



MACCORKINDALE NEWSLETTER

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We acknowledge that we live, work, play, and learn on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Squamish Nations. We thank them for their caretaking of the land from generations unknown.

Principal's Message

MacCorkindale Families,

Happy November! Autumn days are definitely upon us. We have had atmospheric rivers and strong winds and it feels like snow may be around the corner. It was so wonderful to see so many fun and creative costumes parading our halls and the gym on Halloween. As we move quickly through our fall months, we continue to celebrate our collective work and enjoy all that the season has to offer.



November is an important reminder of remembrance. We will hold a school wide Remembrance Day assembly for all students and staff on November 10th. Poppies will be distributed to all students. Please remember to take the time to reflect on our good fortune to live in Canada by observing a moment of silence on Saturday, November 11th. We will collect money for the poppy fund all next week, please consider making a donation.

Cross Country

Twenty-nine students represented MacCorkindale at the Cross Country meet at Trout Lake on October 19th. The students committed themselves to braving the early mornings for practices and showed their dedication as they ran in the rain during the final meet. Great job to everyone for doing your best! A big thank you to Ms. Mann, Ms. Noel, Ms. Li, and Ms. Milevskaia for all their work supporting these students.



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.



Daylight Savings



A reminder that we turn our clocks BACK one hour on Saturday night.

Grade 7s Transition to High School

Mini-school information nights continue through November. Any Grade 7 students interested in applying for mini-school should refer to the information sent to parents in September. Registration will open on November 14th. For more information refer to the [District Choice Program website](#).

Kindergarten Registration for 2024-2025

Is your child 4 years old now and will turn 5 by December 31, 2024?
Was your child born in 2019?

If so, it is time to register for kindergarten.

- Priority enrolment to register your child with the Vancouver School District will be online starting November 1, 2023 through to January 31, 2024

There is a two-step registration process to enroll your child in kindergarten.

- First, register your child(ren) [online](#),
- Second, make an appointment with your catchment school to verify your information in person.
- Visit govsb.ca/kindergarten for more information.

After the Bell

VSB: After the Bell, podcast season 2 dropped last week!

Kicking off season 2 of [VSB: After the Bell](#), we take a deep dive into VSB's first Literacy Framework – what literacy is, what the framework does and what it means for student learning. In our matter-of-the-month segment, we turn our attention to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) in the wake of recent anti-SOGI protests and talk about why SOGI education is still important today. Podcast episodes are released at the end of every month. Subscribe to **VSB: After the Bell** on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#) or wherever you listen to podcasts!

In next our podcast, VSB: After the Bell, you'll hear directly from those responsible for our publicly funded education system. www.vsb.bc.ca

Written Learning Updates (ie. Report Cards)

We have some important updates to share regarding changes in our reporting policy in Vancouver. The Ministry of Education has recently implemented some modifications, including transitioning from a two-report card system to a three-report card structure. The first of these written learning updates is scheduled to be sent home to parents on December 1st. The report cards will have a new four-point proficiency scale as part of this transition. To gain a deeper understanding of these changes and their implications for our school community, we encourage you to review the document provided by the Ministry of Education specifically tailored for families. We believe that these adjustments will enhance our ability to communicate student progress more effectively and provide a clearer picture of their academic journey.

<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.

Important Dates

Saturday, November 11	Remembrance Day
Monday, November 13	Schools closed in observance of Remembrance Day- No school
Friday, November 17	Be Your Best Assembly
Friday, November 24	Professional Development Day – No school for students
Monday, November 27	Individual Photo Day (Retakes)

Planning Ahead

Friday, December 1	Grade 6 Immunizations
Friday, December 1	Written Communication of Learning goes home
Friday, December 22	Be Your Best Assembly
Friday, December 22	Last Day before Winter Break



Digital Literacy Resources for Parents/Caregivers

Here are some resources for Parents/Caregivers regarding digital literacy from the District. Please open the link <https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/digital-literacy-and-safety-for-parents-and-caregivers-tipsheet-3.e1514868895.pdf>

Digital Literacy For Parents/Caregivers

- [Keeping Tech in Check \(Kelty\)](#)
- [A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health](#)
- [Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Parent's Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [Mediasmarts](#)
- [Commonsense Media](#)
- [Navigating the Digital World](#)
- [The Parenting Network: Video Series on Social Media For Parents/Guardians](#)

Protecting Kids Online – Exploitation and Luring

- [Online Risks and Trends \(video from C3P\)](#)
- [Protect Kids Online](#)
- [Online Safety](#)
- [Texting and Social Media Slang: Abbreviation Dictionary \(PDF, 2.6MB\)](#)
- [Cybertip.ca: Report the online sexual exploitation of children](#)
- [ERASE \(Gov't of BC\)](#)
- [Need Help Now](#)
- [How to Talk to Youth About Sextortion \(PDF\)](#)
- [Cyberbullying Information For Parents](#)

Support For Parents

- [Parents Together \(Boys and Girls Club\)](#)
- [Solutions Together Parenting Group \(South Van\) \(Also Farsi and Chinese Parenting Group\)](#)
- [Parent Support Circles](#)
- [Confident Parents Thriving Kids \(phone support\)](#)

From the PAC

Hello MacCorkindale families!

Well here we are into November already. We hope that you have had a lovely October and are looking forward to more fun fall excitement. We have some exciting updates and opportunities to share with you.

Growing Smiles Plant Fundraiser:

Our "Growing Smiles" Plant Fundraiser is sprouting with enthusiasm! Stay tuned for more details in the next couple weeks. This is a great opportunity to get some lovely greenery for your homes this holiday season as well as support our community.

Spirit Wear On Sale - Deadline Extended!

Great news! We've extended the deadline for our Spirit Wear until November 5th. Make sure to get your orders in to show your MacCorkindale pride. Don't miss out on this chance to sport our school's colours and logo with style.

Join the Events Committee:

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our Events Committee. Let's come together and create memorable events for the upcoming year that build a stronger, more vibrant MacCorkindale community. Your ideas and energy are the key to our success!

Secretary Position Open:

We're still in need of a secretary for the PAC. If you have excellent organizational skills and a passion for making a difference in our school community, please consider joining us in this essential role.

Your involvement, whether it's through fundraising, ordering Spirit Wear, volunteering where you can, or just coming to PAC meetings each month, makes a significant impact on our school. Together, we can ensure a fantastic year ahead for our children and our MacCorkindale community. The more people we have to help out the more we can do, so please consider volunteering your time 😊

Stay tuned for more updates and remember to follow us on social media for the latest news at

Facebook: www.facebook.com/maccorkindalepac/ or

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale_pac/

Thank you for your continued support and dedication!

Remember any questions or concerns can be directed to our email at pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com

Warm regards,
MacCorkindale PAC executive



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2019 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or make a cross boundary application to attend a non-catchment school.

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

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

Step 1: Online Application (ApplyNow)

- Completion of an online application form (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year 2024-25

Step 2: Verification of documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)



1 Apply Online



2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

If you want to apply for a Choice Program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will begin to be accepted in early 2024.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. In-catchment kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a random draw for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31*

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply after January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space, their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be no priority given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).