



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) & səlilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

As we transition into the busy month of May, I am filled with a sense of excitement for the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead for our school community. We have an exciting May ahead of us, as we look forward to Sports Day, Welcome to Kindergarten and various field trips.



This month marks a time for year-end assessments, engaging in extracurricular activities and is also a period of reflection. As we approach the end of the school year, it is important to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of our students, teachers, and staff. Whether it be academic accomplishments, artistic endeavours, or acts of kindness within our community, each achievement contributes to the tapestry of our school.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our parents and guardians for their unwavering support throughout the year. Your partnership and involvement play a crucial role in creating a positive and nurturing environment for our students to thrive. As we embark on the final stretch of the school year, let us continue to work together to foster a culture of "being your best" within our school community.

Photography at School



Class pictures arrived yesterday, and they are being sent home this week!

As our school community grows stronger with each passing event, we'd like to extend a gentle reminder regarding photography etiquette. If you're taking pictures during school and classroom events, please ensure that parents are aware and comfortable with their child being photographed.

In addition, when it comes to sharing these precious moments on social media, let's **be mindful of privacy and consent**. Kindly limit your posts to images of **your own children** unless you've received explicit permission from other parents.

Let's continue to cherish these moments together while respecting each other's boundaries.

School Organization

We are in the process of planning for the 2024-25 school year. In the next few weeks, 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 pink "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 pink form provided in the office to the Principal **BEFORE MAY 17th**.

Earthquake Reunification Drill



Staff, students, and parents did an amazing job yesterday during our Big One at Two Earthquake Drill. We were fortunate that the sun was out. It gave us an opportunity to work through our set up and procedures. Thank you to the parents/guardians who came out to retrieve students during the drill. If you participated in the drill yesterday and would like to provide feedback to help improve our reunification process, please complete the following form:

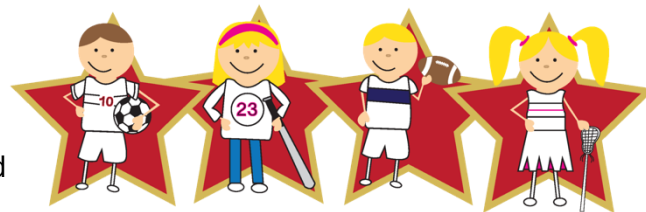
<https://forms.office.com/r/5FdrJUudWk>

Division 1 Sewing Projects


Division 1 had been learning how to sew and made Squishmallow-inspired plushies using techniques such as the running stitch, blanket stitch, and ladder stitch. Students got to choose from cat, frog, or dog fabric patterns and were given free rein with the fabric scraps bag. Some creative students even gave their plushies accessories!





Sports Day




We're thrilled to announce that Sports Day is just around the corner, happening on Friday, May 24th! It's a day filled with excitement and fun activities for our students.

 **Team Spirit:** Students are encouraged to wear the colour of their assigned team and dress comfortably with running shoes. There will be plenty of activities throughout the day, so comfort is key!

 **Wheeled Vehicle Parade:** For students joining the wheeled vehicle (bike, scooter, wheelchair, skateboard, etc) parade, please park your vehicle at the undercover area off of Battison Street (between Top Kids and the school). Check in with your teacher at 9 am for attendance, then return to your bike to get ready for the parade. Don't forget your helmet! Students without helmets will **not** be able to participate. Feel free to decorate your vehicle with your team colours!

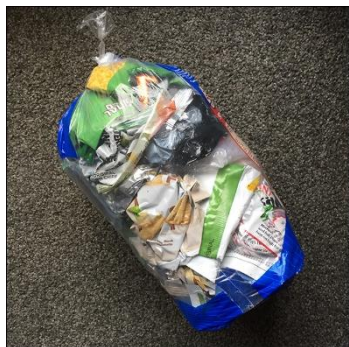
 **Lunch Options:** Students who have pre-ordered lunches through the PAC Lunch Program are all set. For those who haven't, the PAC will be selling pizza on-site. Please ensure your child brings a healthy lunch and snack for the day if they haven't pre-ordered.

 **Rain or Shine:** Sports Day will go on, rain or shine! Please make sure your child is prepared for the weather conditions. Parents are more than welcome to join as spectators and cheer on our students.

Soft Plastics Collection

MacCorkindale is participating in a new pilot project that will collect flexible plastics, with the goals of:

- Increasing knowledge and understanding about the recycling of flexible plastics (aka soft plastic)
- Collecting flexible plastic at schools
- Encouraging the ongoing collection and recycling of this material at home once the pilot program is complete



We will be collecting residential flexible plastic like the kind often found in student lunches. For example, zipper-lock bags and stand-up pouches, crinkly granola bar wrappers, chip bags, and plastic grocery-type bags. This program will also accept flexible plastics collected from home such as bread bags, flexible packaging, plastic wrap, and woven plastic bags. Each participating school will receive an honorarium and Recycle BC will pay \$2.00 per kilogram of flexible plastic collected! Collection will happen for the entire month of May!

Think Of Me Initiative

Teaming up with the CREST (Community Road Education Safety Team) and ICBC, students crafted Think Of Me cards. These cards serve as reminders for motorists to prioritize safe driving, particularly in school zones. This morning, the CREST team was on 45th Avenue and Battison Street, distributing these thoughtful cards to the public.



New Flooring!

Area C will be getting a face-lift for the next few weeks. Two of the classrooms will be having their floors replaced. Division 3 has been relocated temporarily to Area A.

Important Dates

Thursday, May 2, 2024	Big One at 2pm
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Grade 7 Killarney Orientation
Monday, May 13, 2024	Whole School VSO
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	PAC Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Welcome to Kindergarten
Monday, May 20, 2024	Victoria Day- No School
Friday, May 24, 2024	Sports Day
Friday, May 31, 2024	BYB Assembly; Backwards Day



Planning Ahead



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
Tuesday, June 18, 2024	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony/K Ceremony
Friday, June 21, 2024	BYB Assembly; Backwards Day
Monday, June 24, 2024	Report Cards Sent Home
Thursday, June 27, 2024	Last Full Day for Students
Thursday, June 27, 2024	Year End Assembly
Friday, June 28, 2024	Admin Day – No school for students

From the PAC

Dear MacCorkindale Families,

As we embrace the spring season, it's time to look ahead and plan for the upcoming school year! The PAC plays a vital role in enhancing our school community, and we're excited to invite you to be a part of it.

Volunteer Opportunity: Join the PAC Executive Team!

Are you passionate about making a difference in your child's education? Do you have fresh ideas and a willingness to contribute your time and talents? We're seeking enthusiastic and caring individuals to join our PAC Executive Team for the next academic year. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to the school, your unique perspectives and skills are invaluable. Step forward and help shape the future of MacCorkindale! We have a variety of positions open. If this is something you are interested in please contact us at pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com

PAC Meeting Reminder:

Tuesday, May 14, 7-8pm

Mark your calendars and set your alarms!!! Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th, from 7-8pm in the school library. It's an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow parents, share ideas, and stay informed about upcoming events and initiatives. Your presence and input are highly valued, so we hope to see you there!

Together, we can continue to foster a supportive and engaging environment for our students to thrive. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to MacCorkindale School.

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Cheers,

The PAC executive team

