



What's
up
@McKechnie

November
2026

Hello McKechnie Families:

As we wrap up October and look ahead to November, it is hard to believe how quickly the school year is moving along! Students have settled nicely into their classes and daily routines while also participating in many important learning experiences and school events. Over the past month, we have practiced emergency drills, launched our Safety Patrol program, taken part in the Terry Fox Run, recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and cheered on our students at cross-country meets and soccer games.



Thank you to all the families who attended Goal-Setting Conferences on October 21 and 22. These conversations are an important opportunity for students, families, and teachers to work together to support learning and growth. Students also had a great time celebrating raising \$5327 for the Terry Fox Foundation, which culminated in several lucky students getting the chance to throw pies in **Ms. Thompson's face!** There were lots of laughs, plenty of whipped cream, and memories that will certainly last a long time. We are also looking forward to our annual Halloween Costume Parade on October 30, which is always a fun and exciting event for our students.

November promises to be another busy month, with volleyball and basketball seasons getting underway, along with many other engaging activities and learning opportunities for our students.

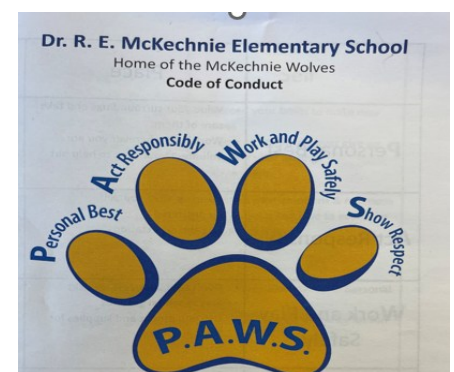
Thank you for your continued support of our school community. We encourage families to get involved by joining our PAC and participating in school events throughout the year. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Halloween and a wonderful start to November!

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.



Grade 7 Bake Sale

Bring your loonies & toonies! There will be a Grade 7 Bake Sale on **Thursday November 26th and Tuesday December 15th**. Items will include cupcakes, Jello, and cookies. All the proceeds from this yumminess will go to support the Grade 7s going to camp in June.



Extended Winter Break absence [form](#)

Winter Break is from **Monday, December 21 to Friday, January 1**.

If your child will be departing before the start of Winter Break or returning after the first day back to school, please complete this [survey](#) by **Tuesday, December 15**.

This information will assist us with planning and attendance preparations. If you complete this form, there is **no need to report your child's absence through SafeArrival**. Please also remember to inform your child's classroom teacher of the extended absence.



Darker mornings, shorter days: tips for a safe school commute

As our mornings grow darker, we can all help students get to school safely. This year, we won't turn clocks back on Nov. 1, as B.C. moves to year-round Pacific time.

A few simple steps can help keep everyone safe on the way to and from school:

- Wear bright or reflective clothing
- Use lights when cycling or scootering
- Cross at marked crosswalks and follow traffic signals
- Stop, look and listen before crossing. Wait until vehicles have stopped before stepping onto the road
- Put phones and other distractions away during commutes
- Drivers should slow down, stay alert and take extra care around schools, crosswalks and drop-off areas

As the days grow shorter, please give yourself a little extra time and take extra care on your way to and from school.



TERRY FOX RUN

This year our school community took the baton from Terry Fox and did our part. Together we raised over \$5300 for the Terry Fox Foundation and its noble pursuit to aid research into stopping cancer. Everyone from kindergarten to Grade 6 took part in running laps around the school in support. As an extra bonus by beating our \$5000 stretch goal, we all got to watch Ms. Thompson get a pie in the face. Thanks to all who donated and made this school's commitment to Terry's legacy a reality.



Remembrance Day

Poppy Fund Donation

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 donate in the Remembrance Day can in the school office. All proceeds will go to The Vancouver Poppy Fund.

November 10th Assembly

Remembrance Day Assembly is on Tuesday November 10th @ 9:15 AM.

Please [RSVP](mailto:nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca) (nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca) with your name and # of people attending by November 9th if you plan to join us so that we can plan seating.

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



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Vancouver traffic and construction can be unpredictable, so if you will be late for the **3:00 p.m. pickup**, please call the McKechnie office as soon as possible. This helps ensure your child is not waiting alone, which can cause anxiety.

Thank you for helping us keep students safe.

Photo Day

Photo Re-Take Day will take place on Wednesday November 4 during the morning. Please ensure students arrive ready for their class photos.



Please!
Be on TIME.



Daily Lunch Expectations

Please ensure your child arrives at school **with their lunch in the morning**, as dropping off lunches after the bell disrupts learning and interrupts office operations.

Please ensure your child brings a **healthy snack** to school each day. We ask that families **avoid candy and soft drinks** as we strive to support healthy eating habits and provide nutritious options for our growing students.

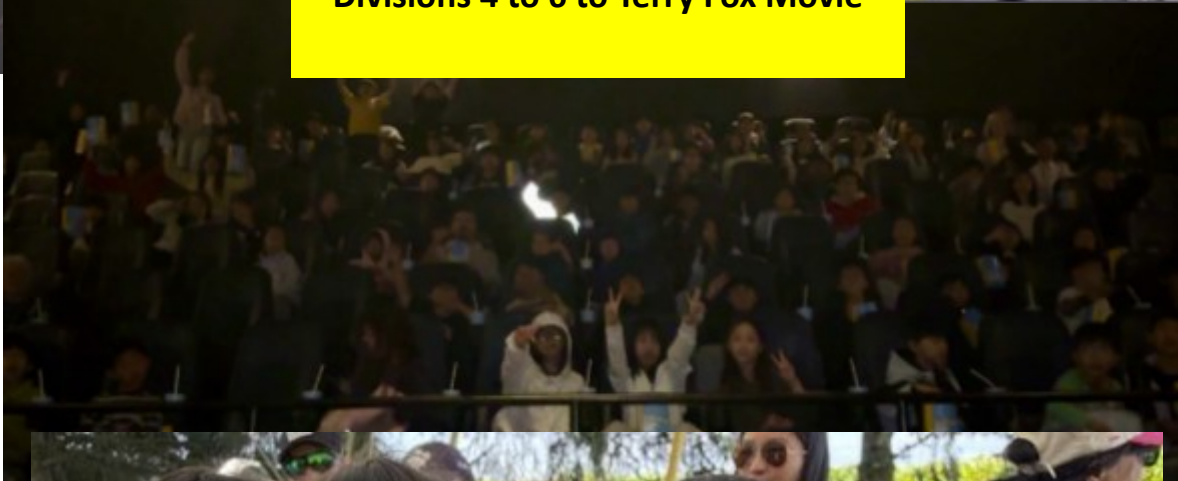
Please also pack **enough food** to accommodate your child's needs throughout the day.

All **lunch bags and containers must be clearly labeled** with your child's name to ensure items can be easily returned..





Divisions 4 to 6 to Terry Fox Movie



Divisions 7 to 11 to Pumpkin Patch





McKechnie
MOVIE NIGHT

Movie: **SUPER MARIO GALAXY**

Friday November 13, 2026

Doors Open **5:30 pm**
Movie Starts **6:00 pm**

Movie Tickets **\$3 / Person**
Hotdog One for **\$3**
Two for **\$5**

Bring your blankets, sleeping bags, reusable water bottles and wear your **PJ's!**

Limited seating available for adults.
ALL children must have adult supervision.

- Tickets, popcorn, and candy will be available for purchase onsite **CASH ONLY**.
- Hot dogs will **NOT** be sold onsite so orders must be placed in advance through School Cash.
- Pre-sale tickets and hot dog order deadline:
Tuesday November 10, 2026 at 3:00 PM.

Gym has a limited capacity, buy your tickets pre-sale to avoid disappointment!



McKechnie

Even volunteering just once this term would make a big difference to us!
哪怕一个学期只帮忙一次，对我们来说都会是很大的帮助！

Hot Lunch
Volunteers Needed
热午餐义工招募

Mon - Thu
周一至周四 | 11:30 - 12:20

Scan to Volunteer
扫码报名义工

Pizza Lunch
Volunteers Needed
披萨午餐义工招募

Friday
周五 | 11:30 - 12:20

Scan to Volunteer
扫码报名义工

Small School. Big Impact.

McKechnie Direct Drive Fundraiser

YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS:



\$5,000

CLASSROOM UPGRADES & REPAIRS

Maintain and replace equipment
to keep our classrooms
running smoothly.



\$10,000

NEW TECHNOLOGY

Bring new technology to our
classrooms to enhance learning
opportunities for all students.



\$4,000

CLASSROOM & TEACHER RESOURCES

Support teachers with classroom
supplies and learning materials
throughout the year.



\$1,000

A-Z / RAZ KIDS

Support literacy and
reading resources
for our students.

DONATE TODAY!

Every dollar makes a difference! ❤️



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.
- 4.

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

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.

The McKechnie office takes **daily attendance**, and if your child is not accounted for, staff will begin contacting parents to confirm the student's safety and whereabouts. If parents or guardians cannot be reached, **emergency contacts will also be called.**

Please be diligent in communicating with the school office whenever your child will be **late** or **absent**. Your cooperation helps us ensure the safety of all students.

Thank you.

November 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 <i>McKechnie Monday</i> 	3	4 <i>Re-take Day</i> 	5	6	7
8	9	10 9:15 AM <i>Remembrance Day Assembly</i> Pls RSVP	11 	12	13 <i>PAC MOVIE NIGHT</i> 	14
15	16	17	18 <i>Div 1 to 8 VSO Field Trip</i> 	19	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26 <i>BAKE SALE</i> 	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

Next McKechnie Spirit Day is on

Monday November 2nd—Wear your McKechnie blues!

McKechnie Spirit Wear T-Shirts Available!

We have a limited quantity of McKechnie Spirit Wear T-shirts available in both youth and adult sizes. Socks in adult sizes

If you are interested, please stop by the school office to view available sizes and purchase a shirt while quantities last.

Prices:

- ◇ Youth T-Shirts: \$16
- ◇ Adult T-Shirts: \$19
- ◇ Socks: \$10



December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 McKechnie Monday 	8	9 Div 8 to 11 to Granville Island Field Trip 	10	11	12
13	14	15  	16 Winter Concert 	17	18	19
20	21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26
27	28 	29 	30 	31 	1 	School Re- opens Monday January 4th