



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) & səlliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

As we welcome the month of March, our school is buzzing with activity and excitement. Students have been fully engaged in their learning, and it has been wonderful to see their continued growth and enthusiasm as we move toward Spring Break.

This week, classes began participating in Gym Sense, and it has been a joy watching students build their confidence, coordination, and physical literacy skills through this program. We are grateful for the energy and expertise the Gym Sense team brings to our school and the PAC for helping to subsidize this activity.

A reminder that Written Learning Updates will be sent home next week. These updates provide families with



a snapshot of student progress and learning so far this term. We encourage you to take some time to review them with your child and celebrate all the learning they have done.

As Spring Break approaches, we wish all our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community.

Daylight Savings Time- Spring Forward



Don't forget to set your clocks forward! Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, so remember to move your clocks ahead by one hour on Saturday night. While we may lose an hour of sleep, we'll gain more daylight in the evenings—just in time to enjoy the warmer spring weather!

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.



Written Learning Updates

Term 2 Written Learning Updates will be sent home March 10th. 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.

Dropping Off Forgotten Items

To support your child's independence and minimize disruptions to learning, we kindly ask families to ensure students arrive at school fully prepared with everything they need for the day. With nearly 300 students in our community, frequent drop-offs of forgotten items place additional strain on the office and interrupts classroom routines.



Please help your child build good organizational habits by checking that they have their lunches, school supplies and any required items before leaving home each morning. Should an unavoidable situation arise, please make sure any item brought to the school is **clearly labeled with your child's name and division or teacher's name**. This helps us ensure items make it to the right student- especially lunches! Thank you for helping us keep our school day running smoothly and for supporting your child's readiness and responsibility!

Saleema Noon

A friendly reminder that Saleema Noon presentations will occur on March 12 and 13. The parents' workshop via zoom will take place on Tuesday, March 10th from 6:30-8pm. The link for this session will be sent by email to all parents on Monday, March 9th. Please note that this session **will not** be recorded for privacy reasons.



Before and After School Supervision



We kindly remind you that morning supervision **begins at 8:40 AM**. For your child's safety, please ensure they are not left unattended on school grounds before this time. Additionally, students who walk home independently should go directly home after dismissal. After-school supervision is in place to ensure students are safely picked up. If your child wishes to stay and play after school, they must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe!

Safety Patrols

Due to limited student volunteers, safety patrols will only be available after school at the corner of Battison and 45th avenue. Please plan ahead to ensure your child arrives at school safely.



Student Learning Survey

The Vancouver School Board is participating in the 2026 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 1, 2026**, 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. Click on "Parents"
 - District: *39-Vancouver*
 - School: *Dr. HN MacCorkindale*
 - Language: *the language of your choice*
4. Click on the blue "Logon" button



2026-29 School Calendars

The Vancouver School Board has finalized the school calendars for the upcoming years. You can view them at the following link: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/proposed-school-calendars-2026-2029>.

Important Dates

Monday, March 2-13	Gym Sense
Tuesday, March 10	Saleema Noon Virtual Parent Session
Tuesday, March 10	Written Learning Updates Go Home
Wednesday, March 11	Nurse Visit (Div 6-13)
Thursday, March 12-13	Saleema Noon Body Science Workshops
Monday, March 16-27	Spring Break- No School
Tuesday, March 31	Be Your Best Assembly



Planning Ahead



Friday, April 3	Good Friday- No School
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday- No School
Wednesday, April 22	Class Pictures
Wednesday, April 22	Parent Teacher Conferences- EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:58pm
Thursday, April 23	Parent Teacher Conferences- EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:58pm
Friday, April 24	Be Your Best Assembly

PAC News

Our last hot lunch session (April 10-June 19) is up and running. Please place all orders before Sunday, Mar.15 at 11:59 PM. No late orders will be accepted. After the session is closed for ordering no refunds will be given.

Thanks for supporting the school through this PAC fundraiser! It's your support that helps us fund programs like Gymsense for the kids.

Order here: <https://share.google/ctHa5s7h3jt198jIA>

Please consider volunteering some of your time during lunch (11:30-12:15) to help distribute the hot lunch as this is crucial to the success of this program.

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://share.google/dUE2Lz4CoqAQhKOMm>

Keep an eye out for our second Neufeld farms fundraiser in mid-April for great frozen foods.

Stay up to date with the PAC on our socials:

https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale_pac?igsh=MWZiMnhpZ2piY3psZQ==

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BWFbisMmG/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Please **save the date** for our next PAC meeting Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 in the library. We hope to see you there.