



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 xʷməθkʷəy̅əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message



Can you believe it's already March? With the recent weather, it's hard to believe that Spring is just around the corner, with the days getting longer and Spring Break just 2 weeks away!

Last month may have been short, but it was packed with learning adventures, from exploring Lunar New Year to celebrating Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day.

Our student announcers are taking the opportunity to share the updated Indigenous land acknowledgment with our school community every day. They're also reminding everyone to follow our school's Code of Conduct to Be Your Best: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe.

Students are also being reminded to "keep their hands and feet to themselves" and to use their WITS to solve conflicts with peers. WITS stands for **W**alk away, **I**gnore, **T**alk it out, and **S**eek (adult) help. Our staff are continuing to teach and reinforce these important skills with students.

I continue to be grateful to be part of this wonderful school community, filled with caring and experienced staff, kind, and respectful students, and involved parents/guardians. Together, we create a safe and nurturing environment for all our learners.

Outside Days



Every day is an OUTSIDE day! The weather has been unpredictable, with cold and wet days becoming increasingly normal. It is important that students are dressed appropriately for outside play. If their clothes become wet and cold, it is very difficult for them to focus on learning throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is dressed for outside play. Consider sending extra clothes for your child as a change.

Traffic Safety



Please be reminded that the safety of children is our primary concern. We ask that you please:

- Follow all the parking and stopping rules posted
- No parking allowed in front of the school as signs state, just drop-off
- Quick drop off and pick-up on the school side of the street ONLY
- Do not make illegal turns near the school
- Refrain from parking or stopping anywhere that is prohibited
- Consider parking 1-2 blocks from the school and walk over to the school
- Use walkways; avoid walking through the parking lot or alleys for safety reasons.

We appreciate the efforts of drivers who follow these instructions for Battison Street and therefore working with the school to ensure a safe arrival and departure for each student every day. Thank you!

Keeping a Cleaner Community

As we continue to strive for a greener and cleaner school, we encourage all parents to consider packing "litterless" lunches for their child(ren). It's a simple yet effective way to contribute to our ongoing efforts to reduce garbage on our school grounds. Instead of single-use packaging, consider using reusable containers for snacks and lunches. Additionally, items like bananas or apples, which come with their own natural packaging, are excellent choices to minimize waste.



Term 2 Learning Updates

Term 2 Written Learning Updates will be sent home March 12th. For more information on the learning updates, please see the following document provided by the Ministry of Education.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/reporting/K-12-student-reporting-one-pager-for-parents-and-caregivers.pdf>

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Absences and Lates

We would like to kindly remind you to inform the school if your child will be absent. If your child will be late or absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents can call the office number at 604-713-4775, you may call any time, 24 hours a day.

If your child arrives after the morning bell, we request that you bring them to the school office. Upon arrival, please sign your child in, 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.



Student Learning Surveys- Grade 4 and 7 Families



The Vancouver School Board is participating in the 2024 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 3, 2024**, 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. Under the section “*Direct Access- no logon number required*” select:
 - District: the name of your child’s district
 - School: the name of your child’s school
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.
6. Once complete, the school will have the results.

Returning to MacCorkindale in September?



We are making plans for the 2024/2025 school year. It is important to know if your child is returning to MacCorkindale Elementary in September 2024. Student numbers are critical for us to determine class organization and staffing. If you are moving to another school, district, province or country, it is extremely important to let the office know. A yellow form was sent home a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to the families who have completed the survey and have returned the form. If you require another form, please contact your child's teacher and return the form as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Cold and Flu Season

With cold and flu season still upon us, we would like to remind parents to help keep our community healthy by keeping your child(ren) home if they are not feeling well. Staying home when feeling unwell will reduce the spread of illness throughout our school community. We will be sending any students who are ill home without exception.



Important Dates



Tuesday, March 5, 2024	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday, March 6, 2024	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, March 7, 2024	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Term 2 Reports Sent Home
Friday, March 15, 2024	Be Your Best Assembly
Monday, March 18-28, 2024	Spring Break; No School
Friday, March 29, 2024	Good Friday; No School

Planning Ahead

Monday, April 1, 2024	Easter Monday; No School
Tuesday, April 2, 2024	Return to Class after Spring Break
Friday, April 12, 2024	Class Photos
Monday, April 22, 2024	Professional Day; No School for Students
Friday, April 26, 2024	BYB Assembly



From the PAC

Dear MacCorkindale Parents and Guardians,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for the arrival of spring! Here are some updates and reminders from the MacCorkindale Parent Advisory Committee (PAC):

1. **West Coast Seeds Order Has Arrived:** We're excited to announce that our West Coast Seeds order has arrived! Please be on the lookout for them coming home soon with your child. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser to support our school.
2. **No PAC Meeting in March:** Please note that there will be no PAC meeting in March. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We encourage all parents and guardians to mark their calendars and join us for important discussions and updates.

We appreciate your continued support and involvement in our school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us

at pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com.

Stay up to date with our social media accounts:

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

Or Facebook at:

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

Check out our website at maccorkindalepac.square.site

Warm regards,

MacCorkindale PAC executive team