



# 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



As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank our entire community for making this such a vibrant and fulfilling time. I continue to be inspired by our students' curiosity, kindness, and perseverance in all they do.

Thank you to our PAC for their ongoing dedication and for enriching our school through events and support for student learning. It has been wonderful to see students live our Code of Conduct—Be Your Best: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe—in their daily actions and interactions.

To our staff, thank you for your commitment to student success and well-being. To our families, we appreciate your partnership and support.

To those moving on, we wish you all the best—you will always be part of the MacCorkindale community.

Wishing everyone a restful and joyful summer. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

## Staffing

As we approach the end of the school year, it is with mixed emotions that I share the news that some of our staff members will be leaving MacCorkindale. Their contributions have been invaluable, and they will be greatly missed by our school community. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

- Ms. Prince- Resource
- Ms. Kowa- Kindergarten



## Thank You PAC!!

An enormous thank you to our PAC Executive. We are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to make MacCorkindale the place it is.

Chairs: Sam Kailley  
Treasurer: Adna Zas Friz  
Secretary: Rebecca Padierna  
Hot Lunch: Leah Kloebel



Some highlights from the year:

- Field trip and classroom funds
- Ice Cream Event (coming soon)
- Movie Nights
- Sports Day treats
- Hot lunch and concession
- Gymsense
- Apple Fundraiser
- and many other countless things

Thank you to everyone who supported the PAC this year. We appreciate all that you do and provide for our school community.

## Sports Day

We were fortunate that the rain held off for Sports Day on Friday, May 28! It was wonderful to see the whole school come together for the bike parade, led for the first time by Mr. Prasad! Everyone enjoyed a full day of participation and sportsmanship. A big thank you to the PAC for organizing freezies for all students, and running the concession. Thank you to the organizing committee and all the staff who helped with setup and planning, and a special shoutout to the MacCorkindale Alumni who ran the stations – we couldn't have done it without you! We were lucky to have the sun make an appearance to shine some rays on the races at the end of the day.



## MCO's Got Talent



We're so excited to invite you to our upcoming MCO's Talent Show on June 17! Doors open at 1:00 PM, and the show will start promptly at 1:15 PM—please arrive on time to avoid any disruptions. Parents of performers will have reserved seating, but we kindly ask that families limit the number of attendees to ensure there's room for everyone.

Get ready to be amazed by a variety of student acts including singing, dancing, tumbling, magic, and music! To support all our talented performers, we ask that guests **stay for the entire show**. We can't wait to see you there and celebrate the creativity and courage of our students!

## School Pictures for Purchase



Class photos were sent home last month. In addition, a special panoramic photo was taken of the entire school. If you want to buy a copy of this large school photo, please visit this link: <https://geosnapshot.com/e/gzj-dr-h-n-maccorkindale-elementary-rooftop-50748/50748?source=event-eo-share>

To see the photo, you need a password. This password is in the email we sent to you. Please do not share the password with others. These photos are only for our school's families.

## Photo Etiquette

With numerous field trips and school events like the talent show on the horizon, a friendly reminder, if you share photos on social media, please **only post pictures of your own child**. If other children are in the photo, please ask their parents for permission before posting, or cover the other child(ren)'s faces with an emoji.



Thank you for helping keep all our children safe and respected.

## Summary of Learning

The June Summary of Learning (Report Cards) will be going home to families on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. This will be the final written report in this format. In the Fall, all schools in the district will move to the SpacesEDU online platform for reporting. Information about this new reporting format will be shared in the new year.

If your family will be leaving school early, we will hold your child's report card for pick-up in September. We are not able to mail report cards or give them to anyone but the parent or legal guardian of the student.



The **last day of school** for students is Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026. School will be in session from 9:00 am until 2:58 pm.

## Notice of Late Return

All students are expected to attend school on the first day of the new school year: Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. If your child will be returning to school after this date, it is essential that a parent or legal guardian notifies the school in writing or by completing the Notice of Late Return Form by Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This ensures your child's space at the school is held. Please note: student spaces will not be held beyond September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Late Return Form is available at the school office.

## School Fees



School fees for 2026/27 is posted at the end of this newsletter. You will receive notification of the fees due via School Cash Online in the Fall. As per MacCorkindale's past practice, fees for programs, workbooks and fieldtrips for students will be collected as needed. They are specific to your child(ren)'s class.

*The Vancouver School District is committed to ensuring that no school-age student be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all school fees are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.*

## First Day of School in September

The first day of school for the 2026-2027 School Year will be **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be attending from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This is an important day to "check-in" and let us know you are attending MacCorkindale. Students who do not come on this day must contact the school immediately to let us know their status. No space can be held, so it is very important that you connect with us if you will not be here on September 8<sup>th</sup>.



Please note the following information:

- All returning students, please report to your last year's classroom (line-up in the same location as you did during the 2025-2026 school year).
- All NEW students in Grades 1-7, please line up by the Main Doors by the "New Student" sign.
- New Kindergarten students will receive their gradual entry schedule soon.
- Regular session begins Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Remember to bring a healthy snack and lunch for the day, as well as a water bottle

## Lost and Found



Items in the Lost and Found will be displayed in the main hallway the last week of school. Kindly collect any items belonging to your family. Items not collected will be donated to charity.

## Important Dates

Thursday, June 4 Track and Field Meet at Swangard  
Wednesday, June 17 Talent Show  
Friday, June 19 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremonies  
Tuesday, June 23 Summary of Learning Go Home  
Wednesday, June 24 BYB Assembly  
Thursday, June 25 Year End Assembly



## Planning Ahead



Tuesday, September 8 First Day Back to School  
Monday, September 21 Pro-D Day (No school for STUDENTS)  
Wednesday, September 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

## School Office Closure

The office is closed for the summer from Wednesday, July 1, 2026 to Friday, August 28, 2026. The school will re-open on Monday, August 31, 2026.



## After the Bell- Building Better Tech Habits

Healthy habits with technology are important to maintain over the summer months. As the school year comes to an end, you are invited to attend a live virtual learning session. After the Bell LIVE Presents: Building Better Tech Habits with MediaSmarts. You'll hear from experts in the field who will discuss practical strategies to help families support balanced, healthy and mindful technology use.



**Topic: Building Better Tech Habits with MediaSmarts**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Who:**

- Matthew Johnson, Education Director at MediaSmarts
- Christina Walker, Digital Literacy Mentor Teacher at VSB

**Together, we will:**

- Consider how digital technologies shape daily routines and well-being
- Learn evidence-based approaches to building positive tech habits
- Explore ways to support children and teens in developing critical digital skills
- Share strategies to foster open, supportive conversations about technology use

Have questions? Ask them live during the session's designated Q&A period.

**Register [HERE](#) by 5 pm, Monday June 8th.**

This session will be recorded and will be available as part of our After the Bell podcast series.

**2026-27 Bell Schedule**

2026-2027 VSB Standard Elementary Bell Schedule-Regular	
9:00-10:30	Instructional Time
10:30-10:50	Recess
10:50-12:10	Instructional Time
12:10-12:55	Lunch
12:55-3:00	Instructional Time

Please note that next year, the school day will end at 3:00pm instead of 2:58pm

**2026-27 School Fees**



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE**

Informations importantes - Veuillez traduire

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Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

Información importante - Por favor traducir

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Thông tin quan trọng - Xin tìm phiên dịch

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**MacCorkindale**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**School Year 2026-27**  
**School Fee Schedule**

**FINANCIAL HARDSHIP**

The Vancouver School District is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all school fees are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.

[See Administrative Procedure 506: Financial Hardship](#)

**\$35.00 SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE**

As per the School Act, families are required to provide their child with consumable supplies and equipment for personal use. The Vancouver School District offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies provided in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2026-2027 is \$35.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for each student's personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. However, families can choose to purchase their own school supplies independently and opt out of paying this fee. The school will provide a list of required consumable supplies to families who choose this option.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOL FEES**

Optional supplemental school fees can be charged for materials and/or activities that are in addition to what is necessary for the student to meet the learning standards of the curriculum. These resources and activities enhance learning experiences and are recommended, but not required. Some supplemental fees may be offset through fundraising events or financial support through the Parent Advisory Council. The items listed below include materials and activities that the school has already identified as supplemental fees for the 2026-2027 school year.

Item	Description	Fees	Grade(s)
Agenda	School agendas support students with organization and planning.	\$7.00	K-7

**OTHER POTENTIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FEES**

Throughout the year, fees may also be charged as needed for field studies, performances, events and activities that are aligned with the curriculum and support unique or enhanced learning experiences beyond the required learning standards. Specific information and the associated fees will be communicated by the classroom teacher prior to these events. These activities and events are recommended, but not required.

**2026-27 School Calendar**

**Calendar 2026-27  
MacCorkindale  
Elementary School**



**SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW**

Number of Days in Session	186
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	5 Professional Development Days 1 Non-Instructional Day 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

**IMPORTANT DATES**

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18, 2026
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2026 - Friday, January 1, 2027
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2027
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 12, 2027
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 15, 2027 - Thursday, March 25, 2027
Good Friday	Friday, March 26, 2027
Easter Monday	Monday, March 29, 2027
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2027
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2027
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2027

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS  
(SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)**

Monday, September 21, 2026	Professional Development Day (School - moveable)
Friday, October 23, 2026	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 20, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 12, 2027	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 19, 2027	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)
Friday, May 21, 2027	Professional Development Day (School - not moveable)

**PARENT CONFERENCE DATES**

**EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES**

Tuesday, October 20, 2026	2:00pm Dismissal
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	2:00pm Dismissal
Wednesday, April 21, 2027	2:00pm Dismissal
Thursday, April 22, 2027	2:00pm Dismissal

## Safe and Caring Schools

Wishing you all a happy and healthy break, and hoping you also get a chance to connect with family and friends. Please support and care for yourself, listen to others needing support, and seek out someone you can talk with when needed. Please consider the information below if you, a friend, or a family member experiences distress during the Winter Break. Call 911 if you or someone you know is seriously unwell.

### **Vancouver Coastal Health Youth Clinics 778-871-7132**

There is a central intake line you can call to access support across the city, depending on where you live for Youth Clinics (there are four centres across Vancouver). Please listen to the message provided to get information on where you or a friend can access service over the holidays.

To attend intake, please come in person to a CYMH office on a designated intake day to book an appointment for the same day. They do not book appointments over the phone and appointments cannot be booked days in advance. Intake is done on a *first come, first served* basis. They operate like a walk-in clinic, so *please expect to be seen right away or later on in the day*. Appointments are approximately 1-2 hours long. You, the child/youth, must be present at the appointment. You are welcome to attend walk-in intake at any of the following CYMH office locations:

- **Pacific Spirit Child & Youth Mental Health** (3rd floor, 2110 W 43rd Ave) (604) 267-3970
  - Tuesdays 12:00pm - 6:00pm, Thursdays 9:00am - 3:00pm
- **Northeast Child & Youth Mental Health** (3rd floor, 2750 E Hastings St.) (604) 675-3895
  - Mondays 9:00am - 3:00pm, Wednesdays 12:00pm - 6:00pm
- **Raven Song Child & Youth Mental Health** (3rd floor, 2450 Ontario St.) (604) 872-8441
  - Fridays 9:00am - 3:00pm
- **West End Child & Youth Mental Health** (101-1128 Hornby St.) (604) 331-8908
  - Thursdays 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Foundry BC**—Granville Street, Vancouver 604-806-9415, 1260 Granville Street, Vancouver Please visit to book an appointment with Foundry BC: [Foundry Vancouver-Granville - foundrybc](https://foundrybc.ca)

You can also access **virtual counselling by phone 1-833-308-6379** or by downloading the **Foundry app** and registering for services. Please visit: <https://foundrybc.ca/virtual/>

Mental health and substance use supports available during the holiday season are listed and linked on the [erase mental health and substance use web page](#). The [Report It tool](#) also remains available to students over winter break.

### **Other Helpful Resources:**

C.A.R.T. 604-874-2300

Suicide Hotline 1-800-784-2433

BC Crisis Line: 604-310-6789

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

Vancouver Distress Line 604-872-3311 or online chat ([www.youthinbc.com](http://www.youthinbc.com))

Vancouver After Hours (MCFD) 604-660-4927

Access and Assessment Centre 604-675-3700 (17+)

WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre (24 hours) 604-255-6344

Indigenous Crisis and Support Line- KUU-US Crisis Support Line 1-800-588-8717

Safehouses & Sheltersbc211.ca

Youthspace.ca online chat or text 778-783-0177

**PAC News**

PAC would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our MacCorkindale families for supporting our fundraisers and volunteering your time with us this year. With your help PAC was able to host 2 movie nights, provide brand new jerseys for our Track & Field team, operate our Hot Lunch program, and fund many field trips, among other things. We've had a fun year supporting our students, and are looking forward to getting back to it in September. Our Annual General Meeting is Tues. Sept 22nd at 6:30pm in the Library. Help us plan the year ahead by attending the meeting, all parents and caregivers are welcome, and babysitting is provided.