



What's
up
@McKechnie

October
2024



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.

Hello McKechnie Families:

Wow! Here we are at the beginning of October! We have settled into our classes and routines while also taking time to practice emergency drills, participate in Terry Fox Day, acknowledge Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and cheer on the runners at our cross-country meets and soccer games. It has been an amazing few weeks.

We have the Thanksgiving Day long weekend on October 14, 2024. Please spend some valuable time with your families! Following that, we have **Goal-Setting Conferences on October 23rd and 24th** and another **Pro-D Day for teacher learning on Friday, October 25th**. We can look forward to Halloween festivities at the end of the month.

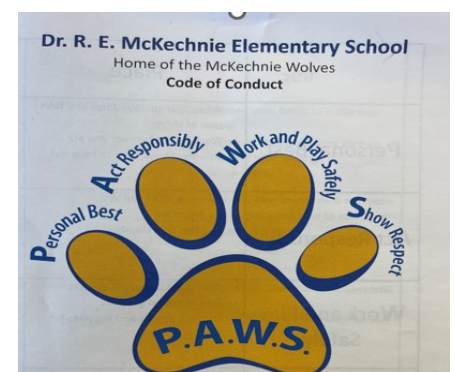
Thank you so much for all your support! Remember, you can get involved with school events by joining our PAC.

A principal's message wouldn't be complete without a reminder: **PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF OR PICK UP STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Lindsay Thompson
Principal



Library News

September has flown by and now classes are settling in. Primary student parents, please remember to send your child's library books and book bag to school on library day.

Please note that we have access to online e-books and audio books through SORA and Follett by scanning the below QR code and logging in with your child's email. Email address is 1234567@learn.vsb.bc.ca. with the 7 digit number at the beginning being their individual student number. Most students have this written into the front of their agendas.

Borrowing eBooks and eAudiobooks

From the School Library



What Can I Use to Read eBooks or Audiobooks?

- ◇ Desktop computer
- ◇ Smartphone
- ◇ Tablet

You can access these books using an internet browser such as Safari or Firefox but downloading The SORA app will make the experience more user friendly. Use the QR code below to go directly to SORA.

How Do I Find Books To Borrow?

From the internet:

library.vsb.bc.ca

Log In (top right) using student number and password

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- Choose "Catalog" (blue bar at top of page)
- Choose "Destiny Discover" (gray bar left side of page)
- Scroll down to eBooks or Audiobooks and click "See All"
- Choose the book you would like to borrow, Select "Open", and "Borrow"
- Ebooks will be provided by either Sora or Follet

Sora ebooks that are borrowed must be managed from the Sora app or account online. Follett ebooks are best managed and read using Destiny Discover online through your internet browser.



Terry Fox Run - Thank You!

Every year, students at McKechnie and many, many other schools, run to raise money for Cancer Research.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Terry Fox Fundraiser this year. **We raised over \$1,981** which strongly surpassed our 2023 total. - Well done McKechnie!



McKechnie Monday Spirit Day T Shirts

Did you miss the order deadline?? You're in luck as we have a limited amount of McKechnie T shirts on hand for sale. Please come to the McKechnie office to purchase.



In recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day, Div 4 created Orange Shirt Day pins that they wore to acknowledge and express the point that **Every Child Matters.**



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.



Heads up

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



Stay tuned for order opening date. See below information for more details

www.TheCardProject.ca

SCHOOL ACCESS CODE IS ME52

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

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>

DR. R.E. MCKECHNIE STAFF LIST 2024-2025

Principal		Ms. Lindsay Thompson
Administrative Office Assistant		Mrs. Nancy Yuen-Chan
Div. 1 Grade 6/7	Room #212	Ms. Taryn Puil
Div. 2 Grade 6/7	Room #209	Mr. Trevor Smitna
Div. 3 Grade 6	Room #105	Ms. Christina Williston
Div. 4 Grade 5	Room #207	Mrs. Vicki Wong
Div. 5 Grade 4/5	Room #208	Mr. Scott Kemp
Div. 6 Grade 4	Room #210	Ms. Zoe McNair
Div. 7 Grade 3	Room # 101	Mrs. Maria Papageorgiou (Mon.- Wed.)
		Ms. Joellen Housego (Thur.-Fri.)
Div. 8 Grade 3	Room #106	Ms. Sisley Killam
Div. 9 Grade 1/2	Room# 211	Mr. Ben Fanning
Div. 10 Grade 1/2	Room #102	Mrs. Nidia Pawliuk
Div. 11 Grade 1/2	Room #110	Mrs. Tammy Chang – (Mon. - Wed.)
		Ms. Shelley Koke - (Thur. – Fri.)
Div. 12 Grade KF	Room #104	Ms. Kristin Lum-Tong
Resource Teacher	Room #206	Mrs. Cindy Jenkins
Resource Teacher	Room #109	Ms. Michaela Muir (Mon. – Wed.)
Resource Teacher	Room #109	Ms. Katharine Thurmeier (Mon. - Thur.)
Librarian	Room #103	Ms. Shelley Koke
Prep Coverage/Music	Portable	Mr. Glenn de Verteuil – Head Teacher

Support Staff:

Mr. Gilbert Cacao	Building Engineer
Mr. Koon Chan	Afternoon Custodian
Ms. Maria Andriopoulos	Supervision Aide
Ms. Benny Ng	Supervision Aide
Ms. Vicky Fiskilis	Student Support Worker – (Mon. - Wed.)
Ms. Alice Warren	Student Support Worker
Ms. Mary Loewen	Student Support Worker – (Thur. - Fri.)
Ms. Catherine Preece	Student Support Worker
Ms. Karina Toftrup	Student Support Worker
Ms. Noriko Yoshida	Student Support Worker
Ms. Hilma De Castro	Student Support Worker
Ms. Ping Ping Leng	Student Support Worker
Ms. Ingrid Kosco-Duplinski	Student Support Worker

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

October 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 <i>Student Picture Day</i>	3	4	5
6	7 <i>McKechnie Monday Spirit Day</i> 	8	9	10 <i>Gr 6 Immunization</i>  <i>Div 4,5,6 Wild Robot Movie Field Trip</i>	11	12
13	14 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> 	15	16 <i>Div 7-12 to</i> 	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 <i>2pm</i> 	24 <i>2pm</i> 	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 		

November 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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24	2 		27	28	29	30



Lost and Found

See something familiar???

Please remember to label your children's outerwear for easy return.

Thank you