



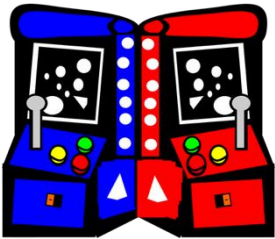
MACCORKINDALE NEWSLETTER

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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) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

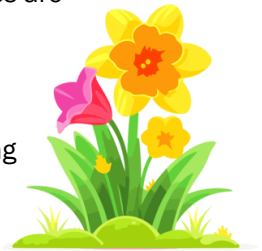
Principal's Message



As we reflect on the learning that took place in April, I would like to highlight the impressive Arcade Fair hosted by Divisions 2 and 3. Students proudly showcased their ADST skills through creative and innovative projects, demonstrating the depth of thinking and problem-solving happening in our classrooms. It was also wonderful to welcome so many families during conference times; your engagement and collaboration are vital to our strong home-school partnership.

May is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month for our school community. Track and Field season is underway, with practices in full swing and our first minimeet just around the corner. A big thank you to Ms. Mann, Ms Au Yeung, Ms. Li, Ms. Tsai and Mr. Prasad for generously volunteering their time beyond the school day to organize and coach the practices. Students will take part in a variety of enriching experiences, including Sports Day, a scheduled earthquake drill, our *On Our Way to Kindergarten* event, and several field trips. With warmer weather upon us, we hope families are finding time to enjoy the outdoors safely and create meaningful moments together.

As we move closer to the end of the school year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our parents and guardians for your continued support. Your involvement plays an essential role in fostering a caring and supportive environment where students can thrive. I look forward to finishing the year strong as we continue our shared commitment to *being our best*.



Earthquake Preparedness



On Thursday, May 7th, 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 both at home and school. Please refer to the email sent to kindergarten families on April 21, 2026 for more details.

Information about our emergency reunification plan is included 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.

Staffing Update



We are delighted to welcome Ms. Ayumi to our school community. Ms. Ayumi will be replacing Ms. Janet Peppin as one of our supervision aides until the end of June.

School Organization

We are planning for the 2026-27 school year. Teachers will soon be creating 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 thoughtful process requires considerable time and care.

If you feel it is necessary to share educational information related to your child's class placement, please complete a PINK "Class Placement Information Form", available in the school office. **Only this form will be considered**, emails and letters will not be accepted. Forms will be reviewed by staff, and all information will be thoughtfully considered. Requests for specific teachers will not be considered and will be shredded. All teachers provide strong instructional programs. Please note that forms are not retained year to year; a new form must be submitted each year. Completed forms must be submitted to the office **BEFORE MAY 15th**.



MCO's Got Talent

We're excited to share that **MCO's Got Talent** is back—it's that time of year again!

Teacher sponsors recently held an information session for interested students. If your child missed the meeting but would still like to participate, they are welcome to connect with any of the teacher sponsors to pick up a "Notice of Interest" form.

The talent show will take place on **June 17th**. We're looking forward to celebrating the incredible talents of our students with our school community.

Important Dates:

- **May 8:** Deadline to sign up for auditions
- **May 14–22:** Auditions (held during lunch)
- **June 11:** After-school rehearsal run-through
- **June 17:** School-wide performance (afternoon; more details to come)



Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait for another amazing show!

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

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 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.

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

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 \$400 was raised from the sale of items which will be used to purchase more books for the school's library.



Parking and Pick Up and Drop Off at the School



New signs have been posted in front of the school on Battison. We kindly request parents to follow parking regulations in front of the school, for the safety of our students. Bylaw officers may be onsite to ticket offenders. Please coordinate pick up and drop off at the school accordingly.

Important Dates

- Monday, May 4 Grade 7 Killarney Visit
- Thursday, May 7 Big One at Two- Earthquake Drill
- Thursday, May 14-15 Grade 7 Camp
- Monday, May 18 Victoria Day- NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, May 20 Volunteer Appreciation
- Tuesday, May 26 Immunization Clinic; Coding Workshops for Intermediates
- Thursday, May 28 BYB Assembly
- Friday, May 29 Sports Day



Planning Ahead



- Thursday, June 4 Track and Field Meet at Swangard
- Wednesday, June 17 Talent Show
- Friday, June 19 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremonies
- Tuesday, June 23 Summary of Learning Go Home
- Wednesday, June 24 BYB Assembly
- Thursday, June 25 Year End Assembly

Summer Learning

Registration for Elementary Programs:

- open on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at noon (12:00 PM)
- close on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 11:59 PM.

Program Schedule:

- Elementary Program: July 7 to July 24, 2026



<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/summer-learning>

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 — 請找人为您翻译

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.

VSBS 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.

VSBS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Emergency Radios - for communication with VSBS Emergency Operations Centre.

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

PAC News

Save The Date: our final PAC meeting of the school year is Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 in the library, we hope to see you there. PAC is running the Neufeld Farm fundraiser, so stock up on all your quick meal and BBQ essentials before Summer! Order by Wednesday, May 6th, 2026 and come pick up your orders from the school on Thursday, May 14th, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

Place your order here: <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2026-maccorkindale-elementary-pac>

PAC is always in need of help handing out hot lunches on Fridays from 11:30am-12:15pm. We cannot run this program without the support of volunteers.

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

Stay up to date with the PAC on our socials:

https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale_pac?igsh=MWZjMnhpZ2piY3psZQ==

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




This program is also supported by the BC Hydro Community Grants Program



girls INNOVATE!

FOR ALL GIRLS IN GRADES 4-6

- Do hands-on projects in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math every week
- Explore creative problem-solving and design challenges
- Be confident, curious, and empowered girls who innovate and create!



Tuesdays

April 28, May 5,
May 12, May 19,
May 26, June 2,
June 9, & June 16

(8 sessions total)

4:00PM - 5:30PM

@South Vancouver
Neighbourhood
House
(6470 Victoria Drive)



Questions? Contact Kathy at kathy.do@southvan.org

Use the QR code to register or visit forms.office.com/r/fvvbElmVTX





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GIRLS TO THE POWER OF MATH STEMINIST MATH PROGRAM FOR ALL GIRLS IN GRADE 2&3



Math mentorship program led by high-school leaders

Learn and practice skip counting & multiplication

Math made fun using games, art, music, and movement!

Build confidence in STEM!



Use the QR code to register or visit forms.office.com/r/qX7WVetCVP

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HOMework HANGOUTS

for preteens in grades 4-7

Work 1:1 with high school tutors in a calming and supportive space

Bring any school or homework to program

Every session will also include fun, educational games that promote literacy and numeracy and SNACKS!



No homework? Don't worry! Our staff will provide you with grade-appropriate practice work

Saturdays

(May 2, May 9, May 23, May 30, June 6, June 13, June 20 - **no program May 16**)

10am - 11:30am

@ South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (6470 Victoria Drive)



Use the QR code to register or visit forms.office.com/r/yVihRP9tim

Have questions?



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