



What's  
up  
@McKechnie  
March 2026

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 wonderfully busy month, filled with meaningful events and moments of connection. We recognized Black History Month, celebrated the Lunar New Year, shared love on Valentine's Day with candygrams for Kindness, and stood together on Pink Shirt Day. We also enjoyed a fun and well-attended PAC Movie Night, along with a heartfelt Pink Day assembly. Our basketball teams continue to play amazingly and represent our school with pride!

We also had the chance to cheer on our Canadian hockey teams and other winter athletes during the Milano-Cortina Winter Olympics. Inspired by the excitement, Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Jenkins organized a fantastic floor hockey mini-Olympics during lunchtimes in the gym, where the top three teams earned prizes for their efforts!

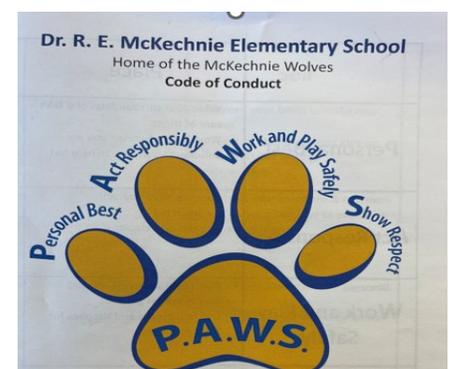
Spring Break is just around the corner! Our dedicated staff are hard at work preparing student report cards, which will be sent home on March 11. Spring Break begins on March 16, and school will reopen on March 30, 2026.

Whatever your plans for these two weeks, please take the time to relax and enjoy.

Best 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.



## McKechnie Archive Project Update

Former students Alicia and Clarissa have been hard at work sorting through the McKechnie archive materials. Thanks to their dedicated efforts, the once-towering pile in the back room is steadily shrinking, and the number of organized boxes continues to grow.



These volunteers have generously been giving their time every Wednesday after school to support this project, and their commitment is making a noticeable difference.

Once all boxes have been sorted, the next phase will involve cleaning up materials, organizing items chronologically, and storing everything properly in plastic tubs. We may even explore creating a display in the future to showcase some of these historical treasures.

## Humanitarian Club Valentine's Day Candy Gram Sales

The Valentine's Day Candy Grams were a wonderful success! This year, we raised **\$278**, which will be donated to a local charity chosen by members of the Humanitarian Club. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful effort — well done,





# PLAY QUEST ADVENTURES

[www.playquestadventures.ca](http://www.playquestadventures.ca)

Our summer day camp inspires you to explore, play and grow through cooperative, adventure-filled activities that spark curiosity and confidence.

with Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Jenkins

July 6th - 10th	Urban Amazing Race
July 13th - 17th	Collaboration Games
July 20th - 24th	Outdoor Adventures
July 27th - July 31st	Leadership in Action

Location: Quilchena Park  
Time: 9:00am- 3:00pm  
Grade 4-7

Register  
**\$350**  
weekly



Register Online Now - Space is Limited!

## **SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

Looking for an unforgettable summer for your child? Our **Preschool (Ages 3–5)** and **School Age (Kindergarten–Grade 7)** Summer Camps are packed with fun, friendship, and adventure!

Our engaging and enriching program is designed to keep children active, creative, and smiling all summer long. Campers will enjoy:

- 🌳 Outdoor play & water fun
- 🚌 Exciting field trips (minimum two per week!) – School Age Only
- 🎨 Arts & crafts
- 🎯 Games & group activities
- 🎵 Music, movement & themed days
- 🤝 Opportunities to build friendships & lasting memories
- 🍽️ **ALL meals and snacks included** — no lunch packing required!
- 💰 **Weekly Camp Fees:**
  - Preschool (Ages 3–5): **\$280.00 per week**
  - School Age (Kindergarten–Grade 7): **\$350.00 per week**

Whether your child is starting their preschool journey or ready for big school adventures, we have something special planned for everyone!

🚩 **Spots are limited and fill quickly — don't miss out!**

📌 **How to Register:**

Email our office – [info@arbutuskidsworld.ca](mailto:info@arbutuskidsworld.ca) to receive a registration form.

Have questions about schedules or availability? We're happy to help — reach out anytime!



# Mckechnie Photo Gallery

**ASTD Buddy Class project  
Divisions 10 & 5**



**Field Hockey Workshop**

**Divisions 5 & 6 to Kerrisdale Arena**



**Urban Safari Workshop**



**Groundhog Day Crafts**



**Book Making with Gina Wong**



**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a snack, lunch, and any necessary eating utensils. Lunches packed in a thermos will stay warm, and our hot lunch program is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. To avoid in-class learning interruptions, we kindly ask that families do not drop off thermoses or bring lunches during the school day. The school has safe, filtered drinking water available for all students.

**Afternoon pickup is at 3:00 p.m.** If you expect to be 10–15 minutes late, please call the office so we can support your child. Late pickups can cause children to feel anxious, so timely communication is greatly appreciated.

**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.

## McKechnie Jersey Fundraiser

**Thank you** to all those who supported the Jersey fundraiser! We were able to buy another full set of 40 jerseys in various sizes and they even came in time for the senior boys basketball team to get to wear them for their last game!



### March Break – Extra Time Off [survey](#) REMINDER

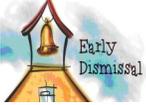
March Break runs from Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 27, 2026.

Please complete this [form](#) **only if your child(ren) will be taking additional time off** beyond these dates. **Kindly inform your child's classroom teacher as well.** No need to call in to Safe Arrival if form is completed.

# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3	4	5	6 Div 4 to watch UBC Rugby	7
8	9	10 	11 	12	13	14
15	16 	17 	18 	19 	20 	21
22	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28
29	30 	31				

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2		4
5			8	9	10	11
12		14	15 Div 7-11 to Van Aquarium	16	17	18
19		21	22 2PM 	23 2PM 	24	25
26	27	28	29 	30		

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](mailto:nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca)