



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 (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

We hope you had a restful break and are feeling refreshed for Term 3! As we step into April, it's incredible how quickly the year is moving. The months ahead promise to be filled with exciting activities and meaningful opportunities for our school community. A key event to mark on your calendar is Spring Conferences on April 23rd and 24th—a wonderful opportunity for students to share their learning with their families. Keep an eye out for more details from your child's classroom teacher in the coming weeks.

We also want to take a moment to celebrate Ms. Lo, who is retiring after over a decade of dedicated service as a School-Student Support Assistant (SSA) at MacCorkindale. Her kindness, commitment, and contributions have left a lasting impact on our students and staff. We sincerely thank her for her years of dedication and wish her the very best in this exciting new chapter!

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Ms. Katsy, who will be joining us temporarily as an SSA. We are excited to have her as part of our team and appreciate her support in fostering a positive learning environment for our students.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and vibrant spring season!



Earthquake Preparedness



On May 8th, our school will be participating in an important earthquake drill called The Big One at Two. Given the recent seismic activity, it is crucial that we take the time to practice and review our emergency procedures to ensure the safety of all students and staff. This year, we are inviting Kindergarten parents to participate in the drill to help reinforce preparedness at home and school. More details will be shared with families soon, but we appreciate your support in helping our students understand what to do in the event of a real earthquake. Thank you for your cooperation in making this a valuable learning experience for everyone!

Before and After School Supervision



We kindly remind you that morning supervision **begins at 8:40 AM**. For your child's safety, please ensure they are not left unattended on school grounds before this time.

Additionally, as the days become longer and the weather improves a reminder if your child wishes to stay and play after school, they **MUST be supervised** by a parent or guardian. Students who walk home independently should go directly home after dismissal. Limited after-school supervision is in place to ensure students are safely picked up.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe!

Young Entrepreneurs Fair

Division 2 has been learning about entrepreneurship by creating their own small businesses. Some of the products they've made include slime, bracelets, fidget toys, bookmarks, rubber stamps, clay creations, wooden toys, squishies, and more!

As part of our final project, we will be hosting a **Young Entrepreneurs Fair**, where students will sell these products. There will be around 28 booths run by our very own Grade 6-7 students. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a charity that the class will vote on.

Your child's class will be visiting the fair on Thursday, April 17th. Students are encouraged to bring between \$1 and \$10 to purchase items. We appreciate your support and are excited to showcase our hard work!



Student Learning Surveys

The Vancouver School Board is participating in the 2025 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 2, 2025**, 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. Click on "Parents"
 - District: 39-Vancouver
 - School: Dr. HN MacCorkindale
 - Language: *the language of your choice*
4. Click on the blue "Logon" button



School Organization

We are in the process of planning for the 2025-26 school year. Next month, teachers will be working to create new classes for September.

The MacCorkindale staff work together to build classroom communities that reflect all that we have learned about your child. The guiding principle is to create classroom communities that will enhance the learning of each child within the larger context of the needs of all children.

This is not an easy task. Our staff invests a great deal of time and thought into this process.

If you feel an absolute need to communicate *in writing* the needs for your child(ren)'s class placement to the school team, pick up a yellow "Class Placement Information Form" from the office. **Only this form will be used**, we will not be taking emails or letters. The form will be shared with staff, and we will do our best to consider all information received. Teachers all offer strong instructional programs. Requests for specific teachers will not be considered and will be shredded.

Parents/guardians who feel that they have **educational** information that would help the decision-making process should convey that information in writing using the yellow form provided in the office to the Principal **BEFORE MAY 16th**.



Important Dates

Monday, April 7	Grade 7 Field Trip to Camp Jubilee
Wednesday, April 16	Class Photos
Friday, April 18	Good Friday- No School
Monday, April 21	Easter – No school
April 22-24	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday, April 23	Spring Conferences- EARLY DISMISSAL @1:58pm
Thursday, April 24	Spring Conferences- EARLY DISMISSAL @1:58pm
Friday, April 25	Be Your Best Assembly
Monday, April 28	District Wide Pro-D Day- No school for students



Planning Ahead

	Thursday, May 1	K and Gr 6 Immunizations
	Wednesday, May 7	Grade 7 Killarney Visit
	Thursday, May 8	The Big One- Earthquake Drill
	Wednesday, May 14	On Our Way to Kindergarten
	Thursday, May 15	Volunteer Tea
	Monday, May 19	Victoria Day- NO SCHOOL
	Friday, May 23	Sports Day
	Friday, May 30	Be Your Best Assembly

PAC News

Parents we need your help to keep our hot lunch program going! Please sign up to help distribute lunches on Fridays if you can. Our program is 100% volunteer run, we can't do it without volunteers.

PAC is hosting a Family Photo Fundraiser on April 23rd. Get in front of the camera and have photos of your whole family, not just the kids! Keep an eye on our social media accounts for booking information.