



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

We are having some beautiful weather, and with that, we find ourselves rapidly approaching the culmination of another successful school year. Our teachers and staff have been working diligently to nurture and educate our students.

It is hard to believe that it is June! May was a busy month and we had many exciting events such as Sports Day, in-class activities, Welcome to Kindergarten and many other exciting field trips. June is another extremely activity-filled month. We have already had the Track and Field meet and are looking forward to some upcoming events such as the Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony, our Volunteer Tea and many other fun and exciting trips planned.



At this time, we have staff members who will be leaving MacCorkindale at the end of this school year. We would like to acknowledge their contributions to the MacCorkindale school community and wish them all well. We are so sad to say goodbye to Mr. Allan Johnson, Ms. Leah Smith, Ms. Girly Ballesil, Ms. Jodie Tsai, Ms. Brianna Tucsok, Ms. Patricia Eckles, Ms. Tammy Lee and Mr. Scott Kanou. We wish them all a fond farewell. All the best for the future. We will miss you!

We would like to welcome back Ms. Vy Nguyen who is returning to MacCorkindale in September.

As the end of this month approaches, the time has come to say goodbye to our Grade 7 students. Good luck to each of you as you move on to different secondary schools within our school district. We look forward to hearing about your successes in the months and years to come. On behalf of the MacCorkindale staff, thank you for choosing to be part of this community. All the best!



Thank you to our staff, for making this year a success. I am thankful for all that you do to positively contribute to our learning environment. Special thank you to Ms. Reena Sampat who is so welcoming and keeps our school running smoothly!

Have a safe and happy summer everyone. Remember to keep your child(ren) reading and playing outside all summer long. The last full day of classes will be on Thursday, June 27th (regular school hours). Our school office will re-open Monday, August 26th.

Thank you to our PAC!

I would like to say a huge 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: Leah Kloeble and Shawna Quesnel

Treasurer: Travis Miller

Members at Large: Felicia Poon, Rachel Dirks, Hermender Singh Kailley, Vanessa Cleary, Jennifer Wineberg, and Veronica Veloso

Some highlights from the year:

- Arts and Crafts Night
- Hot lunch and concession
- Apple Fundraiser
- Plant Fundraiser
- Ice Cream Event (coming soon)
- White Hatter (coming soon)

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

Class Placement



In designing our new classes for September, the staff works together to build classroom communities that reflect all that we have learned about your child. The guiding principle is to create classroom communities that will enhance the learning of each child within the larger context of the needs of all children.

This is not an easy task. MacCorkindale staff invests a great deal of time and thought into this process.

Placement in a combined class **does not reflect in any way your child's academic ability.** Placement in a combination class at the lower grade does not mean that your child will cover the curriculum of the upper grade or receive an advanced program. The same holds true for a student who is in the upper end of a split class - your child does not receive a non-advanced program because students from a lower grade are in the same classroom; nor will your child be academically penalized by being placed into the combination class, rather than a straight class.

Our teachers do an excellent job of placing all of the students.

School Office Summer Closure

The office is closed for the summer from Tuesday, July 2nd to Friday, August 23rd. The school will re-open on Monday, August 26th.

Report Cards

The June Summary of Learning will go home on Monday, June 24th. If your family will be leaving school early, we will hold the report card at the office, and it can be picked up in September.



Notice of Late Return

All students are expected to attend school on the first day of the new school year which is Tuesday, September 3rd. If your child(ren) will be returning to school late in September, it is **ESSENTIAL** that the parent or legal guardian notify the school by filling out the **Notice of Late Return Form** or present a note in writing by **Thursday, June 27th, 2024**, so that the student will remain enrolled in the school. Space **will not** be held beyond September 30th. The Late Return Form can be picked up in the office.

School Fees

School fees for 2024/25 is posted at the end of this newsletter. You will receive notification of the common school wide 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 2024/25 school year, the PAC have generously covered the cost of student agendas. Thank you, PAC!

First day of school is Tuesday, September 3

The first day of instruction for the 2024-2025 School Year will be Tuesday, September 3rd. 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 3rd.

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 2023-2024 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 over the summer.

Regular session begins Wednesday, September 4th, 9:00 am to 2:58 pm. Remember to bring a healthy snack and lunch for the day, as well as a water bottle.

2024-25 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

Note: there are minor adjustment in the district bell schedule for elementary schools.



Library Books

The week of June 3rd was the last week for book circulation. All books needed to be returned to the library by Friday, June 7th.

Pickleball

Some classes will be learning to play pickleball during P.E classes. Students in Grades 3-5 will also be given the opportunity to play and learn during Wednesday and Friday lunch hour sessions led by Mr. Low.

Gardening

Students in Divisions 8, 10, 11 and 13 have been planting in the garden boxes located next to the primary playground. The students are taking care of the gardens by watering them daily and observing their plants grow. They kindly ask that you observe the plants and watch them grow, but not pick any. The students are excited to taste their fruits and veggies they have cared for.



Soft Plastic Collection

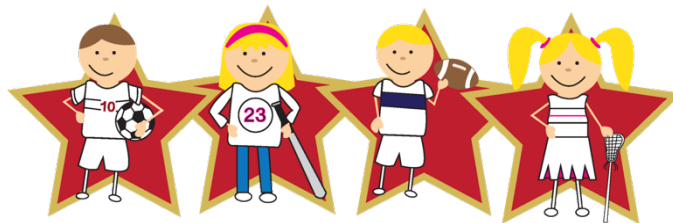


After one month of collection MacCorkindale collected almost two giant bags full of plastic, which would otherwise have ended up in the landfill. The pilot for this initiative is now complete. If you have any soft plastics, please take them to the recycle depot.

Sports Day

We had a soggy Sports Day on Friday, May 24. There was still fun and laughter; it was wonderful to see the whole school coming together for the bike parade!

Thank you to the PAC for organizing the special treat for everyone and for staff who helped to set up and organize the event. A special thank you to the MacCorkindale Alumni who ran each station- we couldn't have done it without you! A big thank you to our Sports Day Committee who worked hard to organize such a special day.



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 6, 2024	Track and Field Meet
Friday, June 7, 2024	Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations
Tuesday, June 11, 2024	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
Thursday, June 13, 2024	Volunteer Tea
Friday, June 14, 2024	Rainbow Day
Tuesday, June 18, 2024	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony/K Ceremony
Monday, June 24, 2024	Report Cards Sent Home
Friday, June 21, 2024	BYB Assembly
Thursday, June 27, 2024	Last Full Day for Students
Thursday, June 27, 2024	Year End Assembly
Friday, June 28, 2024	Administrative Day – No school for students

Planning Ahead



Tuesday, September 3, 2024	First day of School for Grade 1-7 students
Friday, September 20, 2024	Pro-D Day- NO school for students
Monday, September 30, 2024	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation- NO school

From the PAC

Dear MacCorkindale Families,


As we near the end of another fantastic school year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

Please consider volunteering:

As we prepare for the upcoming year, we find ourselves in urgent need of parents to join the PAC executive team. Your participation is vital to ensuring the success of our community initiatives and programs. If you're interested in taking an active role, please reach out to us at pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com

Internet safety presentation:

We just wanted to remind you that we'll be hosting a parent session run by the **White Hatter** focused on digital literacy and internet safety. This session will take place on **Wednesday, June 19, from 5:45 to 7:45 pm in the gym**. Childcare will be provided, so please mark your calendars and join us to learn valuable insights into keeping our children safe online.

 **Ice Cream Social:** Additionally, mark your calendars for our upcoming **Ice Cream Social!** Join us on **Thursday, June 20, after school** for a sweet treat and the chance to mingle with fellow parents and members of our amazing community. Whether you prefer ice cream or a refreshing popsicle, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Please note that there will be no PAC meeting in June as we wrap up this school year. We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your support throughout the year, and we eagerly anticipate seeing you at our upcoming events. Please join us in September for our AGM!

Thank you for being an integral part of our vibrant community. Together, we can continue to make a positive difference in the lives of our children and families in our community and neighborhood.

Follow us on Instagram at: https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale_pac/

Or Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/maccorkindalepac/>

And check out our website at maccorkindalepac.square.site so you know what's going on!

Warm regards,

The PAC executive team

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE

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MacCorkindale

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Year 2024-25 (Payable in September 2024)

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 GENERAL SCHOOL 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 2024-2025 is \$35.00 per student*. This 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.

SUPPLEMENTAL FEES

Student Agenda/Planner \$0 (Thank you PAC!)	Some students at MacCorkindale Elementary will be using an Agenda/Planner. 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.
Performance Fee \$10	We are pleased to enrich your child's learning through a wide variety of performances this year. This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. Parent support has made these opportunities possible and we appreciate your continued contribution. Sometimes, the PAC covers the whole cost so we may not request this fee.
Activity Fee \$TBD	This year some classes will be booking workshops. Parent support for this activity was confirmed last school year and we appreciate your contribution towards this opportunity. These fees will be charged at the time the workshops occur.
Workbooks \$32	This year, students in some division will be using a mathematics practice and homework book. This material supplements the classroom math program. The workbook is available for purchase at the cost of \$32 . 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 in order to return the workbook at the end of the year and receive reimbursement.
Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level	Throughout the school year your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.



Calendar 2024-2025

Dr. H. N MacCorkindale School



SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	180
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days 1 Administrative Day (June 27)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 3, 2024
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Monday, September 30, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2024
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 23, 2024-Friday, January 3, 2025
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2025
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 14, 2025
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 17 – Friday, March 28, 2025
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 31, 2025
Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	Monday April 21, 2025
Victoria Day	Monday, May 19, 2025
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 27, 2025

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

Friday, September 20, 2024	Professional Development Day
Friday, October 25, 2024	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 22, 2024	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, January 20, 2025	Professional Development Day
Friday, February 14, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 28, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024	Early Dismissal at 1:58 p.m.
Thursday, October 24, 2024	Early Dismissal at 1:58 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23, 2024	Early Dismissal at 1:58 p.m.
Thursday, April 24, 2024	Early Dismissal at 1:58 p.m.

FREE EVENT



BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST

TO REGISTER FAMILIES FROM YOUR SCHOOL
FOR A BACKPACK, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW.

**A DIRECT LINK HAS ALSO BEEN EMAILED TO THE SCHOOL CONTACT ON FILE.

- FREE BBQ
- REFRESHMENTS
- BOUNCY CASTLES
- TREATS AND MORE!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 11AM-2PM

SOUTH VANCOUVER • 7416 VICTORIA DRIVE

THE FAMILIES YOU REGISTER FOR A BACKPACK, PLUS MANY OTHER
FAMILIES FROM ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY, WILL GET TO PICK UP
THEIR BACKPACK AT OUR BIG EVENT!



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