



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 transition into a new season, I am thankful for this wonderful community. The signs of fall are all around us, with cooler weather, more rainy days, and beautiful fall foliage. It has been a busy start to the year with cross-country in full swing and classes settling into their routines. We are excited to have welcomed over 50 new families into our school community this September. Looking ahead, there are many fun activities to enjoy including the revival of the MacCorkindale pumpkin patch, our Halloween parade, and goal-setting conferences.

Supervision



A reminder that morning supervision of students begins at 8:40am. Please DO NOT drop your child(ren) off at school prior to this time, as there will NOT be anyone available to supervise them. We also ask that parents/guardians pick up their child(ren) as close to 3pm as possible at the end of the day, as after school supervision ends at 3:20pm.

Everyday is an OUTSIDE Day!



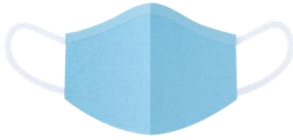
A friendly reminder that every day is an outside day; so please ensure your child(ren) comes to school dressed for the weather, whether it's rain or shine. We also recommend sending an extra change of clothes in case your child needs to change during the day. Thank you for helping to keep our students comfortable and ready for outdoor activities!

Safe Arrival

Student safety is of paramount importance. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist the school, we ask parents to notify us of student absences. If your child will be late or absent, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents can call the office number at 604-713-4775, you may call any time 24 hours a day. Messages are checked in the morning. If you are coming in late, please report to the office to sign-in to receive a late slip before sending your child(ren) to class.



Health Protocols



Wearing masks continues to be a personal choice in the school. Please ensure to keep your child home if they are ill. We will be sending any students who are ill home without exception.

Forgotten Items

We are having an increased number of students who have left lunches and other items at home. If you are dropping off items, please bring it to the school, **labelled with your child's name and division**, to be placed on the lunch drop-off table in the hall by the office. We will either call your child to the office or deliver it close to lunch time.



2024-25 General School Fees & Other Fees



A friendly reminder to complete payment of this year's school fees. The School Supply Fee for 2024-2025 remains at \$35.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Teachers may ask for specific items for their division/class.

School CashOnline Payment Information

All payments collected by the school are done online on the School Cash Online platform. Information regarding paying fees and how to get set up on School Cash Online can be found here:

<https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/schoolcashonline.38cf0a28294.pdf>

To pay all fees including school fees and fieldtrip costs required by the classroom teacher, please wait for an email from the School Cash Online system indicating that collection of fees has started.

Family Affordability Fund

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 the school Principal. Requests will be kept confidential.



Visitors

We will be happy to meet with you at any time, however, appointments are appreciated and encouraged. The office is a busy place, knowing you are coming will help us create a safe, welcoming space for all. For the safety of our students, all visitors must sign in at the office. Students will continue to be dismissed from outside school doors.



NEW Scooter and Bike Racks



It great to see that students are finding alternative ways to get to school. We had a new bike rack and a new scooter rack installed at the end of September and look forward to seeing more students making use of them.

Concern at School?

Your child’s teacher is your first point of contact. If parents have any questions or concerns regarding activities occurring in their child(ren)’s classroom, please discuss these concerns directly with the classroom teacher. Please contact the school via telephone, email or by putting a note in your child(ren)’s agenda requesting an appointment. Most concerns are resolved at this point of contact.

After having spoken to the classroom teacher, if the issue is unresolved, an appointment with the Principal is the second step. Again, please contact the office to book an appointment in order to speak about matters privately.

If you have a concern about a child other than your own, please reach out to school staff. Only VSB STAFF are allowed to speak to that child. You may only speak to your own child.

Our school offers various programs to teach children diverse strategies for conflict resolution. We request that you allow our staff to guide and support your child in these matters.



Terry Fox Run

We were fortunate to have the weather cooperate for the 44th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run. The sun was shining as the primary students enjoyed running around the school following our first Be Your Best Assembly. The intermediate students cheered the primary students and then took part in their own run at Central Park later in the afternoon. Together, we raised approximately \$465 for cancer research, supporting this important cause.



Combined Classes



As mentioned during the September PAC meeting, parents seeking information regarding combined classes can visit the following link: [Combined Classes Information](#) for available resources to help explain the benefits and structure of these classes.

Important Dates

- Monday, October 14 Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday
- Wednesday, October 16 Individual Photo Day
- Thursday, October 17 Great Shakeout- Earthquake Drill
- Wednesday, October 23 Early Dismissal at 1:58 p.m. for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, October 24 Early Dismissal at 1:58 p.m. for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, October 25 Professional Development Day (Staff Only- No school for students)
- Tuesday, October 29 Grade 6 Immunizations
- Wednesday, October 31 Halloween



Edge Imaging Photography will be on site on Wednesday, October 16th to take Individual Student Pictures at MacCorkindale. Parents will be provided more information soon.

Planning Ahead



- 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)

PAC News

Dear MacCorkindale Community,

As we dive into October, we are excited to welcome our new PAC Co-Chairs, Beau and Sam! We're also pleased to introduce our Vice Chair- Malena; Secretary- Minna, and Treasurer- Shawna. Together, they're dedicated to enhancing our school community, and we look forward to their leadership this year.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming PAC meetings:

- Tuesday, November 19 6:30-7:30pm
- Tuesday, January 28 6:30-7:30pm
- Tuesday, February 25 6:30-7:30pm
- Tuesday, April 15 6:30-7:30pm
- Tuesday, May 20 6:30-7:30pm

Apple Fundraiser 🍏❤️👉

Our apple fundraiser is still ongoing! Don't forget to buy some delicious apples for your family or share the link with friends and family. Every purchase helps support our school initiatives.

Purchase your apples here:

[Apple Fundraiser Link](#)

We also have a few on-going fundraisers that we hope you take advantage of such as:

Mabel's labels for all your labelling needs

FundScrip and **FlipGive** for gift cards

All of which can be found on our website under fundraising!

Hot Lunch Program 🍔🍷👉

We're thrilled to announce that our hot lunch program is now open for orders! Please keep in mind the following deadlines:

- **First White Spot Lunch (Oct. 11):** Orders due by **Monday, October 7th.**
- **All Other Lunches:** Orders due by **Saturday, October 12th.**

Ensure you place your orders on time!

If you're interested in volunteering on Fridays to help with the hot lunch program, we would love your support!

Volunteer Sign Up Link:

[Click here to sign up to volunteer!](#)

Munch-a-lunch Information

- **New Parents:** Register [here](#).
- **Returning Parents:** Log in [here](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support! Let's make this October a fantastic month for our school community.

To keep up to date on what the PAC is doing please visit our website at MacCorkindalepac.square.site or

Follow us on Instagram at: https://www.instagram.com/maccorkindale_pac/

Or Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/maccorkindalepac/>

Warm regards,

MacCorkindale PAC

2024 District Cross Country Meet Information

We are excited to share important details about the upcoming 2024 District Cross-Country Meet. The event is set for Tuesday, October 22, 2024, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Trout Lake Park (19th Avenue & Victoria Drive). The following information is provided to help ensure the day is a memorable, safe and positive experience for everyone.

This year, there will be a new format for primary students in the cross country meets. All primary students will now run with their peers in the same grade, without differentiating their gender. They will be racing based on their grade and heat according to school name*. This change supports our Education Plan and our commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for all students. Additionally, every student participating in these races will receive a participation ribbon to celebrate their effort and enthusiasm.

2024 Race Schedule

<u>Race Time</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Distance</u>
1:00	Grade 7 Boys	1900 Metres
1:08	Grade 7 Girls	1900 Metres
1:16	Kindergarten / Grade 1 – heat #A	1000 Metres
1:24	Kindergarten / Grade 1 – heat #B	1000 Metres
1:32	Grade 2 – heat #A	1000 Metres
1:40	Grade 2 – heat #B	1000 Metres
1:48	Grade 3 – heat #A	1000 Metres
1:56	Grade 3 – heat #B	1000 Metres
2:04	Grade 4 Boys	1500 Metres
2:12	Grade 4 Girls	1500 Metres
2:20	Grade 5 Boys	1500 Metres
2:28	Grade 5 Girls	1500 Metres
2:36	Grade 6 Boys	1500 Metres
2:44	Grade 6 Girls	1500 Metres

*Heat A includes schools Bayview – Maquinna

* Heat B includes schools McBride – xpey

The first race (Grade 7 boys) will start at 1:00 pm. Subsequent races will begin every 8 minutes. Parents should err on the side of caution if they are trying to estimate what time their child is running. Grade 7 boys should be in the marshalling area by 12:50 pm.

Event Venue and Parking:

- We are prepared to hold the event regardless of weather conditions. Any facility closures will be determined by the Parks Board and communicated promptly. Changes to the event will be communicated via school coaches and administrators, as well as the Elementary Athletics Team.
- Parking is available off 19th Avenue. Those parking illegally or blocking driveways will be towed. Please carpool, take public transit, cycle or walk to the site, if possible. Please note that we will **not** have access to the Trout Lake Community Centre parking lot this year.

Safety and Event Regulations: To ensure the safety and success of all participants and spectators, please adhere to the following rules:

- **Tent Placement:** For safety reasons, we request that no tents be set up near the marshaling area or the start and finish lines. These areas tend to be congested, and overcrowding can cause safety concerns.
- **Course Access:** Only race participants will be permitted in the marshaling area and on the course. Parents are requested not to gather near the starting and finishing lines and must wait outside the roped areas to collect, congratulate, or take photos of their runners. Please stay within designated course boundaries to prevent accidents.
- **Participation Requirement:** To ensure fitness and safety, all participating students should have competed in a mini-meet before running in the District Meet.
- **No Pacing or Running Alongside:** Parents and coaches are prohibited from pacing, running, or biking alongside runners at any point during the race.
- **Electronic Devices:** With the exception of watches, participants are not allowed to wear any electronic devices, including GoPros.
- **Appropriate Dressing:** Athletes should dress appropriately while waiting for their race. This may include gloves, rain suits, extra socks, hats, umbrellas, and blankets. Please ensure that athletes are in proper gym attire for their race, with warm clothing for after the event. Starters may withdraw students inappropriately dressed (e.g., jeans or boots).
- **Spectator Areas:** All spectators must watch the races from outside the course boundaries. Certain areas will be roped off to ensure the safety of the runners and officials.

Additional Information:

- Please leave dogs at home if possible. If this is not possible, ALL pets must be under control and leashed and away from any course boundaries, including the marshaling area and the start and finish lines.
- Washroom facilities are available in the park on the south side of the lake. Additional portable toilets will also be on site near the caretaker's house.
- Please **bring your own garbage bags. Leave your area clean at the end of the meet.** Failure to do so may result in additional fees from the Park Board.
- All spectators are reminded to be respectful of all other spectators and participants. We welcome all students across the finish line with enthusiasm.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to create a safe and enjoyable environment for young VSB athletes. We look forward to seeing you at Trout Lake Park on October 22nd cheering on the athletes as they give their best on the cross-country course. Thank you for being a part of this exciting event.