



MACCORKINDALE NEWSLETTER

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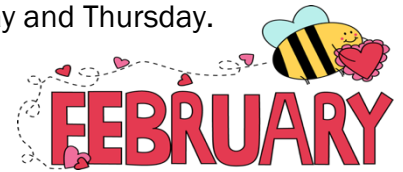
With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

MacCorkindale Families,

February is off to an exciting start! Skating field trips are well underway, and it has been wonderful to see how quickly students are gaining confidence on the ice. Our ball hockey sessions with Constable Spence have been a big hit, and many students are also enjoying the after-school fencing program with Ms. Tricia. This month also brings opportunities for cultural celebration and learning. We wish a warm and joyful Lunar New Year to families who are celebrating the Year of the Horse, and we continue to honour Black History Month through thoughtful schoolwide announcements every Tuesday and Thursday.

Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome Gymsense next month. A permission form will be sent home soon—thank you to our PAC for generously supporting this engaging program. As we move through the winter season, we've noticed an increase in student illness. To help keep our community healthy, please keep your child at home if they are not feeling well. We truly appreciate your partnership. Wishing everyone a healthy and joyful month of learning!



Returning to MacCorkindale Next Year?

Thank you to all of the families who have already completed the returning to MacCorkindale form. If you used the first link sent that contained the *incorrect form*, please ensure you complete the correct one using this link: [2026 Returning Form](#)! Here is your final chance to let us know if you will or will not be returning! Please complete this form by February 13th, 2026.



Everyday is an OUTSIDE day!



A friendly reminder that every day is an outside day; so please ensure your child(ren) comes to school dressed for the weather, whether it's rain, snow or shine. We recommend having an **extra change of clothes** in their backpack, in case your child needs to change during the day. Thank you for helping to keep our students comfortable and ready for outdoor activities!

Body Science Workshops

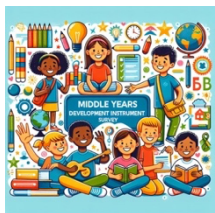
Each year, all elementary students in BC learn age-appropriate lessons about health and growing up. This is part of the Physical and Health Education curriculum required by the Ministry of Education. To support this learning, schools sometimes invite trained educators to teach this topic in a safe, respectful, and child-friendly way.

This year, we are pleased to welcome Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators to our school. They will work with students in Kindergarten to Grade 7, as well as with parents. Their “Body Science” presentations teach children about how their bodies grow and change, using clear language that is comfortable, supportive, and easy for students to understand. These workshops help children develop confidence, safety skills, and accurate information.

We are grateful that the Saleema Noon Empowerment Foundation is funding these sessions. More details will be shared by e-mail in the coming weeks.



Middle Years Development Instrument- MDI



The MDI is a self-report questionnaire for students in BC. The questionnaire asks about how students think and feel about their experiences both inside and outside of school. The questionnaire is completed online through the e-MDI and takes 45 to 60 minutes to administer. The MDI questions align with the BC Ministry of Education’s K-12 curriculum which includes a focus on promoting children’s personal and social competencies. You can learn more about the MDI here: <http://www.discovermdi.ca/what-is-the-mdi/>. The MDI will be administered between January 13-March 13, 2026 to all Grade 6 students.

Student Learning Survey

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
3. Click on “Parents”
 - District: *39-Vancouver*
 - School: *Dr. HN MacCorkindale*
 - Language: *the language of your choice*
4. Click on the blue “Logon” button



Cross Boundary Applications

Students in the Vancouver School District are allowed to register at a school outside of their catchment area as a cross-boundary applicant. Cross boundary applications will only be considered after all in-catchment students have been accommodated. Cross boundary applications are now being accepted. For more information, please visit: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5198/cross-boundary-application>

Important Dates

Friday, February 13 Pro-D- NO School for Students
Monday, February 16 Family Day- NO School
Friday, February 27 BYB Assembly



Planning Ahead



Monday March 2-13 Gymsense
Wednesday, March 11 Nurse Visit (Div 6-13)
Tuesday, March 10 Saleema Noon Virtual Parent Session
Tuesday, March 10 Written Learning Updates Go Home
Thursday, March 12-13 Saleema Noon Body Science Workshops
Monday, March 16-27 Spring Break- No School

VSB Educational Assistant Diploma Program Offering

Are you looking for a rewarding job working in a school setting supporting children and youth with special needs? There is an ongoing need for qualified Educational Assistants in VSB schools.

The next session of the VSB EA (SSA) Program will begin, April 1, 2026. Applications are accepted beginning January 12, 2026. Apply at Burnaby Community & Continuing Education at <https://www.burnabyccce.ca>

PAC News

Our next PAC meeting is on Feb 17th at 6:30pm in the library. All parents and guardians are welcome. Our final movie night of the school year will be held on Friday Feb. 20th at 5:30pm, sign up will be available shortly on the Munchalunch website.

We are requesting volunteers to help assist with the hot lunch program, you can sign up to help here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0F4BA5AB2DA3F8C07-60755202-winter>

Please follow us on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale_pac?igsh=MWZjMnhpZ2piY3psZQ==

and Facebook for more updates <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BWFBisMmG/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



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GIRLS TO THE POWER OF MATH

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MATH PROGRAM

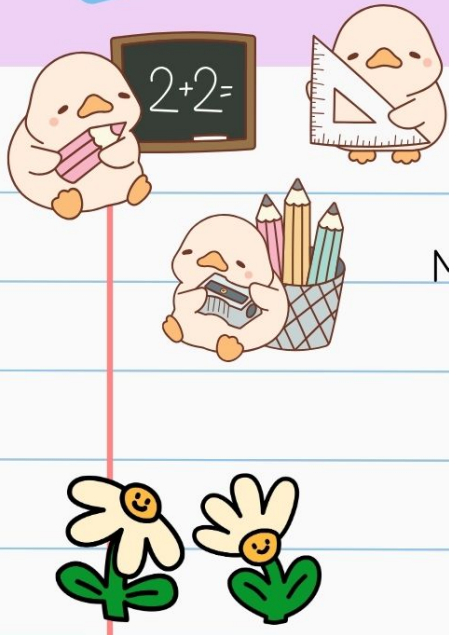
FOR ALL GIRLS IN GRADE 3

Math mentorship program led by high-school leaders

Learn and practice skip counting & multiplication

Math made fun using games, art, music, and movement!

Build confidence in STEM!



Tuesdays

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Mar. 3, Mar. 10, Mar. 17, Mar. 24, 2026
(8 sessions total)

@South Vancouver Neighbourhood House
(6470 Victoria Drive)

4:00PM - 5:30PM

For more information or to register, please contact Kathy at kathy.do@southvan.org



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GIRLS INNOVATE!

FOR ALL GIRLS IN GRADES 4-6

- Do hands-on projects in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math every week
- Explore creative problem-solving and design challenges
- Be confident, curious, and empowered girls who innovate and create!



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