



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



As we come to the close of another school year, I want to take a moment to thank each and every member of our school community. This year has been filled with growth, learning, laughter, and resilience. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or during school events, our students have shown curiosity, kindness, and determination.

One of the most rewarding parts of this year has been watching our students truly embody the values in our school's code of conduct: Be Your Best: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe. These guiding principles have been evident in the way students support one another, take pride in their learning, contribute to a positive school culture, and make safe, thoughtful choices every day.

To our staff—thank you for your unwavering commitment to supporting student learning and well-being. To our families—your partnership and involvement are vital, and we are grateful for the continued support you provide.

To those who are moving on—whether to new schools, new cities, or into retirement—you will always be a part of our MacCorkindale family. We wish you all the best in your next chapter.

Have a restful and joyful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another great year of learning and connection.

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.

- Mr. Charlton- Grade 7
- Ms. Tsai- Grade 1/2
- Ms. Katsy and Ms. Fu – Student Support
- Ms. Davey, Mr. Reel, Ms. Dubois- Resource
- Ms. Alison Noel- Grade 3/4
- Ms. Janet and Ms. Vi – On Call Supervision Aides



Retirement

After 28 remarkable years at MacCorkindale, Ms. Noel is retiring. Throughout her time here, she has taught Grades 2 to 5, leaving a lasting impact on students with her gentle presence, dedication, and passion for learning. Beyond the classroom, Ms. Noel has contributed to our school spirit by coaching cross country and track and field, and by leading the much-loved bike parade on Sports Day. She will be dearly missed, and we wish her all the very best in her retirement.



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.

Co-Chairs: Beau Bierhaus and Sam Kailley
Treasurer: Ladan Laderkhani
Secretary: Minna Low
Hot Lunch: Leah Kloebe

Some highlights from the year:

- Field trip and classroom funds
- Movie Nights
- Hot lunch and concession
- Apple Fundraiser
- Ice Cream Event (coming soon)
- Sports Day equipment and treats
- Recess/Lunch activity buckets (coming soon)
- 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 had amazing weather for Sports Day on Friday, May 23! It was great to see the whole school come together for the bike parade and enjoy an entire day of sportsmanship. A big thank you to the PAC for organizing freebies for all students, running the concession and for providing new equipment for the day. 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!

MCO's Got Talent!

We're so excited to invite you to our upcoming MCO's Talent Show! Doors open at 1:15 PM, and the show will start promptly at 1:30 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, comedy, and instrumental 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!



Photo Etiquette

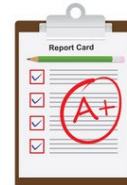


With numerous field trips and school events on the horizon, a friendly reminder, if you share photos on social media, please only post pictures of your own child. If other children are in the photo, please ask their parents for permission before posting, or cover the other child(ren)'s faces with an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

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

End Of Year

The June Summary of Learning (Report Cards) will be going home to families on Wednesday, June 25th. 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 26th. 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 2nd. 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 26th, 2025. This ensures your child's space at the school is held. Please note: student spaces will not be held beyond September 30th. The Late Return Form is available at the school office.

Class Placement



In designing our new classes for September, our staff works closely together to create classroom communities that support every child's learning. We consider everything we've learned about your child to make the best possible placement.

This is a thoughtful and careful process that takes time and collaboration.

If your child is placed in a combined (split) class, please know this does not reflect their academic ability. Students in split classes are taught the full curriculum for their grade. Being in a split class does not mean your child is getting an advanced or less advanced program.

Our teachers are committed to placing students where they will thrive, and we are confident in the care and professionalism they bring to this process.

School Fees

School fees for 2025/26 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. For the 2025/26 school year, the PAC have generously covered the cost of student agendas. Thank you, PAC!

First Day of School in September

The first day of instruction for the 2025-2026 School Year will be **Tuesday, September 2nd**. 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 2nd.

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 2024-2025 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 3rd, 9:00 am to 2:58 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.

2025-26 Bell Schedule

School hours are as follows: Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:58pm	
Warning Bell	8:55AM
Instruction Time	9:00AM-10:30AM
RECESS	10:30AM-10:50AM
Instruction Time	10:50AM-12:10PM
LUNCH	12:10PM-12:55PM
Instruction Time	12:55PM-2:58PM
DISMISSAL	2:58PM

School Office Closure



The office is closed for the summer from Tuesday, July 1st to Friday, August 22nd. The school will re-open on Monday, August 25th.

Important Dates

Thursday, June 5	Track and Field Meet at Swangard Stadium
Wednesday, June 18	Talent Show
Friday, June 20	Leaving Ceremonies
Tuesday June 24	BYB Assembly
Thursday June 26	Last Day for Students; Year End Assembly
Friday June 27	Administrative Day- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



Planning Ahead



Tuesday, September 2	Back to School
Friday, September 19	Pro-D Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tuesday, September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation- No School
Friday, November 2	BYB Assembly

PAC News

Happy (almost) summer MacCorkindale families. PAC is organizing an ice cream social on Tuesday June 24th so come by after school to see us for a free ice cream. We have our last movie night of the school year this Friday (June 6th) tickets are free but have to be reserved through munchalunch. Our last movie night was a big success and we look forward to arranging more in the fall. We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer break and we look forward to seeing you at our PAC AGM on September 23rd.

School Fees Schedule

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE



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MacCorkindale
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Year 2025-26

Standardized School Fee Schedule

*Financial Hardship Policy

The Board of Education 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.

\$35.00 SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE

The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2025-2026 is \$35.00 per student*. This optional fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. Families can choose to purchase their own school supplies independently.

SUPPLEMENTAL FEES

Optional supplemental school fees can be charged for materials or goods that are surplus to what is necessary for the student to meet the expected curricular outcomes.

Item	Fee
Agenda - School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.	\$0 (PAC subsidized)
Workbooks - Students in some divisions will be using a mathematics practice and homework book. This material supplements the classroom math program. The workbook is available for purchase. Students are not obligated to purchase the workbook and may opt to use their copy as a reference textbook instead, meaning the workbook will be returned at the end of the school year for another student to use in the future. Students opting to use the workbook as a textbook will be responsible for ensuring that it remains unmarked and in excellent condition to return the workbook at the end of the year and receive reimbursement.	Grades TBD \$15
Grade 7 Camp - Overnight camp	TBD

Other:

Optional Field Studies Fees - To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level. Fees may be charged.

Optional Performance Fee - This optional supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level. Fees may be charged.

Optional Activity Fee - This optional supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in unique activities that align with a particular educational theme. Fees may be charged.

School Calendar

Calendar 2025-26 MacCorkindale Elementary School

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SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	180
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	5 Professional Development Days 1 Non-Instructional Day 1 Administrative Day (June 26)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2025
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 22, 2025-Friday, January 2, 2026
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16-Friday, March 27, 2026
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 30, 2026
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Monday	Monday April 6, 2026
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2026

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

Friday, September 19, 2025	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 24, 2025	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 21, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, January 12, 2026	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 13, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 20, 2026	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Wednesday, October 15, 2025	Early Dismissal at 1:58pm
Thursday, October 16, 2025	Early Dismissal at 1:58pm
Wednesday, April 22, 2026	Early Dismissal at 1:58pm
Thursday, April 23, 2026	Early Dismissal at 1:58pm

VSBC Educational Assistant Diploma Program

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 B.C. schools.

Our VSBC EA Diploma Program offers:

- Relevant instruction in 14 critical courses provided by professionals active in their fields, over 400 hours of instruction.
- Pertinent workshops
- Certificates in CPI (Nonviolent Crisis Intervention) POPARD, First Aid, EASE, and Seizure Management
- 2-four week-practicums in VSBC schools; over 250 hours of practical learning
- Mentoring throughout the 6-month program

Prerequisites include:

- Sufficient vision and hearing to perform job-related duties.
- Physically capable to lift 35 pounds (about 16 kg); transfer students from wheelchair to toilet, chair, recreational equipment or change table; keep up with active students throughout the school day.
- Minimum: Grade 12 Graduation and transcripts indicating academic capability to support students from kindergarten to Grade 12.
- Preference: 70% minimum in English 12 or equivalent.
- Preference: Experience working or volunteering with children/youth with diversities, especially in an educational setting.

To register for a free online **Information Session** from 7-8:30 PM, go to www.burnabyccce.ca. Scroll to EA Programs and select VSBC EA Information Sessions. Sign up for one of the following dates.

- Tuesday, June 17
- Wednesday, July 16
- Wednesday, August 6
- Monday, August 25

The next session of the VSBC EA Program will begin September 8, 2025. Applications are being accepted beginning July 4, 2025. We suggest applying early to avoid disappointment. **Apply at Burnaby Community & Continuing Education at <https://www.burnabyccce.ca>**

CAREGIVING

AFTER A TRAUMATIC INCIDENT



Offered to you by VCH Child and Adolescent Response Team (CART) in partnership with the Vancouver School Board (VSB).

JUNE 11, 2025 | 06:00 – 07:30 PM

DAVID THOMPSON SECONDARY SCHOOL
1755 E 55th Ave, Vancouver, BC V5P 1Z7

Come join us for the evening at David Thompson Secondary library for an information session and discussion around some of the challenges of parenting following the tragedy of April 26th. There will be coffee/tea, discussion, and resources available! We will explore and provide some support around questions you may have as caregivers. You may wonder...

How do I know if my child is impacted and struggling since this incident occurred?

Sometimes I don't know if I am helping my child or making things worse for them.

How do I know if my child needs more than my support/community support?

Bring your questions, as we will allow for ample time for Q & A.



JOIN US