
..... YOUR LOCAL KERRISDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD! JOIN THE TEAM!

AVAILABLE FOR
4-8 YEARS OLD

WHEN
APR-JUNE

REGISTER NOW!

KERRISDALEBASEBALL.COM

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

We kindly ask that you do not drop off or bring lunch to your child during the day.

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.



Please
be on time

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.

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**

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.



March 2025

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


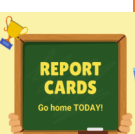











Tue

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Thu

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Sat

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2	3 PM -Div 4 & 6 to Young Prelude Show @ Granville Island McKechnie Monday 	4	5	6 Div 1,2,3 to Whistler 	7	8
9 @ 2AM 	10 	11	12	13	14	15
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30	31 					

April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>Crepe Workshop</i> 	5
6	7 <i>McKechnie Monday</i> 	8 9am - <i>Class Photos</i>  PICTURE DAY	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 	19
20	21 	22	23	24	25	26
27	28  NO CLASSES	29	30 <i>K's & 6</i> 			

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