



What's
up
@McKechnie

May
2024

Hello Parents and the McKechnie Community,

My name is Mr. Evans and I'm a retired VSB Principal. I will be filling in for Ms. Thompson for the next couple of days. I'd like to start this newsletter by saying how lovely the McKechnie school community is! All the staff and students are delightful and a number of parents have popped by to say welcome and hello. I truly appreciate that!

McKechnie is a busy and vibrant school community... just look at this newsletter and all the wonderful opportunities that exist for students.

This is a very busy administration time at all Vancouver elementary schools as schools are receiving their staffing entitlements, projections and operating budgets for the coming school year. There are always staffing changes that occur and we will be working through the school organization process over the coming weeks.

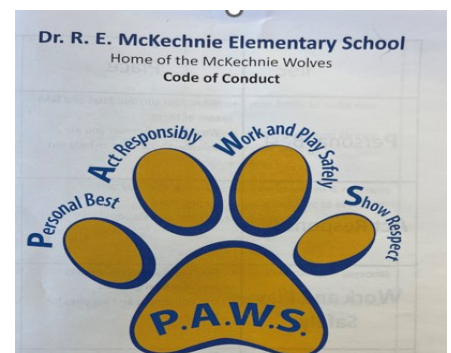
We anticipate Ms. Thompson will be back shortly, so look forward to hearing from her in the next newsletter.

For now, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely
Mr. Evans
Principal (Ret.)



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.



From the McKechnie Garden Club

Some tomato plants are started. We've just finished transplanting a couple of dozen plants. We're not planning on any major plant sales this year as one of our sponsors (Urban Roots) has sadly discontinued their school planting program this year. We may have a VERY limited supply of tomatoes available later in late May or early June. Please stay tuned.

If you are interested in any seeds, Ms. Koke has a seed bank in the library. She has tons of seeds for giant sunflowers, marigolds, and radishes and limited seeds of various other herbs and vegetables. Please drop in before or after school Monday-Wednesday if you would like some.

Two of the garden boxes have been planted with colder weather crops—kale, lettuce, radishes, arugula, and peas. Tubs on the ends of the boxes have been planted with an early variety of potatoes. With good weather, we will be able to harvest these items before school is out and replant warmer weather crops. The other two boxes are getting prepped for planting over the next two to three weeks with beans, beets, carrots, tomatoes, ground cherries, and a few other items

Check out the beautiful rock border from Div 1 that is across from the outdoor classroom. Some intermediate Garden Club members and some ad hoc volunteers have helped to beautify that area with flower bulbs (thank you Ms. Lum Tong and Div 12), weed removal (thanks intermediates), and transplanting plants (thanks Ms. Pawliuk and Ms. Killam). It's still a work in progress but it's getting there.

Thanks to all who support the garden endeavours.

Shelley Koke

Teacher Librarian/Grade 1

McKechnie



Humanitarian Club



The Humanitarian Club has been working hard at its commitment of fundraising for others less fortunate. Most recently they donated \$500.00 to the BC Children's Hospital Foundation where they hope their efforts can be used to support this community in a very positive way.

How many Grade 3s and 4s can fit into our new soft plastics collection bag?

Ms. McNair and I just had to find out, so we squeezed as many Division 6 students as possible into our new “Super Sack” just to find out. See if you can count them all...

McKechnie is going to take part in a new pilot program to help keep soft plastic out of landfills. The program will be running for the month of May and we will be collecting in our classrooms the following clean items:

Plastic bags, zip lock pouches, flexible plastic packaging, woven plastic bags, and crinkly wrappers. Please scan below QR code for additional details.

If you wish to support this important initiative at home, please collect your home soft plastics and deliver them to the nearby Zero Waste Centre on Kent Avenue.

Thank you

Shelley



It doesn't stop there. Keep recycling by taking your Flexible Plastics to a Depot or London Drugs. Search RecycleBC.ca/Depots to find one near you.



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CUTLERY REMINDER

Please remember to send cutlery with your child(ren). The office **DOES NOT** have any to give them and we will not be providing cutlery from the staffroom. If your child does not have any cutlery, they will have to have lunch without any. Thank you for remembering to do this.



Class and School Panorama Photo on Monday May 6th

Our School Panorama photo will be taken after 1st bell on Monday morning so please arrive to school on time. McKechnie Monday will be postponed to the next Monday of the month, taking place on May 13th

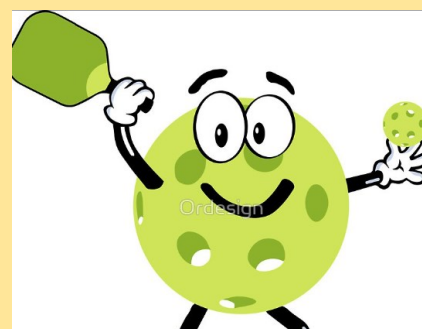


PICTURE DAY

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Pickleball at McKechnie

Get ready for an exciting opportunity with Tennis XL! We're thrilled to announce that during the weeks of **June 3rd to June 14th**, we'll be offering in-school pickleball lessons. Students can look forward to a dynamic and secure learning atmosphere where they'll delve into the fundamentals of pickleball through engaging team activities and focused skill drills



McKechnie T Shirts & McKechnie socks for sale

We have McKechnie shirts for sale in the school office in various sizes. Please come by the school office to purchase.

Youth sized shirts are \$12

McKechnie Socks are \$14 each.

Reminder that **the first Monday of every month is McKechnie Monday (with the exception of May which is on May 13th)** where we encourage all students to show their school spirit by wearing McKechnie wear. Wearing your McKechnie T shirt or socks is a wonderful way to show your school spirit!



Track and Field News

Track and Field season is in full swing with a great turnout at our morning practices. Track and field athletes at all grade levels will have the chance to take part in mini-meets over the next couple of weeks.

At McKechnie:

Grade 4/5: Tuesday, May 7th from 3:30-4:45

Grade 6/7: Wednesday, May 8th from 3:30-4:45

K-Grade 3: Thursday, May 9th from 3:20-4:30

At Kerrisdale Elementary:

Grade 6/7: Tuesday, May 14th from 3:30-4:45

Grade 4/5: Wednesday, May 15th from 3:30-4:45

The Zone Final Meet for Grades 4-7 will take place at Churchill Secondary during the school day on May 28th (rain-out date is May 29th). Time TBD.



Mckechnie Photo Gallery

Divisions 11 & 12 Bee Garden
In the Outdoor Learning Classroom



Fraser River Walk (Div 5 & 6)



Improv Centre Field Trip (Div 1-6)

SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY MAY 24 5-8pm
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Mark the date in your calendar! McKechnie's favourite event is back on May 24th!!!

- Raffle Baskets —donate to your class basket
- Event tickets—details coming out soon
- Volunteer spots to sign up -- 80 spots to fill!!

We can't wait to see all of McKechnie at this super fun event.

Additional information:

Opportunities to be involved by joining PAC executive team for next school year: co-chair, volunteer coordinator, treasurer.

Contact: yourmckechniepac@gmail.com for more info

- for latest updates, please join the PAC WhatsApp and/or WeChat groups, links to be found: [https://
www.mckechniepac.ca/](https://www.mckechniepac.ca/)



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Safe Arrival @ McKechnie

Please call before 9am 604-713-5159

Press "54#" and leave message

For extended leave—please email nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6  PICTURE DAY	7	8 Ultimate Frisbee 	9 Ultimate Frisbee 	10 Ultimate Frisbee 	11
12 	13  McKechnie Monday	14	15	16	17 Buddy Trip to VanDusen Div. 3 & 12 / 6 & 11	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 PAC Fun Night 5-8	25
26	27	28 Div 11,12 to Chil- dren's Festi- val Field Trip 8:45-2:30 - Track & Field Zone Finals Gr 4-7 @ Churchill	29	30 Volunteer Thank You Tea 	31	

June 2024

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2	3 Grade 7's to Strathcona 	4 Grade 7's to Strathcona 	5 Grade 7's to Strathcona 	6 Grade 7's to Strathcona 	7 Grade 7's to Strathcona 	8
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16	17	18	19	20 Grade 7 Leaving  Ceremony 5pm - 9pm	21 Grade 7's to Playland 	22
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1st day back, Tuesday September 3rd

Have a wonderful summer break!

