

# What's UP @McKechnie

# October 2023

## Dear McKechnie Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that it is already October! McKechnie students have been busy experiencing the joys of learning new songs, to read, write, play, draw, participate in crosscountry, soccer, outdoor education etc. Our intermediate students are enjoying learning new skills, concepts and taking on important leadership roles around the school. It has been a wonderful start to our school year, and we are looking forward to the upcoming months. Please check our school website often for updated calendar of events and other school information.

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Mrs. Parin Morgan Principal





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.

#### Re-usable cutlery

There are number of students who are forgetting to bring cutlery for their lunch. Reminder to please supply your child with



their own <u>re-usable</u> cutlery so that they can wash and re-use each day. This would be a great thing to pick up over the holidays to help reduce our impact on the environment!

# **Orange Day at McKechnie**

Teachers and staff have been spending some time this month learning and unlearning about residential schools and their impact on indigenous people. This is an ongoing process for all VSB staff and students to learn and unlearn on unneeded territories.

Thank you to our community for showing solidarity by wearing orange shirt on Friday. We look forward to continuing to show our effort to honor the experiences of the Indigenous Peoples and affirm a commitment that every child matters. It was great to see so many of our community members wearing orange shirt on Friday. Thank you for your support.



## World Teacher's Day

On Thursday October 5th we celebrated World Teacher's Day thanking all our teachers for their hard work, dedication and commitment towards making a difference in our children's lives. Thank you to our Mckechnie PAC for joining us to celebrate this special day by providing treats to our staff.





#### Spirit Day Launches Direct Drive Fundraiser!!

Direct Drive starts **October 16th** and we want to see your School Spirit!!! This is our largest and most important fundraiser of the year and we are counting on every family to participate. To launch the campaign on **Monday, October 16th** we will have SPIRIT DAY! All students should wear their McKechnie T-Shirt or BLUE to show your school spirit! We will be sending home lots of reminders and details in the coming days and are SO EXCITED to see our community come together!! Go McKechnie!!!



## **Terry Fox Run and Fundraiser**

Every year, students at McKechnie and many, many other schools, run

to raise money for Cancer Research. To date, more than \$400 million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Terry's name through the annual Terry Fox Run, held across Canada and around the world.



Thank you for your generous donations to the Terry Fox Fundraiser this year. We raised \$1,080 - Well done!

### Sports at McKechnie

It has been exciting to see our McKechnie sports teams! Both Cross Country and Soccer are underway. A huge thank you to all our cross country coaches and helpers: Ms. Christina Williston, Mrs. Vicki Wong, Mr. Scott Kemp, Ms. Cindy Tsang, Ms. Angela Law, and our soccer coach, Ms. Kristin Lum-Tong. Not to mention the many volunteers who are driving to meets & games. Don't forget to complete a driver permission form prior to driving any students. Driver forms are available in the office and must be completed in person.

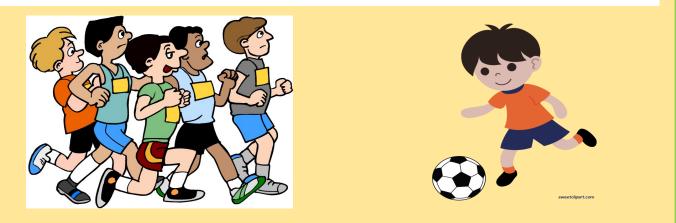
Cross-Country—McKechnie's cross-country season is in full swing with runners from Kindergarten to Grade 7 taking part in morning practices and mini-meets after school, running against students other schools. We have one mini-meet left, on October 12th at Balaclava Park, the City Finals at Trout Lake on October 19th starting at 1pm.

Cross-country families, please watch for a permission form in the next couple of days for the City Finals meet at Trout Lake!

**Soccer**—Soccer season is here! We have 2 more games to go in the season and hopefully will advance to the City Finals. Keep up the good work!

Cross-Country Schedule				
Tues. Oct 3 Balaclava Park - 3:30				
Thurs. Oct 12	Balaclava Park - 3:30			
CITY FINALS – October 19 @ Trout Lake Park at 1:00 p				

Senior Soccer Team Schedule				
Wed. Oct. 4 Kerrisdale – 3:30-4:30/5:00pm				
Wed. Oct. 11 Kerrisdale – 3:30-4:30/5:00pm				
Wed. Oct 18 Kerrisdale – 3:30-4:30/5:00pm				
CITY FINALS – (top team advances)				
Thursday, Oct. 26 @ Van Tech 8:30-12:00 pm				



## 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 prints, and more. Orders open online on

## Friday, October 27

at

www.TheCardProject.ca

#### Our school access code is ME52

Orders received by November 5 will be delivered in the week of November 20-24. The final order deadline is **November 19**, for delivery in early December.



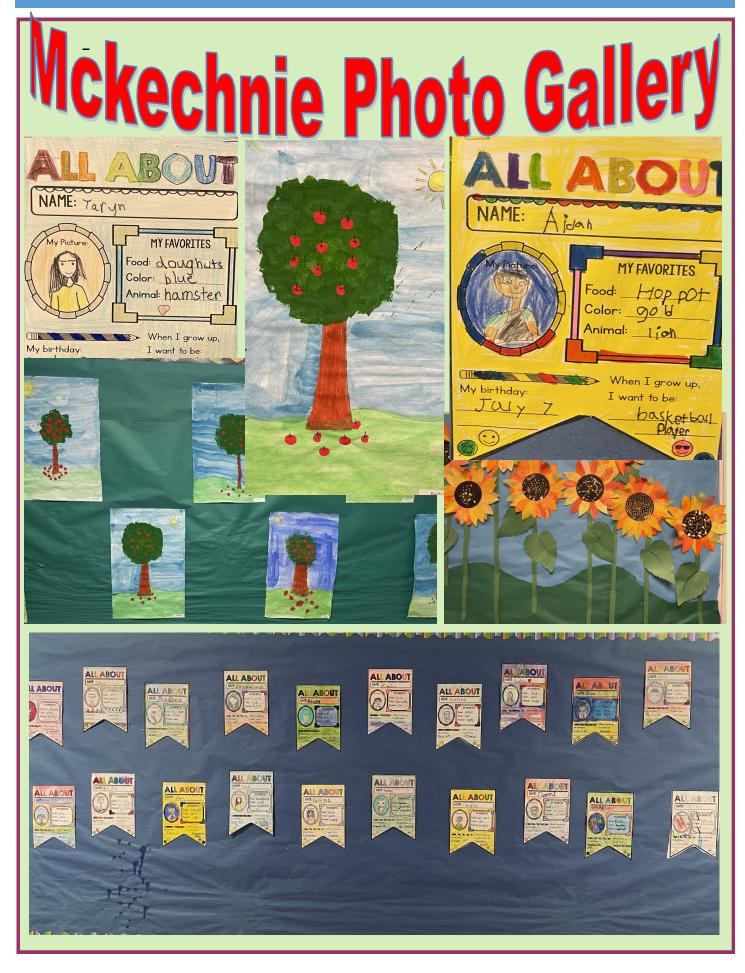


## **Usborne Book Sale**

Be sure to visit the Usborne Book Sale in the library **Oct 25 and 26** during conferences. Students and parents will have an opportunity to purchase beautiful quality books during those 2 days and a percentage of the sales goes directly to selecting quality books for our library and students to use.

Please keep your ears and eyes open for additional details during the next few weeks.

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Safe Arrive @ McKechnie—Please Call <u>before</u> 9 am 604-713-5159 Press "54#" For extended leave—Please email nyuenchan@vsb.bc.ca with details

Nancy Yuen-Chan

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No school	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 No School Thanksgiving Day	10	113:30 pm Soccer game @ Kerrisdale	12 3:30 pm -x-country mini meet @ Balaclava	13	14
15	16 Spirit Day -Wear Blue! Direct Drive	17	<b>18-3:30</b> pm Soccer game @ Kerrisdale	<b>19-1 pm</b> x-country city finals @	20 <sub>No school</sub>	21
22	23	24	25 2pm Dismissal Goal Setting Conference Usborne Book	26 2pm Dismissal Goal Setting Conference Usborne Book	27 Immun- ization clinic Direct Drive Ends	28
29	30	31				

## Lost and Found

Here's the latest view of a very full Lost and Found rack. Reminder to **please label** all your child's clothing, lunchboxes, bags, shoes... Please stop by the Lost and Found rack on the 1st floor to see if you recognize anything. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of December.



### PIZZA LUNCH



This is to let you know that the individual size pizza is much larger than last year. We are also offering a variety of flavors: Ham & Pineapple, Double Pepperoni, and Double Cheese. The link is through "Munch A Lunch" <u>http://</u> <u>munchalunch.com</u>

Orders must be submitted by 9am Tuesday

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12	13 <sub>No school</sub> In lieu of Remembrance Day	14	15	<b>16</b> 2-3 pm Pac Meeting	17	18
<b>19</b> Card Project order Deadline	20	21	22	23	24 <sub>No school</sub>	25
26	27	28	29	30		