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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), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

November has arrived, and with it comes a noticeable shift into the busy and meaningful months of the school year. Over the past several weeks, our students have been actively engaged in a wide range of learning experiences and community events. From cross-country meets and parent-teacher conferences to Halloween celebrations and pumpkin-themed activities, there has been no shortage of excitement throughout the school.

We are especially grateful to our PAC volunteers for their creativity and generosity in organizing the pumpkin patch and helping transform our gym into a welcoming Halloween celebration space. It was wonderful to see so many families join us, and we thank everyone who helped make these events such a success.

As we move through November, we take time to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have served our country. Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on November 10th, providing an opportunity for students and staff to come together in remembrance and gratitude. Poppies will be available for all students, and donations to the Poppy Fund are welcome and appreciated. On November 11, we encourage families to observe a moment of silence in honour of veterans and active service members, recognizing the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy as Canadians.



Before and After School Student Safety



As the days become shorter and darker, student safety is especially important. Please remember that morning supervision **begins at 8:40 a.m.,** and students should not arrive at school before that time unless they are participating in a supervised activity. Before supervision begins, staff are not available to monitor students on school grounds.

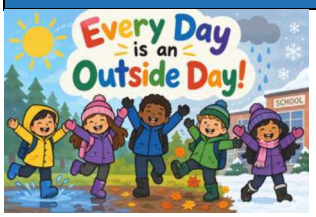
After dismissal, students who walk home independently are expected to go directly home and not remain on school grounds to play or socialize. Students wishing to stay and play after school must return with a parent or caregiver who can supervise them. Thank you for helping us keep all students safe before and after school. For more tips on staying safe during the darker season: https://www.vsb.bc.ca/darker-mornings-shorter-days-tips-for-a-safe-school-commute.93574

Parking Lot and Parking Safety Reminder

For everyone's safety, please **do not walk through the staff parking lot** at any time. This area is reserved for **staff parking only** and should not be used for student drop-offs or pick-ups. We kindly ask all families to follow posted driving rules and parking regulations to help keep our school community safe. Thank you for your cooperation!



Everyday is an OUTSIDE Day!



With colder and rainy days ahead, a friendly reminder that every day is an outside day. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed for the weather. We also recommend sending an extra change of clothes in case your child needs to change during the day. Thank you for helping to keep our students comfortable and ready for all activities!

Healthy Snacks for Learning

A reminder to please pack enough snack and lunch for your child each day to help keep them energized and focused for learning. We understand that appetites can vary, so we do have apples available at school through the Adam's Apples program for students who need a little extra snack during the day.



If your family is experiencing food insecurity or having difficulty providing snacks or lunches, please know that support may be available. We encourage you to reach out confidentially to your child's classroom teacher or contact the school office so we can help connect you with available resources.

Terry Fox Run



On September 25th, our students showed incredible determination and school spirit during our annual Terry Fox Run. Despite the rainy weather in the morning, students enthusiastically took part in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Our primary classes completed laps around the school grounds, while our intermediate students headed to Central Park for their run in the afternoon.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised $510 for cancer research. We are proud of our students for honouring Terry's legacy of perseverance, courage, and helping others. Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this important cause!

Cross Country

Twenty-seven students represented MacCorkindale at the Cross-Country meet at Trout Lake on October 20th. The students committed themselves to braving the early mornings for practices and showed their dedication as they ran under the shining sun during the final meet. Great job to everyone for doing your best! A big thank you to Ms Mann, Ms Au Yeung, Mr. Prasad and Ms Broderick for all their work supporting these students. We'd also like to extend our gratitude to the parents who volunteered their time to chauffeur students to the meet and help out on site.



MCO Pumpkin Patch

On October 28th, our students enjoyed a wonderful visit to the MCO Pumpkin Patch, taking part in a fun fall tradition and creating special memories with their classmates. The day was filled with excitement as students explored the patch in front of the school and selected their own pumpkins to take home. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to our PAC for generously supporting this initiative. Your ongoing contributions help provide meaningful experiences that enrich our students' school year and strengthen our school community.



Photography at School Events



We love celebrating and sharing the wonderful moments that happen in our school community. As families attend concerts, assemblies, sports events, and other school activities, we kindly ask everyone to respect the privacy of all students. If you take photos or videos at a school event, please only post images of your own child on social media or other public platforms unless you have received permission from the parents or guardians of any other children who may appear in the image. By being mindful of privacy and consent, we can help ensure that all families feel safe, respected, and comfortable participating in our school community. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

❄ Save the Date: Winter Concert! 🎶

We are excited to celebrate the season with our **Winter Concert** on **Thursday, December 17**!

Performance Times:

- **Matinee Show:** 1:30 p.m.
- **Evening Show:** 5:00 p.m.

The concert is our special showcase for families and the school community. **All students are expected to perform at both times**, even if family members are unable to attend.

If you are unable to attend the evening concert, please:

- Drop off your child at their classroom by **4:30 p.m.**
- Pick up your child following the performance (additional details will be shared closer to the event)

More information about tickets and how to obtain them will be sent home mid-late November.
We look forward to celebrating the holiday season through music, joy, and community with our students and families!

Written Learning Updates



All schools in the VSB will use a new Canadian-based online tool called SpacesEDU to share student learning and progress this year. This means families will receive report cards digitally, through a secure link sent to your email. Families will receive individual invitations for each child from their child's teacher, which allows them to set up a SpacesEdu account. In order to receive written learning updates by email, families must be connected to their child's account in SpacesEDU.

SpacesEDU is accessible through a secure website or mobile app and follows strict Canadian privacy laws. You can learn more about their privacy practices at www.spacesedu.com/privacy-center. We are looking forward to welcoming you to this exciting new platform! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher. We're excited to begin sharing student learning with you in this new and engaging way!

Poppy Fund

As part of our Remembrance Day activities, donations will be collected from classrooms beginning November 9th for the Poppy Fund. Donations help support veterans and their families through programs and services provided by the Royal Canadian Legion. Contributions are voluntary, and any amount is appreciated. Thank you for helping our students honour the sacrifices of those who have served our country and for supporting this important cause.



Library Book Bags

For those students who ordered a Library Book Bag delivery is scheduled for mid-November.

Grade 8 District Programs

For the District Choice/Mini School Application process, the District Registry and School Application deadline will be 3 pm, Dec 17, 2026. Registration will open on November 16th. For more information refer to the District Choice Program website.

Cold and Flu Season



With cold and flu season 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.

Free and Low Cost Food in Vancouver



City of Vancouver Free and Low Cost Food Resources
This resource provides a map to Vancouver based organizations that provide free or low cost food supports for families in need.

Important Dates



Friday, November 6	PAC Hot Lunch
Tuesday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly (11am)
Wednesday, November 11	Remembrance Day
Friday, November 13	PAC Hot Lunch
Tuesday, November 17	Photo Retake Day
Friday, November 19	PAC Hot Lunch
Friday, November 20	Professional Development Day (Staff Only- NO SCHOOL for students)
Wednesday, November 26	Immunizations
Friday, November 27	PAC Hot Lunch
Friday, November 27	Be Your Best Assembly

Planning Ahead



Friday, December 4, 2026	PAC Hot Lunch
Friday, December 11, 2026	PAC Hot Lunch
Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Written Learning Updates available online
Thursday, December 17, 2026	Winter Concert
Friday, December 18, 2026	BYB Assembly
Friday, December 18, 2026	Last day of school before Winter Break
Monday, January 4, 2027	First day of school after Winter Break
Friday, January 29, 2027	BYB Assembly

Kindergarten Registration for 2027-28



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2022 begins on November 1

All kindergarten registrants are required to complete an online application for their catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for District choice programs (Early French Immersion, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Indigenous Focus School, Fine Arts, or Montessori) and/or apply cross boundary to attend a school other than their catchment school.





The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1** and closes on **January 31**. Students who submit an online application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Online Application.

- Complete an online application form (https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/) for the **2027-28** school year

Step 2: Document verification.

- Your catchment school will contact you to set up an in-person appointment. Bring supporting documents with you to complete registration.
- If your child was born outside of Canada, book an appointment at the Newcomer Welcome Centre (NWC) to complete registration. After you submit your online application, your confirmation email will include an appointment booking link. Visits to NWC are by appointment only. If you do not receive the link, email nwc@vsb.bc.ca

The following original documents must be presented to complete your application:

- Proof of British Columbia residency
- Child's original birth certificate
- Applicable Immigration/Citizenship/Permanent Resident Documentation
- Immunization records, if available

*Schools may request additional identification of proof of residency.

District Choice Programs and Cross Boundary Applications

If you want to apply for a District Choice Program or apply cross boundary, you must **first apply to your catchment elementary school.** District Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will be accepted in early 2027. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice and govsb.ca/crossboundary

Important Information for Families Registering for Kindergarten

We're looking forward to welcoming new kindergarten students in 2027–28. MacCorkindale may receive more registrations than available spaces, so we'd like to let you know what to expect if that happens.

If you register between November 1 and January 31

If more students register than there are spaces:

1. Students with a sibling who attends the school and will return the following year will have priority.
2. A random draw will be held for the remaining spaces.
3. If there are not enough spaces for all students, a waitlist will be created based on the order of the draw.

If you register after January 31

Registrations received after January 31 will be added to the waitlist in the order they are received. Sibling priority does not apply after January 31.

When you will hear from us

Families will be contacted in the spring with an update on their child's kindergarten registration. All students will have a place at a Vancouver school.

If your child is on the waitlist for MacCorkindale they will have a place at a neighbouring school with available space. They will also stay on the waitlist for MacCorkindale. If space becomes available, families will be contacted in waitlist order.

Applying to a school outside your catchment

Families may also apply to a school outside their catchment from February 1 to 26. You must first register your child at their catchment school before applying cross boundary.

Visit our cross boundary webpage for more information.

Quick Guide for Parents

Accessing SpacesEDU Written Learning Updates

Ensure Correct Sign-in credentials

To avoid login issues, we recommend signing in to your SpacesEDU account at least one week before the reporting update is released. This ensures you have access and gives you time to reset your password if needed. Make sure you are logging in with your Family account credentials (the account email and password you used when you first created your account and were connected to your child's class), and NOT your child's log-in credentials when accessing reporting update emails.

Email #1: Reporting Space is Visible

You will be receiving multiple emails – the first, will be a notification email that the reporting space within SpacesEDU has been made visible. This email does NOT have the link to download reporting updates, and it will be the first email to arrive in your inbox.

Email #2: Reporting Space links

You will receive a SECOND email which has within it **two different links:**

1. The 1st is a link to the digital reporting space (which is also/still accessible without this link if you log into your SpacesEDU account after the reporting space has been made visible by your child's teacher).
2. The 2nd is a "download report" link which will allow you to download a PDF of their report. ***This second email can take anywhere from 30 mins to 3+ hours to arrive in your inbox, so you might not receive it until the evening that reports have been sent out.***

Check Junk/Spam Folders

Check your Junk Mail and/or spam folder in Gmail, Outlook – or whatever email client you use, as SpacesEDU messaging often goes here first. If you are using Outlook, make sure to check if SpacesEDU emails might be in the "Focused" vs "Other" inbox options.

Multiple Children at the Same School

If you have multiple children attending the same school, there is a chance you may receive the second email with BOTH reporting update links within that email (as SpacesEDU sometimes clusters emails together in order to avoid spamming families with messaging). Depending on when the reporting update emails were sent, you might also receive these as separate emails, 1 for each child.

Clear your Browser History and Enable Pop-ups

Clear your browser history – especially if the device you are using has been logged in to your child's SpacesEDU and/or ANY of their Google and/or Microsoft Office accounts (Word, PowerPoint, Teams). This is because SpacesEDU currently uses Single Sign-On (SSO), which helps simplify access to SpacesEDU. However, there are a few important considerations when using shared devices:

- When you Log Out of a SpacesEDU account, SpacesEDU cannot log you out of the account that you've used via Single Sign-On (e.g., your school's Microsoft account, or your Google account). As a result, teachers or students on shared devices may be brought to the account of the person who was using it before them.
- Logging out of those accounts won't fix this – you'll need to clear your browser history.
- You may also need to enable your Pop-ups. This will allow you to see and download the report card pdf.

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Helping Parents Set Up Their SpacesEDU Family Accounts

If parents are having trouble connecting to their child's class on SpacesEDU, here are some common issues and solutions to try. These steps assume the parent has already received the invite email and clicked the link. Note that the email may land in their junk or spam folder.

Step 1: Re-invite the Parent

If issues persist, the teacher can reset the connection:

1. Go to the People Tab and navigate to Family
2. Click the three dots on the right of the student's name
3. Select Edit Family
4. Click Remove to delete the parent
5. Send a new invite to restart the process

Step 2: Check Country Selection

If the parent accidentally selects the US flag during setup, the system may create an account but not link it to the child's class. On the login screen, check the top right corner and switch to the Canada flag if needed.

Step 3: Clear Browser History

Cached data and cookies can interfere with the login process. Clearing your browser history often resolves login issues.

How to Clear Browser History on a Mobile Device

iPhone (Safari):

1. Open **Settings**.
2. Scroll down and tap **Safari**.
3. Tap **Clear History and Website Data**.
4. Confirm by tapping **Clear History** (this will remove all history).

Android (Chrome):

1. Open the **Chrome** app.
2. Tap the **three dots** in the top-right corner.
3. Tap **History**, then **Clear browsing data**.
4. Choose a **Time range** (e.g., "All time").
5. Select **Browsing history**, **Cookies**, and **Cached images and files**.
6. Tap **Clear data**.

Android (Samsung Internet):

1. Open the **Samsung Internet** app.

2. Tap the **menu icon** (three lines) in the bottom-right corner.
3. Tap **Settings** > **Privacy** > **Delete browsing data**.
4. Select the data you want to delete.
5. Tap **Delete**.

How to Clear Browser History on a Computer

Google Chrome (Mac & Windows):

Clear Cache and Browsing History:

1. Open **Chrome**.
2. Click the **three dots** (⋮) in the top-right corner.
3. Go to **Settings** > **Privacy and security**.
4. Click **Clear browsing data**.
5. In the pop-up:
    - Choose a **Time range** (e.g., "All time").
    - Check **Browsing history**, **Cookies and other site data**, and **Cached images and files**.
6. Click **Clear data**.

Safari (Mac):

Clear Browsing History:

1. Open **Safari**.
2. Go to the **Safari tab** on the top left of the screen > **Clear History**.
3. Choose the **Time range** (e.g., "all history").
4. Click **Clear History**.