



What's  
up  
@McKechnie

May  
2025

Dear McKechnie Community,

We have been enjoying the fantastic weather this week, and spending some learning time in the great outdoors has been wonderful! It was lovely to see so many parents at the student conferences last week. I hope you had the chance to witness the growth and success your child has achieved.

As we move into May, we have a busy month ahead. Our activities include Ultimate Frisbee, Saleema Noon Body Science sessions, Science World presentations, track and field events, and our Fantastic Fun Fair sponsored by our wonderful PAC.

In light of the tragic events this past weekend, I am reminded of the importance of community and supporting each other. McKechnie is a community that cares and works together to create a wonderful school environment for our children. I am proud to be part of it.

Have a wonderful, sunny May!

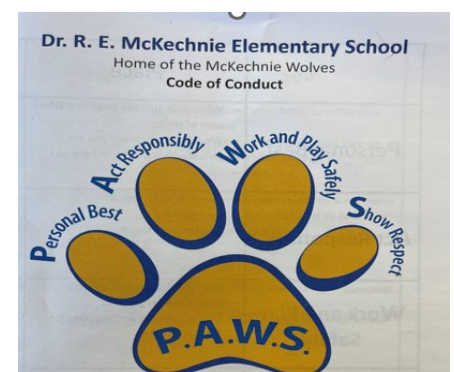
Warm regards,

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.



### **“Will your child be absent on June 26th?”**



**Report cards will be sent home on the last of school, Thursday, June 26.** If your child will **not** be at school, **please provide to the teacher a self-addressed, stamped envelope** for your child's report card to be mailed home. Alternatively, you can pick up your child's report card on June 27 or in September. Click the [link](#) if your child will be absent on June 26.

[Are you leaving for summer break before Thursday June 26th? \(Prefill\)](#)

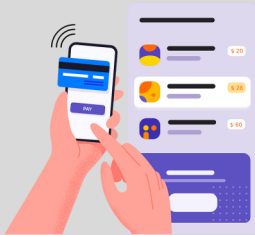
### **“Are you planning to return to school later than September 2, 2025?”**

School begins on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. If your child plans to return **later** than noon on that day but **before** Friday, September 26, 2025, please click the [link](#) to provide details. Keep in mind that if the school cannot verify attendance by noon on Friday, September 26, 2025, your child's space may be given to a waitlisted student. Let me know if you need any assistance!



[September 2025 Late Return to School Survey \(Prefill\)](#)

### **Are you up to date on [School Cash Online](#)?**



There are a few active items in your child's SchoolCash Account. Please check your child's account to see if there is anything that requires payment or purchase.

## Track and Field News

Track and Field season has begun with a great turnout at our morning practices. **Track and Field practices are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:15-8:45.**

**Please be on time wearing proper running shoes with tread for safety. We will meet in the gym.**

Track and field athletes at all grade levels will have the chance to take part in mini-meets over the next couple of weeks. Students are highly encouraged to attend all mini-meets for their grade level.

### **Primaries (K-Gr. 3):**

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:45 at McKechnie

### **Junior (Gr. 4/5):**

All mini-meets run from 3:30-5:00 and are at Churchill Secondary.

Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Senior (gr. 6/7):**

All mini-meets run from 3:30-5:00 and are at Churchill Secondary.

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Participants' families are responsible for transportation to and from mini-meets. If you plan to drive children other than your own, **you must complete a driver permission form in person at the school office before the first mini-meet.** Forms should be submitted at least two days in advance, as staff need to review your driver's license, car insurance, and obtain the principal's signature.



## **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.

## **From the Garden Club**

McKechnie Garden Club has been hard at work preparing the garden boxes, transplanting small bedding plants, watering, and cleanup of garden boxes. Divisions 8-12 have been preparing for and doing some plantings outside, and we are just starting to see some of the first seeds coming up in the beds.



Please ensure your small children are not pulling any of the plants out or touching any of the growing plants without a teacher's permission. The plants are especially fragile in the early stages, and we would ask that you be respectful and kind to the divisions who have planted seeds.

There will be some plant sales coming within the next 2-3 weeks. We have various heritage tomatoes coming along, and we may have very limited numbers of marigolds or herbs. Stay tuned for further news of garden sales or just watch for the sign to come out in the undercover area on a nice day.

**Thanks for supporting Garden Club!**



## **Library Information**

Hard to believe that it is May!! Library monitors have been doing a great job helping to keep the library running smoothly. They have undertaken a significant amount more responsibility this year than in previous years and have helped sign out books during open book exchanges in the afternoons in addition to their other duties. This has been a great help to Ms. Koke as it can get quite busy during those times.

Just a reminder to parents that for books that have been missing for more than a couple of months, Ms. Koke will be reminding students to come in and help look for the books and then if they are not found, to pay for them so that they can be replaced.

**Thank you for supporting the library.**

**Ms. Koke**

### Candy & Gum at School



To keep our school grounds clean and enjoyable for everyone, we kindly ask that families avoid sending candy as a snack with their children. We've noticed an increase in wrappers being left around, and we want to maintain a tidy environment.

Additionally, gum is **not permitted** at school. Unfortunately, we've had some recent issues with gum being found on floors, walls, and even inside our photocopier. Let's work together to keep our spaces fresh and welcoming!



Thank you for your support in helping us uphold these expectations.

### 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.

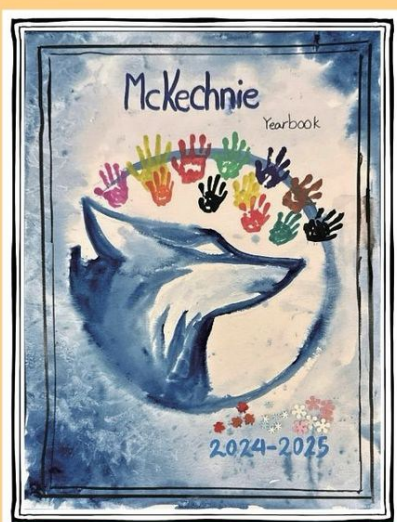
When students are picked up early - They must **SIGN OUT** at the Office **BEFORE** pick up.

**Safe Arrival Number 604-713-5159 Ext. 54**



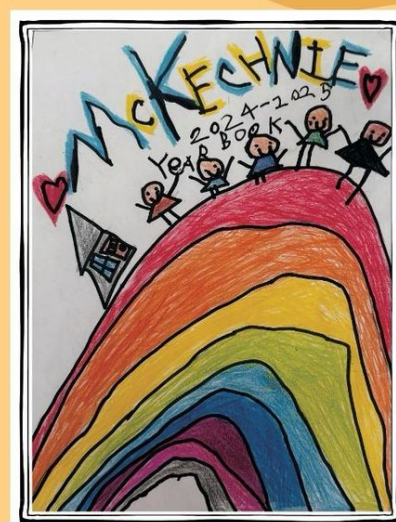


# McKechnie Yearbook 2024-2025



FRONT COVER: NIKAN GRADE 4 DIVISION 6

**Order by  
May 20**



BACK COVER: ROSTON KINDERGARTEN DIVISION 12

**We are excited to announce the two students whose amazing artwork has been selected for the front and back covers of 2024-2025 yearbook! Congratulations to both of our talented winners! We would also like to thank all the students who submitted artwork. Your creativity and effort truly made this a tough decision!**

**A big thank you to all our amazing yearbook volunteers! Your support and time have made the yearbook possible!**

**Pre-orders for the yearbook will open on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> via School Cash Online. Extras will not be printed so please order your copy by May 20<sup>th</sup> using School Cash Oline.**

**Tiffany & Sophia  
McKechnie Yearbook Editors**





## Gr.7 Grad Parent Committee

**GR.7 GRAD**  
WED. JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 5-9PM



Please contact [studiotiffanylee@gmail.com](mailto:studiotiffanylee@gmail.com) if you'd like to help out on the Gr.7 Grad Committee. Volunteers needed to help plan, organize, decorate, & run the Gr.7 Grad dinner event.

*Do you have any special skills or hobbies that you would like to share? Please contact 604-506-0882 to be our next workshop presenter!*

# SPRING

## Morning Meet-Ups

RSVP by text to **604-506-0882** by Thursday each week.

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**

**FRIDAYS**

**9:00AM**

McKechnie Elementary School Library





## K-POP



**McKechnie  
Hot Lunch**



## Hot Lunch Reminder

Please Contact Volunteers Directly

To help everything run smoothly during hot lunch days, we kindly ask that students speak to the hot lunch volunteers if they are missing lunch items, such as cutlery, drinks, or their meal. The office may not always have the information or supplies to help with lunch-related issues.

Thank you for your support!

McKechnie Hot Lunch Team ♥



## **Friday Night Fun Fair—Friday, May 30th, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Two types of pre-sale tickets are available through [SchoolCash Online](#):

- Admission Only Tickets (available online and at the door)
- Pre-sale Package (entry + food, games, popcorn, and photo booth)

*Pre-sale packages **must be ordered by May 20th** and will not be available on the day of the fair.*

 **MCKECHNIE  
ELEMENTARY**

**COME & JOIN US FOR OUR  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
FUN FAIR**

**FRIDAY AT MCKECHNIE  
MAY 30TH 5:00PM - 8:00PM**

**\$20 ADMISSION PER FAMILY, OR \$5 PER PERSON  
(CHILDREN 4 AND UNDER ARE FREE)  
ADVANCE TICKET PACKAGES ON SALE AT SCHOOL CASH  
ONLINE. EXTRA SAVINGS AND BONUSES IN EACH PACKAGE**

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

**PURCHASE YOUR ADMISSION TICKETS ON  
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR**

*Events*

**Bouncy Castles, Bingo, Tattoos, NEW Carnival Games,  
Arts & Crafts, Candy Walk, Raffle, 50/50 and more**

**THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT**

**FOOD/GAME AND RAFFLE TICKETS**  
**\$1/TICKET \$10/12 TICKETS \$20/25 TICKETS**

**\*NEW\* 50/50 CASH DRAW TICKETS**  
**\$2/TICKET \$5/3 TICKETS**



# Basketball





BI ANNUAL MAGEE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

# DOCUMENT PAPER SHREDDING FUNDRAISER



**Saturday May 3, 2025**

**10am-2pm**

How does it work? Simple! Bring all your document paper shredding to the Magee south driveway and drop it off with a donation (minimum suggested donation of \$15 per bag/\$20 box) to the Magee Music Program! Your documents will be shredded on the spot in the truck parked there.

**Magee Secondary School  
6360 Maple Street Vancouver**

## Next McKechnie Spirit Day is on

Monday May 5th

Please come to the McKechnie office to view  
Items for Sale



# May 2025



Sun

Mon

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Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 6:30 - Saleema Noon <u>Zoom</u> meeting with parents	2	3
4	5 <i>McKechnie Monday</i>  Saleema Noon School Presentation	6	7 Saleema Noon School Presentation	8 Big 1 @ 2 Earthquake Drill 	9	10
11 	12	13	14 Div 1-6 to Magee for Musical Performance 	15	16	17
18	19 	20 Fun Fair <u>package</u> <u>pre order</u> deadline	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Div 11 & 12 to Childrens Festival	28 	29	30 5-8PM Friday Friday Night Fun Fair 	31





# June 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 <i>McKechnie Monday</i> 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Volunteer Thank You Tea</i> 	12	13	14
15 <i>HAPPY FATHERS DAY</i>	16	17	18 <i>Grd 7 leaving ceremony 5pm-9pm</i> 	19	20 <i>Grd 7 to PLAYLAND</i> 	21
22	23 <i>2pm-3pm Kindergarten Tea</i> 	24 <i>SPORTS Day</i> 	25	26 <i>LAST DAY of SCHOOL! HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!</i> 	27	28
29	30					<i>Back to School Tuesday, September 2nd 9AM-10AM</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](mailto:nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca)