



MACCORKINDALE NEWSLETTER

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We acknowledge that we live, work, play, and learn on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tseih-Waututh, and Squamish Nations. We thank them for their caretaking of the land from generations unknown.

Principal's Message

I hope everyone is in good health and high spirits as we kick off the new year. As we embrace the possibilities that 2024 holds for each and every one of us, I wanted to welcome Mr. Evans back to MacCorkindale from January 11-22. He will serve as acting principal during my absence while I represent Canada at the Winter World Masters Games.



January brings exciting activities, including Young Actors workshops for all students, fostering creativity and a love for the performing arts. Additionally, each division has skating field trips planned from January onwards, providing students with both a fun and developmental experiences. Thank you for your ongoing support. Here's to a fantastic start to the year!

Winter Weather



With the colder weather upon us, students need to be dressed appropriately: coats, hats, gloves, waterproof footwear. You may also wish to provide your child with a change of clothing, to be used if s/he gets wet.

The VSB monitors the weather and road conditions very carefully and has a thorough system in place to evaluate transportation routes and student and staff safety well before schools open in the morning. In the unlikely event of a school closure, the VSB will post information on its website (www.vsb.bc.ca) and provide updates to the following radio and TV stations:

CKNW (980 AM)

CBC RADIO (690 AM, 105.7 FM)

FAIRCHILD Radio (CJVB AM 1470/CKHG FM 96.1)

CKWX (NEWS 1130AM)

BCTV/Global (cable channel 11)

CITY TV (cable channel 13)

Previously Loved Clothing

We are pleased to inform you that there is a selection of gently used clothing and footwear available outside of the school office for families who may find it beneficial. We invite you to come and explore the table, where you will find a variety of items that may suit your family's needs. All clothing and footwear have been laundered, ensuring that they are clean and ready for use. We believe in fostering a supportive community, and this initiative aims to provide assistance for those who may appreciate the availability of these resources. Feel free to take what you need, as our intention is to contribute to the well-being of all our families. We will pass along any remaining clothing at the end of the month.



Lost and Found



Please write your child's name on all clothing and lunch items. This is very helpful as we would prefer to return lost items directly to your child instead of placing them on the Lost and Found rack near the gymnasium. With the colder weather, there are more items all the time. Please check each week for lost items. More expensive lost and found items will be kept in the office.

Late Arrival

We would like to kindly remind you that if your child arrives after the morning bell and finds their classroom door closed, we request that you bring them to the school office for check-in. Our policy ensures the safety and well-being of all students, and this process allows us to account for everyone's whereabouts throughout the day. Upon arrival, please sign your child in at the office, and they will be provided with a late slip to present to their teacher. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a secure and organized learning environment. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



School Pictures Survey

We are currently reviewing different photographers for our individual and school photos and would appreciate feedback from our school community. Your feedback is essential in helping us choose the right company for our community. We've put together a quick survey to understand your preferences. Please take a moment to share your thoughts by completing the [survey](#) before January 20th.



Dog Rescue Fundraiser



Thank you for everyone who donated to the Dog Rescue Fundraiser. MacCorkindale was able to collect over \$130 as well as needed supplies to help dogs in need. We collected three bins of items such as food, toys, pee pads, leashes and collars. The donations were given to Just Four Paws Rescue in December, who are so thankful for our generosity. Puppies, such as Gus and River, will have everything they need thanks to MacCorkindale.

Kindergarten Registration for 2024-2025

Children born in 2019 turning 5 years old by December 31, 2024.

It is time to register for kindergarten.

- Priority enrolment to register your child with the Vancouver School District is online now through to January 31, 2024

There is a two-step registration process to enroll your child in kindergarten.

- First, register your child(ren) [online](#),
- Second, make an appointment with your catchment school to verify your information in person.
- Visit govsb.ca/kindergarten for more information.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS THAT MAY HAVE CHILDREN AT THIS AGE.



Important Dates

Monday, January 15	Professional Day; No school for students
Tuesday, January 23	PAC Meeting at 7pm
Friday, January 26	Be Your Best Assembly

Planning Ahead

Friday, February 16	Professional Day; No school for students
Monday, February 19	Family Day; No school
Friday, February 23	Be Your Best Assembly

From the PAC

Welcome back! We hope you have had a good break and are excited to get back into the rhythm of school life.

The PAC is excited to be organizing a few fun family events this year! **A reminder that at PAC events, an adult MUST attend and supervise their own child(ren).**

The first event will be a family craft and hot chocolate night on
Friday February 2nd from
5:30-7:30pm.

Pre-purchased tickets for a designated entry time are REQUIRED for this event, in order to ensure supplies and space for everyone. Tickets are \$1 per person (please purchase for students, adults and preschool siblings too!). Your ticket price includes hot chocolate and crafts. A cash concession will also be available at the event.

Tickets to this event can now be purchased on [munchalunch](#). Tickets are limited based on number of volunteers. Please contact the PAC (pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com) if you have any questions or problems purchasing tickets.

As with all PAC events, this event is 100% volunteer planned and run. If you are available to help at this event, please consider signing up. All supplies and instructions will be provided for you. To sign up to volunteer at our family craft and hot chocolate night, please [click here!](#)

Thank you!

Coming soon: Family Board Game Night: Thursday, February 29th: 5:30-7:30 pm in the Gym

Our next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 23 in the school library from 7-8 PM and we hope to see you there to reconnect and hear what you want to see from our PAC this new year.

Make sure you follow us to keep up to date and hear about our latest events and fundraisers at

Facebook: www.facebook.com/maccorkindalepac/ or

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

Thank you for your continued support and dedication!

Remember any questions or concerns can be directed to our email at pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com

Stay warm,

MacCorkindale PAC executive

Family Crafts & Hot Cocoa Night



FRIDAY, FEB 2



5:30-7:30PM

Tickets must be purchased in advance
for a designated entry time.

\$1 per person, includes craft stations
and hot chocolate.

Please bring your own mug for the hot
chocolate station.

Cash only concession will be available.