

Dear McKechnie Families,

We have been thoroughly enjoying the fantastic weather this past week, and it has been wonderful to take some of our learning outdoors. These spring days truly enhance student engagement and joy. It was also lovely to see so many parents and caregivers at our student conferences on April 22 and 23. The strong turnout reflected the care and support our families provide, and I hope you had the opportunity to see the tremendous growth and success your child has experienced this year.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our PAC executive and parent community. Your ongoing support plays an important role in enriching the experiences we are able to offer our students, and it is deeply appreciated.

We have had many wonderful highlights to celebrate recently. Today's Earth Day Assembly was a joyful event, featuring performances from three classes that truly brought our community together. Our intermediate students also had a memorable experience making crêpes in the gym as part of their Core French program—needless to say, the students loved it, and staff happily joined in enjoying the final product. It continues to be a fantastic and engaging program.

Field trips are now well underway. Our primary students enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to the Vancouver Aquarium, while Division 5 explored the Shipyards in Steveston. Our Grade 7 students are also preparing for their upcoming Strathcona Park Lodge trip; they recently completed their first equipment check and “hose down” in preparation. In addition, our Grade 7 Bake Sale today was a great success, with funds supporting their year-end activities.

Spring sports are well underway as well. Badminton has been running for our intermediate students, coached by Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Jenkins, and a badminton jamboree is coming up at Kitsilano Secondary School. Track and Field has also begun, thanks to the organization and leadership of Ms. Williston and Ms. Puil. Dates for mini and main meets have been set, and permission forms have been sent home with interested students.

As we move further into May, we are entering a very busy and exciting time of year. Upcoming activities include many additional field trips, our Big One at Two Earthquake Drill on May 7, and Ultimate Frisbee sessions for all students throughout the month. We will also be hosting our On Our Way to Kindergarten on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 11:00–12:00. We appreciate PAC support in having a representative briefly welcome and speak to incoming families. Later that week, we look forward to our PAC Movie Night on Friday, May 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m., always a favourite event for our community.

As we look ahead to June, the days grow warmer and fuller at McKechnie. There is truly so much happening in our community: sports events, field trips, and end-of-year celebrations are well underway and continue to bring learning beyond the classroom. We encourage families to stay up to date on upcoming PAC events, including the always-fantastic Family Fun Fair on June 12. This cherished McKechnie tradition depends on the support of our community, and we invite parents and caregivers to reach out to volunteer if they are able. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference and helps create lasting memories for our students.

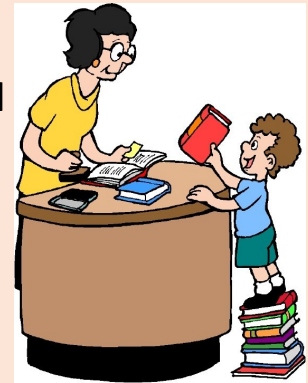
Enjoy the sunny weather!

Warm regards,
Lindsay Thompson
Principal



From the Library

Just 9 more weeks of school! This is the time that Ms. Koke needs to start to get the library in order and locate all missing books prior to summer break. If your child has lost a book or think that they have returned it, please come in to the library and help Ms. Koke look for the book. If we can't find it, Ms. Koke will ask you to pay for the book so we can replace it.



Garden News

Last week was the first warm weather we've had and Ms. Koke's and Mrs. Chang's class, Mr. Fanning's class and Ms. Pawliuk's classes were out planting the boxes and watering for the first time. It was wonderful!

Garden Club has been working hard to plant seedlings to sell at our May sale. There will be some flowers available and some vegetable seedlings that we hope to have ready in a couple of weeks. We will have some tomato plants available soon--just ask Ms. Koke or Mrs. Chang. Act quickly so you aren't disappointed.



Please remind your small children not to put rocks or wood chips in the garden boxes, or pull out the row markers or pick any of the plants that are growing. Some planters have structures or sticks for the plants to grow upon. Please do not touch these.

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.



PLAY QUEST ADVENTURES

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!



JOIN THE PAC!

McKechnie Parent Advisory Committee

Volunteer Coordinator Wanted


PAC is looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to help coordinate volunteer activities 

Responsibilities include:

-  Assisting PAC with recruiting and coordinating Class Parents
-  Helping organize and schedule volunteers for various school events

The role is flexible, not complicated, and 99% of the work can be done online.

It's also a great opportunity to get more involved with the school and connect with other parents!

If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact
Ivy  WhatsApp: 778-829-4528

ZOOPTOPIA 2

Pre Order your Tickets and HOT DOGS
on School Cash to avoid disappointment!

Please bring your blankets, sleeping bags, reusable
water bottle, and wear your PJ's!

22 | **5:30**
MAY | **PM**

MCKECHNIE PAC FINAL MOVIE NIGHT

Thank you to our food
sponsor SAVE ON FOODS

Pre Order tickets and hotdogs
only on School Cash
starting May 8

More Information to follow

5:30 pm Cash only for Snack
Concession and Admission

6pm Movie Begins

Tickets
\$3
PER
Person

ALL
children
must have
adult
supervision

JOIN US FOR OUR

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN FAIR

FRIDAY
JUNE 12TH
4:30 PM TO 8.00PM

TICKETS
AVAILABLE
SOON

MCKECHNIE
ELEMENTARY
PAC PRESENTS

BOUNCY CASTLES



50/50

MUSIC

RAFFLE

GAMES



FOOD TRUCKS

AND MORE!



NEW THIS YEAR

**BUSINESS ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT THE FUN FAIR THROUGH EVENT
SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS - CONTACT THE PAC FOR MORE INFORMATION**

McKechnie Photo Gallery

Aquarium Field Trip



Grade 7's Bake Sale



Badminton Team



Div 05 Earth Day Skit



Improv



Mckechnie Photo Gallery



**Division 5 to
Britannia Shipyards**



Division 11K—Earth Day



Bistro Van Crepe Making Workshop

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.

See Something Familiar??

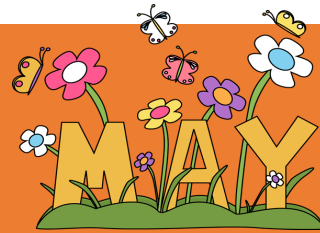
Please take a moment to check the Lost and Found. Items that remain unclaimed will be donated periodically. The rack is located on the lower level by the West entrance.



Labeling your belongings is always helpful for quick returns.



May 2026








Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4 	5	6 11:45-2pm Div 1-4 to Magee "Mean Girls"	7 	8	9
10	11	12	13 PM—Div. 4 & 5 "Jasmine"	14	15	16
17	18 	19	20 Welcome to Kindergarten 11 -12 noon	21	22 5:30 PM PAC Movie Night "Zootopia"	23
24	25	26 Div 10 & 11 to Children's Festival	27	28	29	30
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June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Gr 7's to Camp Strathcona 	2 Gr 7's to Camp Strathcona	3 Gr 7's to Camp Strathcona	4 Gr 7's to Camp Strathcona	5 Gr 7's to Camp Strathcona	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 	13
14	15	16	17 	18 Gr 7's to Playland Field Trip	19	20
21	22	23  Report Cards go home	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30				School starts Tuesday September 8th 9-10am

Principal	Lindsay Thompson	604-713-4952
Office Admin Support	Nancy Yuen-Chan	
Director of Instruction	Christopher Wong	
VSBC Trustee Liaison	Suzie Mah	

Safe Arrival @ McKechnie

Please call before 9am 604-713-5159

Press "54#" and leave message

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