



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

May is a wonderfully busy time at our school, filled with exciting activities and events including Sports Day, the Kindergarten Welcoming Event, an Earthquake Drill, and a variety of field trips. With the arrival of beautiful weather, I hope families are enjoying more time outdoors and away from screens—an opportunity to reconnect, recharge, and appreciate the importance of community and coming together. It was also lovely to see so many families in the building for conferences. Your presence and engagement truly help strengthen the connection between home and school.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our PAC for their incredible support. Thanks to their generosity, we're looking forward to a drumming workshop in early June for all classes. Their contributions have also funded new Sports Day equipment, supported the Grade 7 trip to Playland, and enhanced many other school initiatives.



As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our parents and guardians. Your ongoing support and involvement have played a vital role in creating a positive, nurturing environment where our students can thrive. Let's continue to work together to foster a culture of "being your best" within our school community.

Earthquake Preparedness



On Thursday, May 8th, our school will take part in a special earthquake practice called The Big One at Two. This drill helps us learn what to do to stay safe during an emergency.

This year, we are inviting **Kindergarten parents only** to join the drill. This will help children learn how to stay safe at both home and school. Please read the letter that was sent home for more details.

We have included information about our emergency reunification plan at the end of this newsletter. This plan explains how families can safely pick up their children if a real emergency happens.

Thank you for helping make this a safe and important learning experience for everyone!

School Organization

We are in the process of planning for the 2025-26 school year. Teachers will be working to create new classes for September.

The MacCorkindale staff work 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. Our staff invests a great deal of time and thought into this process.

If you feel an absolute need to communicate *in writing* the needs for your child(ren)'s class placement to the school team, pick up a yellow "Class Placement Information Form" from the office. **Only this form will be used**, we will not be taking emails or letters. The form will be shared with staff, and we will do our best to consider all information received. Teachers all offer strong instructional programs. Requests for specific teachers will not be considered and will be shredded.

Parents/guardians who feel that they have **educational** information that would help the decision-making process should convey that information in writing using the yellow form provided in the office to the Principal **BEFORE MAY 16th**.

Young Entrepreneurs Fair



Division 2 had an amazing day at the Young Entrepreneurs Fair! Students did a fantastic job creating and selling their handmade products. It was a valuable learning experience, giving them a real-world opportunity to explore entrepreneurship, teamwork, and financial literacy. The class also chose to donate 25% of their profits to a cause they care about. Thanks to their hard work—and your support—\$350 will be donated to the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

MCO's Got Talent!

We're excited to announce that MCO will be hosting a Talent Show this year - MCO's Got Talent!

Teacher sponsors recently held an informational meeting for students who were interested in participating. If any students are still interested but missed the meeting, they can see any of the teacher sponsors for an Audition Slip. The talent show is scheduled to take place on June 18th, and we can't wait to celebrate the amazing talents of our students with you.

Please note the following important dates:

May 9th: Deadline to sign up for auditions

May 26th-30th: Audition Week

June 12th: Afterschool rehearsal run-through

June 18th: School-wide performance in the afternoon; more details to come



Ms.Christie, Ms.Lee, Ms.Suk, and Ms.Tsai

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is always a popular event at MacCorkindale. A big thank you to all students and families who attended the event. Over \$500 was raised from the sale of items which will be used to purchase more books for the school's library.



School Pictures for Purchase

Class photos were sent home this week. 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/34468?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.

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.

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, as the days become longer and the weather improves a reminder if your child wishes to stay and play after school, they **MUST be supervised** by a parent or guardian. Students who walk home independently should go directly home after dismissal. After-school supervision is in place to ensure students are safely picked up.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe!

Important Dates

Thursday, May 1	K and Gr 6 Immunizations
Wednesday, May 7	Grade 7 Killarney Visit
Thursday, May 8	The Big One- Earthquake Drill
Wednesday, May 14	On Our Way to Kindergarten
Thursday, May 15	Volunteer Appreciation
Monday, May 19	Victoria Day- NO SCHOOL
Friday, May 23	Sports Day
Thursday, May 29	Drumming Workshops
Friday, May 30	Be Your Best Assembly



Planning Ahead



June 1-6	Drumming Workshops
Friday, June 6	Drumming Performance
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

Summer Learning

Registration for Elementary Programs will:

- open on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at noon (12:00 PM)
- close on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 11:59 PM.

Program Schedule:

- Elementary Program: July 3 to July 18, 2025



Emergency Reunification Plan



In case of emergency

EMERGENCY REUNIFICATION PLAN

PREPARATION

1. School forms: Emergency contact list - add local people who are able to pick up your children.
2. Have a list of all children you are responsible for.

DURING AN EVENT

3. Bring your photo ID and report to the school as soon as possible.
4. When you arrive at the school, go to the clearly marked check-in area.
5. Organizers will locate your child and/or children you are responsible for.

Important Information – Please Translate

這是一份重要資訊 — 請找人為您翻譯 這是一份重要信息 — 請找人為您翻譯

Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

Thông tin quan trọng - Xin tìm phiên dịch

ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ-ਮਿਹਰਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ/ਕਰਵਾਓ

महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

Información importante - Por favor traducir

معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報-翻訳してください

اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید

PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL REUNIFICATION DURING A MAJOR EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency, parents (or their designated emergency contact) will be responsible for picking up their children.

REUNIFICATION

In a major emergency, children will be kept at the school and only allowed to leave with an authorized adult from their emergency contact list.

DURING AN EMERGENCY

Children may be inside the school or outside at the designated assembly area (if the building is damaged). Students will be grouped by grades and classes.

CHECK-IN

Make sure you bring your photo ID.

Once at the school, go to the check-in table with the names of the children you are picking up.

PICK UP

You will be sent to another station where runners will go and retrieve the children and reunite them with you.

If you are an emergency contact, ensure you pick up all the children you are responsible for.

Once you are reunited with your children, please promptly leave the school grounds.

HOW CAN PARENTS PREPARE?

Have several authorized emergency contacts to pick up your child if you are not able to.

Review the reunification process and discuss with your emergency contacts.

Create a plan with your emergency contacts - pick up, meeting place, travel plan.

Submit the yellow emergency contact form to the school office and update if the information changes.

VSB PREPAREDNESS

School Practice

Six fire drills; two earthquake drills; two drop, cover and hold drills; and one reunification drill per year.

School Emergency Response

Training - four to six volunteer staff with two days of School Emergency Response Team training.

All teachers - basic emergency training and procedures.

First Aid Attendant.

Principal - Incident Command training.

VSB EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Emergency Radios - for communication with VSB Emergency Operations Centre.

Emergency food and water for 72-hour preparedness for Staff and Students while they are at the school.