



# 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) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

## Principal's Message

We hope you had a restful break and are feeling refreshed for Term 3! March was a short but busy month with gymnastics and Saleema Noon body science workshops filling our days. As we begin April, it's incredible how quickly the year is moving. Although the weather was uncooperative, students had the opportunity to participate in an egg hunt organized by student council. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>—a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn about how their child is doing at school. Keep an eye out for more details from your child's classroom teacher in the coming weeks. Wishing everyone a wonderful and vibrant spring season!



## Nutrition at School

We encourage families to pack healthy snacks to support students throughout the school day. Many children are growing quickly and may benefit from an extra snack tucked into their backpack, especially during busy and active days at school. Choosing fresh fruits and vegetables helps keep students feeling satisfied and energized for learning, and supports their focus far better than pre-packaged, sugary foods. Thoughtful, nutritious snack choices can make a meaningful difference in helping students feel their best and ready to learn.



## Traffic Safety



As we welcome students to school each day, we kindly remind families to use sidewalks and follow all traffic rules when walking to and from school. Walking through the staff parking lot or back alleys can be dangerous, as drivers may not be expecting pedestrians in these areas. For everyone's safety, please stick to designated walkways and crossings, remain alert and model safe habits for children. Your cooperation helps ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal for all members of our school community.

## Outside Days



Every day is an OUTSIDE day! The weather has been unpredictable, with wet days becoming increasingly normal. It is important that students are dressed appropriately for outside play. If their clothes become wet and cold, it is very difficult for them to focus on learning throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is dressed for outside play. Consider sending extra clothes for your child as a change.

## Student Learning Surveys

The Vancouver School Board is participating in the 2026 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 1, 2026**, 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](http://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



## 2026-29 School Calendars

CALENDARS 2026-2029



The Vancouver School Board has finalized the school calendars for the upcoming years. You can view them at the following link: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/proposed-school-calendars-2026-2029>.

## Important Dates

- Thursday, April 16 Kindergarten Hearing Screening
- Friday, April 17 Arcade Fair
- Monday, April 20 Indigenous Focus Day- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Tuesday, April 21-23 Scholastic Book Fair
- Wednesday, April 22 Class Pictures
- Wednesday April 22 & 23 Parent Teacher Conferences- EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:58pm
- Friday, April 24 Be Your Best Assembly



## Planning Ahead



- Monday, May 4 Grade 7 Killarney Visit
- Thursday, May 7 Big One at Two- Earthquake Drill
- Thursday, May 14-15 Grade 7 Camp
- Monday, May 18 Victoria Day- NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, May 20 Volunteer Appreciation
- Tuesday, May 26 Immunization Clinic; Coding Workshops for Intermediates
- Thursday, May 28 BYB Assembly
- Friday, May 29 Sports Day

## PAC News

Spring is here, and so is PAC's new message board! It's located outside on the South side of the school, near Ms. Tsai's classroom. Please **save the date** for our next PAC meeting Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 in the library. We hope to see you there.

PAC is always in need of help handing out hot lunches on Fridays from 11:30am-12:15pm. We cannot run this program without the support of volunteers.

Sign up to volunteer

here: <https://share.google/dUE2Lz4CoqAQhKOMm>

Keep an eye out for our second Neufeld farms fundraiser starting April 16th for great frozen foods.

Stay up to date with the PAC on our socials:

[https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale\\_pac?igsh=MWZjMnhpZ2piY3psZQ==](https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale_pac?igsh=MWZjMnhpZ2piY3psZQ==)

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BWFBisMmG/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

