



# 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 xʷməθkʷəy̅əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

## Principal's Message

First and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Evans for his exceptional leadership during my absence while I competed in the Master Games in January. His dedication and efforts were especially crucial during the unexpected two-day closure due to snow, and I am grateful for his commitment to ensuring the smooth operation of our school.

As we dive into February, I am excited about two upcoming Parent Advisory Council (PAC) events that promise to strengthen our school community, please see the PAC section of the newsletter for more information. February may be a short month, but it is filled with celebrations, including Valentine's Day, Black History Month, and Lunar New Year. These occasions provide valuable opportunities for our students to learn and embrace diverse cultures.

Since my return, I had the pleasure of facilitating skating sessions with four divisions. Witnessing the progress made by students, some of whom had never skated before, has been truly remarkable. In just a single 60-minute session, many are confidently gliding around the ice. It's been a pleasure to provide mini-lessons on falling safely and getting back up to students, and I look forward to more divisions participating in skating in the months ahead.

Next week marks an exciting time as we invite parents to attend student-led conferences. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to showcase the incredible work they have been doing in the classroom. Your participation and support in these conferences are highly appreciated as we strive to strengthen the bond between home and school.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a fantastic month ahead!



## Pets on School Grounds



There has been an unfortunate increase in the presence of animal excrement on the school grounds. We would like to remind all parents and guardians to please have a conversation with your children about the importance of staying safe on school grounds. If students notice anything out of the norm, particularly instances of animal waste, we encourage them to promptly inform an adult or a teacher. Together, we can ensure that our school remains a healthy and welcoming space for everyone. Your cooperation in reinforcing these values with your children is greatly appreciated.

## Traffic Safety Tips and Reminders

- Unsafe driving puts students at serious risk.
- Ensure that you are following all rules of the road including the [Motor Vehicle Act](#) and the [Street and Traffic Bylaw](#)
- Ensure that you are following all posted signs. This page provides some [common examples of signage](#) around schools.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Cross at intersections, where more visible to drivers.
- Do not use the staff parking lot for pick up drop off.
- Consider parking 1-2 blocks from the school and walking over to the school ("Drive to 5"). This can simplify your morning routine by finding a less busy place to park temporarily.
- There is a [Visibility and Safety Tips](#) website on the City website.
- Please be kind to everyone in your school community.



## Cross Boundary Applications



### Cross Boundary Application Timeline:

- The Online Cross Boundary Application (<https://xb.vsb.bc.ca>) opened Thursday, February 1, 2024 and will close on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

### Cross Boundary Process (English Program):

- Please refer to the following link for District XB information and XB priority groups: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5198>
- XB applications are **not** first-come-first-served
- English Program XB applications are only received via the District online XB app: <https://xb.vsb.bc.ca>

## Cell Phones in Schools



On Friday, January 26, the provincial government announced measures to improve student safety online. This included information about restricting cell phones in schools to be put in place by the next school year.

Currently, in the VSB, several measures are in place to guide appropriate use of cell phones and other devices. These including the [District Student Code of Conduct](#) and [Acceptable Use of Technology](#) administrative procedures. Staff will work with the Ministry of Education and Child Care to ensure that any necessary changes are implemented ahead of September 2024. More information will be shared as it becomes available. Learn more about the provincial government’s [announcement](#).

At MacCorkindale, our device policy remains unchanged: cell phone use is not permitted during the school day, unless it is under the direct supervision of a staff member. Students should not be taking pictures, making phone calls, or gaming during recess and lunch. If there is a need to make an important phone call, students can make the call using our office phone during the school day. We want to protect the educational environment of our students. We ask that parents support the school on this matter as we ensure that our students stay safe and are enjoying a healthy lifestyle by playing and socializing face to face during our recess and lunch breaks.

## Social Media Awareness

Safer Schools Together is putting on a FREE event for families: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities. This session is recommended for parents/caregivers and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This 60-minute session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. It will take place on Wednesday, February 7 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please use the following link to register:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>



## Important Dates



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| Wednesday, February 7, 2024 | Student Led Conferences; <b>Early Dismissal 2pm</b> |
| Thursday, February 8, 2024  | Student Led Conferences; <b>Early Dismissal 2pm</b> |
| Thursday, February 8, 2024  | Kindergarten Audiology Clinic                       |
| Friday, February 16, 2024   | Pro-D Day; No school for students                   |
| Monday, February 19, 2024   | Family Day Statutory Holiday; No school             |
| Friday, February 23, 2024   | Be Your Best Assembly                               |

## Planning Ahead



Tuesday, March 5, 2024	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday, March 6, 2024	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, March 7, 2024	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Term 2 Reports Sent Home
Friday, March 15, 2024	Be Your Best Assembly
Monday, March 18-28, 2024	Spring Break; No School
Friday, March 29, 2024	Good Friday; No School

## From the PAC

Dear MacCorkindale community,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. February is here, and we have some exciting updates to share!

### **West Coast Seeds Fundraiser:**

Get ready to embrace spring by participating in our West Coast Seeds Fundraiser! **Orders must be placed by Monday, February 12th**, through the dedicated fundraising link: <https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/> If you encounter any issues with the link, kindly copy & paste it into your browser.

Remember to provide your student's name, teacher, and division before checking out. Your support contributes to our school's initiatives, and we appreciate your involvement.

### **Important Details:**

Order Deadline: Monday, February 12th  
 Delivery Date: Week of March 11th (Just in time for Spring Break!)

### **Upcoming Community Event:**

Mark your calendars for a night of fun and games in the school gym on Thursday, February 29th 5:30-7:30PM. Tickets for our Games Night will be available soon. It's a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together, meet new people and enjoy some friendly competition.

### **PAC Meeting:**

Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th, from 7-8pm in the library. Your attendance is crucial as we discuss what we are up to and plan upcoming events. We value your input and look forward to seeing you at this next meeting.

### **Volunteer Opportunity:**

If you're interested in joining our fantastic team of volunteers, we welcome your enthusiasm! Please reach out to us at [pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com](mailto:pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com). Your involvement is invaluable, and we appreciate your willingness to contribute to our school community. Thank you to all those who are already volunteering!!!

As always you can find more information on our PAC website at [Maccorkindalepac.square.site](http://Maccorkindalepac.square.site) or follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/maccorkindalepac/](https://www.facebook.com/maccorkindalepac/) or Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale\\_pac/](https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale_pac/)

See you soon!  
 Maccorkindale PAC executive

# Art on the iPad

**Friday, February 16**

**2:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Champlain Heights Branch  
7110 Kerr Street, Vancouver**



Calling everyone who loves to draw! We start on paper and switch to drawing with fun art apps on library iPads.

For Grades 3-7.

**FREE**

Registration required.  
Please come to the info desk to register.



For more information: 604.665.3955 | [vpl.ca/events](http://vpl.ca/events)

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**Champlain Heights Community Centre**

We have a **Family Day Kick Off** event on February 17 from 10am-1pm. There will be crafts, games and a bouncy castle. Please register with the front desk, space is limited.

Our **Spring and Summer registration** is coming up. In person and online at 7pm on March 14 and phone in registration will take place at 10am on March 15.

