



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), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səllilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

MacCorkindale Families,

The school days are flying by... it's hard to believe we are already in November! We've had atmospheric rivers, strong winds, and there might even be snow on the mountains! The school has been bustling with activities from cross country and conferences to Halloween parades and pumpkin carving. MacCorkindale has been full of excitement, especially during yesterday's parade through the halls and the gym. A big thank you to the PAC for the fantastic Halloween arches in the gym and taking class photos in the library.

This weekend, remember to turn your clocks back an hour. Hopefully, everyone can enjoy that extra hour of rest!



November also brings a time for remembrance. We'll hold a school-wide Remembrance Day assembly on November 8th. Poppies will be distributed to all students. Please take a moment on Monday, November 11th, to reflect on our good fortune to live in Canada by observing a moment of silence. Donations for the poppy fund will be collected all next week; please consider making a donation.

Photography at School Events

As our school community grows stronger with each event, we'd like to remind everyone about photography etiquette. When taking pictures during school and classroom events, please focus on photographing only your own child unless you have explicit permission from other parents.

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

Let's continue to enjoy these moments together while respecting each other's privacy.



Support for Families

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has allocated funding to the VSB to support families who may be struggling to pay for costs associated with their child(ren) going to school.

If you require support through the Student and Family Affordability Fund please contact Ms. Ling. Requests will be kept confidential.



Traffic Safety



We were fortunate to have Cst. Holly from the CREST team speak with our students on October 30th about pedestrian safety. We'd like to remind families to avoid walking through the staff parking lot at all times. Additionally, please remember that the staff parking lot is reserved for STAFF ONLY. Do not use this area for student drop-offs or pick-ups. For the safety of our students please ensure you are adhering to all driving rules and regulations. Thank you for helping keep our school safe.

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!



Cross Country



Thirty-three students represented MacCorkindale at the Cross-Country meet at Trout Lake on October 22nd. The students committed themselves to braving the early mornings for practices and showed their dedication as they ran through the mud 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.



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 12th. For more information refer to the [District Choice Program website](#).

Kindergarten Registration for 2025-26

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2020 begins on November 1

All kindergarten applicants are required to complete an online application for their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for District 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 online 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 **2025-26**

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)

If you want to apply for a District Choice Program or cross boundary, you must **first apply to your English catchment elementary school**. District Choice Programs and cross boundary applications will be accepted in early 2025. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice and govsb.ca/crossboundary

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.
5. In the event there are more in-catchment registrants than can be accommodated at either catchment site, students will be placed at a neighbouring school until space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

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.

In the event there are more in-catchment registrants than can be accommodated at either catchment site, students will be placed at a neighbouring school until space becomes available.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit the VSB website: govsb.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).



1 Apply Online



2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan - Group insurance

The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL's provided: <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc> and www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com

Photo Retakes

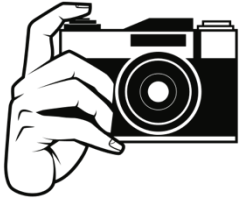


Photo retakes will occur on Friday, November 15th. If your child would like to retake their photo, please complete the retake form (attached at the end of this newsletter and also available at the office) and return it to the school before November 15th. Students who missed the original photo day are also welcome to have their picture taken at this time.

Important Dates

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| Friday, November 1 | BYB Assembly |
| Friday, November 8 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Monday, November 11 | Remembrance Day- NO SCHOOL |
| Friday, November 15 | Photo Retakes |
| Friday, November 22 | Pro-D Day (No School for Students) |
| Friday, November 29 | BYB Assembly |



Planning Ahead



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| December 16 | Learning Updates Sent Home |
| December 18 | Winter Concert |
| December 20 | BYB Assembly |
| Dec 23-Jan 3 | Winter Break |

PAC News

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first fundraiser of the year. We are very happy to share that we nearly doubled our fundraising goal of selling the apples, which is a great way to start off this new school year.

We would also like to thank the parents who have volunteered to help facilitate our hot lunch program. We are always looking for more people to help hand out hot lunches on Fridays so if you are available to help, please email us.

Our next PAC meeting with our new executive team will be on November 19th @ 6:30 p.m. so please come and join us as we discuss our ideas and plans for this year. Ms. Ling will be providing a brief school tour before the meeting. For those interested in joining the tour, please meet at the main office at 6:15pm.

Please also look out for emails in the coming weeks detailing our next community events and fundraisers.

Warm regards,
MacCorkindale PAC



Photo Retakes

Edge Imaging will be back at your school for retake photos. If you would like your child to have a retake photo done, please fill in the information below and submit to the classroom teacher.

Students Name: _____ Grade: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

