



What's  
up  
@McKechnie

November  
2025

### Hello McKechnie Families:

Wow! It's hard to believe that we're already welcoming November. October was filled with joyful moments and meaningful learning. Our students participated in a lively Halloween Parade and danced their hearts out during our Halloween celebration in the gym—thank you to everyone who helped make these events so memorable! We also cheered on our dedicated runners at the Cross Country Meet at Trout Lake, where their perseverance and team spirit truly shone.

In addition to the fun, we focused on important aspects of school life. Our goal-setting conferences provided valuable opportunities for students, families, and teachers to connect and collaborate on learning goals for the year ahead. We also took time to break from our regular routines to ensure the safety and preparedness of our school community through emergency drills. These exercises are a vital part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment.

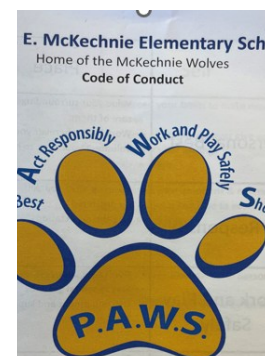
As we move into November, we look forward to continuing our journey of growth, learning, and connection. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we are creating a school community where every student feels safe, valued, and inspired to reach their full potential.

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.



### **From the Library Corner:**

Ms. Koke would like to thank everyone who supported the scholastic book sale at our school. She very much appreciated the help from all of the student and parent volunteers and we were able to earn over \$800 in scholastic dollars for us to purchase items for the school in the library. Thank you so much for all your support.



### **Remembrance Day**

#### **Poppy Fund Donation**

**Please donate by November 17th**

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](http://SchoolCashOnline.com): [Welcome](#)

All proceeds will go to The Vancouver Poppy Fund.

#### **November 10th Assembly**

Remembrance Day Assembly is on Monday November 10th @ 11:00AM.

Please **RSVP** ([nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca)) with your name and # of people attending by November 7th if you plan to join us so that we can plan seating.

Please note there is **NO SCHOOL** on Tuesday November 11th



## **Attention Kindergarten to Grade 6 McKechnie families with dob 2021 siblings**

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 (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year **2026-27**

### **Step 2:** Verification of documentation

After applying, you will receive instructions on how to schedule your in-person appointment.

Bring supporting documentation during your scheduled appointment for verification.

### **Supporting Documents Needed:**

- ◇ Proof of residence in Vancouver
- ◇ Child's birth certificate
- ◇ Immigration documentation (if applicable)
- ◇ Immunization records
- ◇ 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 begin to be accepted in early 2026. For more information, go to: [govsb.ca/kchoice](https://govsb.ca/kchoice) and [govsb.ca/crossboundary](https://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**

**In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.

The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.

Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.

In the event there are more in-catchment registrants than can be accommodated at their catchment school, students will be placed at another school as close to the catchment as possible until space becomes available.

### **Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31<sup>st</sup>**

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: Sibling priority does not apply for registrations received after January 31.**

In the event there are more in-catchment registrants than can be accommodated at their catchment school, students will be placed at another school as close to the catchment as possible until space becomes available.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit the VSB website: [govsb.ca/kindergarten](https://govsb.ca/kindergarten)



## Every 1st Monday is McKechnie Monday!

The **first Monday of every month** is **McKechnie Monday**—a chance for all students to show their school pride by rocking their McKechnie gear! Whether it's a hoodie, T-shirt, or anything in between, Spirit Wear is the perfect way to celebrate our amazing school community.



**Missed out on ordering?** Limited sizes and quantities are available for purchase in the **school office**—grab yours while supplies last!



**Heads up for athletes!** Spirit Wear will be **required** for **Cross Country** and **Track & Field** events. Make sure you're ready to represent McKechnie with pride!



# 2025 MCKECHNIE



# "STARPOWER"



# DIRECT DRIVE!

It's our biggest fundraiser of the year! Every dollar goes directly to McKechnie and your child's classroom. We hope to have EVERY FAMILY participate.

Laptops, Home Reading, text books, and even paper and supplies in the classroom are paid for by Direct Drive NOT the school board! Help us fund McKechnie!

Join our StarPower Campaign by Donating to Direct Drive and having your child return their star to their teacher. The stars will be sent home in your child's backpack, or can be printed on the PAC website. We will celebrate by posting all the stars on the school bulletin board!!



**SUGGESTED AMOUNT:**  
**\$100 PER CHILD**

\*all donations over \$20 will  
receive a Tax Receipt

WE CAN DO IT  
TOGETHER!!!!

**TOTAL GOAL**  
**\$20,000**

**HOW TO DONATE:**

- ① Go to "School Cash Online" - [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)
- ② Click "Make a Donation".
- ③ Click the Fund Destination as "E-Dr.R.E. McKechnie PAC"

# 2025 MCKECHNIE

## ★ "STARPOWER" ★

### DIRECT DRIVE!

这是我们今年最大的募款活动！每一分捐款都会直接用在 McKechnie 学校和您孩子的课堂上。我们希望每一个家庭都能参与其中。

笔记型电脑、家庭阅读教材、课本，甚至课堂上的纸张和文具用品，都是由 Direct Drive 募款支付的，而不是由学校教育局提供！请一起帮助我们为 McKechnie 筹募经费！

加入我们的 StarPower Campaign 星星力量募款活动 —— 只要捐款给 Direct Drive，并让您的孩子把星星图交回给老师即可。星星图会放在孩子的书包里带回家，也可以在 PAC 网站上下载列印。我们会把所有的星星贴在学校的布告栏上，一起庆祝大家的参与！

总目标  
**\$20,000**

建议捐款金额：  
每位孩子 **\$100**

\*所有超过 \$20 的捐款都将获得报税收据

让我们共同努力  
达成目标吧！

如何捐款：

- ① 到 "School Cash Online" - [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com)
- ② 点 "Make a Donation".
- ③ 选 the Fund Destination as "E-Dr.R.E. McKechnie PAC"



AGE  
**3-4**

**DETAILS :**

- ✓ 3 DAY PROGRAM (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) - \$299.00 Per Month OR
- ✓ 5 DAY PROGRAM (Monday to Friday) - \$391.00 Per Month
- ✓ Snack included
- ✓ Weekly soccer sessions with Pedal heads soccer included

**GET READY FOR SCHOOL  
PRESCHOOL  
12PM TO 2:45PM**

Our Get Ready for School program enables 4 and 5 year olds to continue with a play based class where they are able to use their imagination, independence and creativity while being involved in more structured activities to prepare for the exciting transition to kindergarten.

AGE  
**4-5**



[info@arbutuskidsworld.ca](mailto:info@arbutuskidsworld.ca)



604-269-6612

**PUDDLE JUMPERS  
PRESCHOOL  
9AM TO 11:45AM**

*Puddle Jumpers is a play based program. We encourage the children's curiosity and exploration by basing the activities on what they're interested in.*

*Our qualified, kind and creative teachers help to instill a lifelong love of learning.*

*As this program runs until the age of 4 it makes for a smooth transition into our Get Ready for School program.*



**DETAILS :**

- ✓ 5 DAY PROGRAM (Monday to Friday) \$391.00 Per Month
- ✓ Field trips included
- ✓ Lunch and Snack included
- ✓ Weekly soccer sessions with Pedal heads soccer included
- ✓ Regular visits to Elementary school Kindergarten class



[www.arbutuskidsworld.ca](http://www.arbutuskidsworld.ca)

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO PARENTS:**

### **No Uber Eats or Personal Food Deliveries to Classrooms**

We kindly remind parents that 'Uber Eats' and other personal food deliveries are **not permitted to classrooms**. If a student forgets their lunch, parents can drop it off at a table outside the office. It is the student's responsibility to pick up their lunch from there. **Please do not make this a daily/regular routine to bring food during school hours.**

### **Minimizing Classroom Disruptions**

Unless it's an **emergency**, students and teachers should not be disturbed during class time to call home for non-urgent messages, such as who is picking them up or to arrange playdates. These interruptions are very disruptive to the learning environment, and will not be permitted. The office staff is extremely busy and is not able to pass messages on to your children.

### **Reminder to Parents: No Cutlery Provided**

Please remember to send cutlery with your child(ren). The office **DOES NOT** have any to give them and we will not be providing cutlery from the staffroom. If your child does not have any cutlery, they will have to have lunch without any. Thank you for remembering to do this.



## **Nut Free Zone**

A reminder that several students at McKechnie have severe allergies (especially nuts). We ask that families refrain from sending nut products with their child.



Please check with your child's teacher if you are unsure of food allergies.

**If your child requires an epipen, puffer or has medical issues that we should be aware of, please contact the school office to further discuss. Thank you.**

Divisions 5 and 6 were out there cheering for the UBC Women's Rugby



Halloween 2025 Fun



Division 4 French Halloween Skits

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|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 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](mailto:nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca)

# November 2025

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| 9   | 10 11am<br>Remembrance Day Assembly                                                      | 11<br> | 12                                                                                                     | 13                                                                                                                        | 14                                                                                                        | 15  |
| 16  | 17                                                                                       | 18                                                                                        | 19                                                                                                     | 20 PAC<br>                            | 21<br><br>NO CLASSES | 22  |
| 23  | 24                                                                                       | 25                                                                                        | 26 Kindergarten<br> | 27 Div 2 to China-town Field Trip<br> | 28                                                                                                        | 29  |
| 30  |                                                                                          |                                                                                           |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                           |     |



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 22nd to Friday January 2nd, 2026.**

# December 2025

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| 7  | 8                                                                                         | 9<br><i>Grade 6 Immunization</i><br> | 10<br><i>Grd 7 Bake Sale</i><br> | 11                                                                                         | 12                                                                                          | 13 |
| 14 | 15                                                                                        | 16<br>                               | 17<br><i>Winter Concert</i><br>  | 18                                                                                         | 19                                                                                          | 20 |
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**1st day back Monday January 5th**