



What's
up
@McKechnie
November
2024

Hello McKechnie Families:

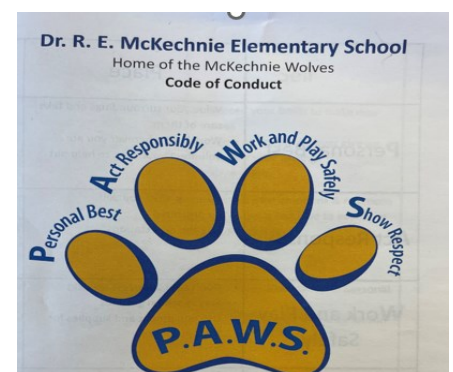
Wow! Can you believe it? We're already at the end of October and the beginning of November! We've settled into our classes and routines while shaking things up with emergency drills, participating in Terry Fox Day, acknowledging the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and cheering on our amazing runners at the cross-country meet at Trout Lake. Parents had a fantastic opportunity to connect with their children's teachers during Goal Setting Conferences on October 23 and 24. And on October 31, the students had a blast showing off their costumes in our school parade!

As we move into November, there's even more excitement ahead! Volleyball is starting, we have our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 8, and many other thrilling events are on the horizon. Thank you so much for all your support! Remember, you can get involved with school events by joining our PAC for their monthly meetings.

Warm Regards,
Lindsay



The students and staff of Dr. R. E. McKechnie Elementary School acknowledge that we work, live and learn on the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and T'sleil Wathuth Coast Salish peoples.



Photographing and Filming of Students

Historically, McKechnie classrooms have had a class photographer, typically a parent volunteer, who captured images of all students within a particular division. For safety reasons, the responsibility of photographing students will now be assigned to school personnel (teachers, myself, etc.) or a vetted parent for the yearbook. The involvement of numerous volunteers taking photos that could identify students poses challenges, especially for parents who have opted out of media consent. Schools must diligently uphold privacy obligations regarding the capture and publication of children's images.



However, if you wish to photograph your child at specific events, you are welcome to do so. Please be mindful of not including other children in your photos. Thank you.



September 2025

Kindergarten Registration

for McKechnie siblings

September 2025 Kindergarten registration starts on November 1st. Children born in 2016 are eligible to [apply online](#). Please email [Ms. Nancy](#) after registering so that she can look out for your child's application and make an appointment to bring supporting documents.

SIBLING PRIORITY—Early registration is encouraged so that the school can plan for the following school year and staff accordingly. Please note all registrations including siblings applications **must be received by January 31st 2025** to qualify for sibling priority. **Applications received after January 31st will be placed on the Waitlist.**



Cross Country

The cross country season has concluded! McKechnie students showed great spirit and athleticism at the City Finals at Trout Lake on October 22nd. Students braved muddy conditions and represented our school proudly. Congratulations to all athletes, and shout outs to Clara for placing 19th, Charlotte for placing 8th, and Andre for placing 20th.



Well done! Thanks to Ms. Williston, Mrs. Wong, and Ms. Puil for coaching and sponsoring!

McKechnie Alumni News

A visit from the past... earlier this month, a former student, Durr, and her mother at the school dropped off gift bags containing items for those in need. Durr is now a medical student at UBC and wanted to give back to the community and say thank you to McKechnie. She has started a charity, The Good Day Charitable Society, and is going on to a medical career! Well done, and thank you Durr and Zaineb al Saffar.



Library Corner



Ms. Koke is very busy right now in the library processing new books with the assistance of the student monitors. Senior student monitors are taking on some of the tasks

of scanning books in and out. If your child receives a notice saying that they have a book they feel they returned, please come into the library and have a look for the book.

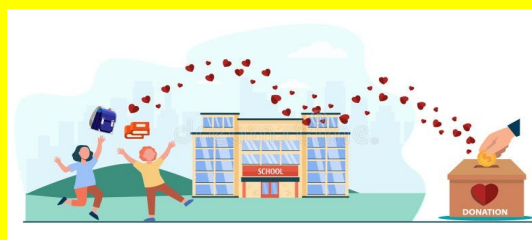
If we fail to locate it on library shelves, please have another look at home for it and we will wait a couple of extra weeks before accepting payment for any books that don't resurface.

Thanks for supporting the library and our students.

Ms. Shelley Koke

Direct Drive News

Direct Drive is on for another week! We are raising money for new sports equipment, library and school ready subscriptions. Your generous donations enhances our children's learning experience at McKechnie. If you haven't done so, it's not too late, you can still [donate here](#). Thank you!



Remembrance Day

Poppy Fund Donation

Please donate by November 11th

The Poppy Fund collection campaign is currently underway. Through your generosity, the Legion helps all of Canada's Veterans and their families.

Students may bring cash to school and personally donate or you may also donate through SchoolCash Online. SchoolCashOnline.com:
[Welcome](#)

All proceeds will go to The Vancouver Poppy Fund.

November 8th Assembly

Remembrance Day Assembly is on Friday November 8th @ 11:00AM.

Please RSVP to the school office with your name and # of people attending by November 7th if you plan to join us so that we can plan seating.

Call for Honour Guard Participants

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Sparks, Embers, Guides, Pathfinders, and Cadets...are welcome to participate in our Remembrance Day Assembly. Please [email](#) your child's name by Monday, November 4 or send your child to the office to sign up. **Thank you**



McKechnie Spirit Day Monday

T Shirts, Sweat Tops, & Socks For Sale

We have a limited amount of McKechnie Spirit Wear items for sale. Please come to the McKechnie office to view.



Next McKechnie Monday is Monday November 4th.

ARBUTUS KIDS WORLD

Programs with space available:

Puddle Jumpers 2.5 to 4 years old

3 day or 5 day program

9:00am to 11:45am

<https://arbutuskidsworld.ca/puddle>

Get Ready For School 4 to 5 years old

5 day program

12pm to 2:45pm

<https://arbutuskidsworld.ca/getready>



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Please ensure your child brings their lunch with them in the morning.

Lunches kept in a thermos will stay hot, and our [hot lunch program](#) is available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We kindly ask that you do not drop off or bring lunch to your child during the day.

Additionally, **please pick up your child promptly at 3:00 p.m.** Please call the office if you anticipate being 10-15 minutes late. Late pickups can cause your child to feel anxious.



THE CARD PROJECT IS BACK!

Our students are once again participating in this exciting art-based fundraiser. For purchase:

Beautiful products made with your child's art!

- Greeting cards
- Mugs
- Canvas tote bags
- Mouse pads
- Tea towels
- Notebooks
- Sketchbooks
- Canvas pins



Order now at

www.TheCardProject.ca

Our school access code is ME52

**Orders received by Sunday, November 3
will be delivered in the week of November 25-29.**

**The final order deadline is November 17
for delivery December 9-13.**

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SCHOOL ACCESS CODE IS ME52



Winter Break is just around the corner. Please let the McKechnie Office and class teacher know in writing if your child will be away on an extended winter break. Winter break is from Monday December 23rd to Friday January 3rd, 2025.

BELL SCHEDULE AND SAFE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

Safe Arrival Phone Number
604-713-5159 Extension 54

WHAT TO DO IF LATE, PICKING UP EARLY, OR ABSENT

(Please do not have your child call the Safe ARRIVAL LINE, Guardians must leave message)

Safe Arrival Procedures for Parents and Children:

When your child will be absent, picked up early, or late, please phone the Safe Arrival Line at **604-713-5159 Extension 54** PRIOR to 9 am.

Report the following information slowly and clearly:

1. Child's name (SPELL SURNAME) and division number
2. Date your child will be absent **OR** if arriving late, time of return.
3. When students arrive late - They must **SIGN IN** at the Office **BEFORE** reporting to class.

When students are picked up early - They must **SIGN OUT** at the Office **BEFORE** pick up.

Safe Arrival Number 604-713-5159 Ext. 54

NOTE: For extended absences (ie - Vacation) please email classroom teacher AND the [office](#) dates of extended absence. No need to call Safe Arrival daily in this case.

Please contact the school office if you require further information. **Thank you**



Mckechnie Photo Gallery

Grade 7 Bake Sale



Div 4 and 5 participating in CIVIX BC Student Vote



Div 5 & 6 @ STEM Workshop



Div 7 to 12 @ The Pumpkin Patch



@ The Wild Robot Movie Field Trip

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3  Fall Back	4 McKechnie Monday Spirit Day 	5	6	7	8 9am  Picture Retake Day 11am Remembrance Day Assembly 	9
10	11  Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  Pro-D	23
24	2  November		27	28	29	30

Principal	Lindsay Thompson	604-713-4952
Office Admin Support	Nancy Yuen-Chan	
Director of Instruction	Christopher Wong	
VSB Trustee Liaison	Suzie Mah	
Vancouver School Board		604-713-5000

Safe Arrival @ McKechnie

Please call before 9am 604-713-5159

Press "54#" and leave message

For extended leave—please email nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca

December 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 <i>McKechnie Monday Spirit Day</i> 	3	4	5 <i>Div 1,2,3 to Space Centre Field Trip</i> 	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <i>1:30 PM & 7 PM</i> 	19	20	21
22	23  Winter Break!	24  Winter Break!	25  Winter Break!	26  Winter Break!	27  Winter Break!	28
29	30  Winter Break!	31  Winter Break!			See you on Monday <i>January 6th 2025</i>	

