



MACCORKINDALE NEWSLETTER

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

As we step into the month of April, it's hard to believe how quickly time flies. The next few months promise to be equally dynamic, filled with exciting changes and new beginnings.

Cherry blossoms have graced our surroundings, their delicate petals painting the landscape with hues of pink and white. The sunshine has been a warm companion, reminding us of the vibrant season of spring. Signs of renewal are everywhere, from budding leaves to the cheerful chirping of birds.

Congratulations to Ms. Sohi and Ms. Yeung! They will both be embarking on their maternity leaves next week. As they await the arrival of new family members, we send them our warmest wishes.

Ms. Gordon-Reid has moved on to explore new horizons, and in her place, we are fortunate to welcome Ms. Eckels. She joins us as the Intermediate Resource teacher until the end of June, bringing her expertise and passion to our team.

We had to say goodbye to two of our support staff, Ms. Hau and Ms. Jandrijevi, who have transitioned to new schools. We are thrilled to introduce Ms. Ram, who joins us as a permanent SSA (Support Staff Assistant). Mr. Johnson has already been building strong relationships with our students this week and will also be part of our support staff until the end of June. Let's not forget Ms. Girly—her assignment has been extended, and she'll continue contributing her talents to MacCorkindale until the end of the school year also.

A warm welcome to Mr. Kanou, who steps into Div. 2, covering for Ms. Sohi starting April 15th. Ms. Tucsock will change roles and will be working with Div. 10, filling in for Ms. Yeung. Ms. Lee will be covering the Thursday vacancy from April 11th until the end of June.

Change is the heartbeat of growth, and each transition brings fresh energy to our community. Let's embrace these shifts with open arms and continue making MacCorkindale a place of learning, support, and camaraderie.

Wishing you all a blossoming spring ahead!



Student Learning Surveys- Grade 4 and 7 Families



The Vancouver School Board is participating in the 2024 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys any time **before May 3, 2024**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

To complete the survey:

1. Use any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section “*Direct Access- no logon number required*” select:
 - District: the name of your child’s district
 - School: the name of your child’s school
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.
6. Once complete, the school will have the results.

Traffic Safety



Please be reminded that the safety of children is our primary concern. We ask that you please:

- Follow all the parking and stopping rules posted
- No parking allowed in front of the school as signs state, just drop-off
- Quick drop off and pick-up on the school side of the street ONLY
- Do not make illegal turns near the school
- Refrain from parking or stopping anywhere that is prohibited
- Consider parking 1-2 blocks from the school and walk over to the school
- Use walkways; avoid walking through the parking lot or alleys for safety reasons.

We appreciate the efforts of drivers who follow these instructions for Battison Street and therefore working with the school to ensure a safe arrival and departure for each student every day. The VPD and bylaw officers will be visiting the surrounding areas to ensure drivers are following the rules to ensure student safety. Thank you!

Class Photo Day

LifeTouch will be onsite to take class photos on April 12th.



Solar Eclipse

As you are likely aware from news reports, there will be a solar eclipse on April 8, that will impact Vancouver from approximately 10:40 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Environment Canada's [forecast](#) for the day is cloudy with a chance of showers which should somewhat obstruct the solar eclipse but does not completely block the sun.



During a solar eclipse, public health advice is to use proper eye protection. Students and staff have been informed to avoid looking directly at the sun during the eclipse without proper eye protection. We ask for your assistance and support to educate your child(ren) on the importance of wearing protective glasses or certified eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers (e.g., ISO 12312-2) if observing the eclipse.

As the solar eclipse is an education opportunity for students, school staff have been asked to provide viewing alternatives to outside activities, including live streaming of the eclipse in classrooms. Where there may be outdoor activities planned during the solar eclipse, staff have been informed about appropriate safety measures. With consideration of students' ability to follow safety instructions, they will ensure appropriate supervision of students and to enforce eye protection.

Returning to MacCorkindale in September?



We are making plans for the 2024/2025 school year. It is important to know if your child is returning to MacCorkindale Elementary in September 2024. Student numbers are critical for us to determine class organization and staffing. If you are moving to another school, district, province or country, it is extremely important to let the office know. Thank you for your assistance.

School Grounds Safety

The Grounds Department has recently added an S-chain to secure the gate on the south-east fence. If you use this entrance to access the school grounds, kindly make use of the S-chain to keep the door closed. This precaution is essential for student safety, especially considering the proximity of the alley to the fence and the presence of cars that use the alley.



Important Dates

Friday, April 12, 2024
Monday, April 22, 2024
Friday, April 26, 2024

Class Photos
Professional Day; No School for Students
BYB Assembly; Fun Hair Day



Planning Ahead

Thursday, May 2, 2024
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Monday, May 20, 2024
Friday, May 24, 2024
Friday, May 31, 2024

Big One at 2pm
Grade 7 Killarney Tour
Victoria Day- No School
Sports Day
BYB Assembly; Backwards Day

From the PAC

Dear MacCorkindale community,

As we move into the heart of spring, we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for your continued support of our school community. Your involvement and participation are invaluable to us, and we want to extend a special reminder that we are **always in need of volunteers** to serve directly on the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive team or assist with hot lunch programs and planning activities.

Volunteering not only strengthens our school community but also provides valuable opportunities for you to engage with your child's educational journey and contribute to their overall experience. Whether you have a little time or a lot, every bit of support makes a significant difference.

Additionally, mark your calendars for our upcoming **PAC meeting on Tuesday, April 19th, from 7-8 pm** in the library. Your presence at these meetings is vital as it allows us to share important updates, discuss upcoming events, and gather input from our parent community. We encourage all parents to attend to stay informed and have their voices heard.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and dedication to our school. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming PAC meeting!

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Stay up to date with our social media accounts:

On Instagram at: https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale_pac/

Or Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/maccorkindalepac/>

Check out our website at maccorkindalepac.square.site

Warm regards,
MacCorkindale PAC Executive Team



