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Dear Mackenzie families:

Can you say "Antic.....i.....pa.....tion?"

It is that time of year when there is so much that staff and students are looking forward to: Field Trips, School Leaving, Performances, Walk-a-Thon, Sports Day, Track & Field, Night of Bands, District Recorder Festival, Mothers' Day, and the list grows daily. We continue to celebrate the success and progress children have made and look forward to their continued growth.

We extend belated best wishes to those who recently celebrated Vaisakhi, Passover, and Easter as we continue to celebrate and transition into the spring season.

We have welcomed our new Grade 6 Peer Helpers to the group as they begin to train for the role next year.

We had almost 100 parents out for the Sexual Health Workshop Monday, April 15th that coordinated nicely with the workshops for students last week. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend.

We have been notified about the City of Vancouver's proposal for a B Line Bus on 41st out to UBC. Our concern is focused on student safety, especially surrounding the crosswalk at St. Catherine's Street.

Drop, Cover & Hold is the theme of the District Earthquake Drill, **The Big One at Two**, on May 8th.

As we move into longer days and better weather, the recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety presentations by Vancouver Police Department were most welcome.

We are fortunate to have our District Youth and Family Worker, Catherine McCambridge, offer a Child Minding Course for senior students on Monday, April 29th (Pro-D Day), details to follow.

Our Earth Day Assembly was a huge success, thanks to all our student performers and to Ms. Baker, Ms. Da Silva, and Ms. Lam for their leadership.

Many thanks to all our partners who continue to assist with making Mackenzie such a welcoming place to work and learn.

How satisfied are you with your child's school experience? Parents are invited to complete a Satisfaction Survey. See the link and instructions on the last page of this newsletter, under the calendar.

Best regards,

Bruce Murton

Principal

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PAC [NEWS](#): Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) requires volunteers to support various programs, particularly Munch-a-Lunch, which runs every Monday & Friday. Parents are encouraged to contact Mindan at mackenzievolunteers@gmail.com to volunteer for Munch-a-Lunch.

The last session of Munch a Lunch will be open for ordering on Friday April 12 and you will be able to order up until the end of the year. www.munchalunch.com

Earth Day was on April 22nd, and Mackenzie Elementary planned some interesting and educational events to honour the day.

Monday, April 15th - Mood Lighting Monday. We encouraged classes to turn the lights off and work with natural light only.

Tuesday, April 16th - Litterless Lunch Tuesday. Students and staff were encouraged to use reusable containers when packing their lunches on this day. The focus was on not having one-use-only materials like plastic wrap or plastic baggies.

Wednesday, April 17th - Walk to School Wednesday. All students who walked, biked or scootered to school were entered in a draw to win a prize.

Thursday, April 18th - The finale was our Earth Day assembly in the gymnasium at 2:00. There were student performances and valuable information shared with students about the importance of Earth Day.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this so successful!

Congratulations go out to Jugaad Singh for participating in his first ever Braille Challenge Day! On Friday Feb 22, UBC hosted the 7th annual BC Regional Braille Challenge. Despite a snowy start to the day, 22 students attended from the lower mainland to compete with their peers and write tests in different categories. Given this is Jugaad's first formal year of learning braille, he participated in the Foundational Category, a group for early braille learners. Nevertheless, he wrote timed tests in the area of spelling, speed and accuracy, reading comprehension and charts & graphs! He did very well and aspires to compete with his grade 7 peers next year! The day was a quintessential celebration of braille and a day filled with fun, friends, pizza, reading & writing challenges, accessible coding activities, and tactile Twister! Way-to-go, Jugaad, and we look forward to seeing you participate again next year!
by Rita Schouls & Geniene Sadler



Congratulations to the 199 Mackenzie students who reached the goal of
100 and 200 Nights of Home Reading!

Well done readers!

Reece Abbott	Paige Clibbon	Oscar Kearney	Coen Schieman
Ariane Abellano	Lexi Coley	Leah Klewchuk	Siena Schwericke
Aya Abubaker	Thomas Cornelia	Cameron Kovacich	Ana Silva
Elizabeth Aisaican	Christopher Delima	Joshua Kovacich	Jugaad Singh
Josh Aliado	Miles Des Cotes	Meriem Laaraiedh	Akshara Singh
Germain Kent Alos	Mya DeSousa	Kim Lacanaria	Tyler Smythe
Karlly Ambros	Joshua DeSousa	Lucas Lai	Paige Smythe
Luke Anareta	Lucas DeSousa	Michelle Lam	Caleb Sneep
Tora Anazawa	Damien Dhanda	Quinn Larson	Adonis Spikes
Anannya Myles Aquino	Simrat Dhothar	Austin Le Trung	Isla Stacey
Eiddwen Archbold	Bao Linh Dinh	Sebastian Lee	Elan Stutes
Ana Arguello McHardy	Alice Dowler	Jonathan Lee	Lloyd Suela
Lucas Arguello McHardy	Elizabeth Dowler	Kate Lee	Quinton Tang
Maya Arumainathan	Ken Duong	Elizabeth Lee	Kairah Teliao
Kyle Patrick Asto	Anjelica Dyte	Robert Legarde	Bryce Teliao
Isaiah Avendano	Kurumi Echizenya	Bosco Li	Lucas Teodosio
Elanie Ayeona	Alexa Ermita	Keane Low	Mia Teodosio
Munira Badhan	Dincel Eserjose	Aya Luarca	Clyde Thielen
Sunum Bains	Aliana Esteban	William Maclean	Calvin Tran
Anaiya Bains	Wesley Evans	Angadvir Makkar	Julian Trinh
Zoey Ballesteros	Lukas Evans	Reiden Manansala	Kahlen Tsze
Steven Ballesteros	Asia Ferrer	Christopher Mangal	Nicholas Tu
Jacob Balson	Mikayla Fiesta	Arjun Mangat	Zophie Ty
Aryan Bariana	Madelyn Fleck	Ethan Maranhao	Mehrab Uddin
Elle Barrett	Lucy Fleck	Jude Martin	Bella Valentine
Cheznie Basbano	Rachael Forrester	Hikaru Matsumura McKee	Lileah Whelpdale
Ritika Basra	Daniel Forrester	Herris Mercado	Hazel Whistler
Stefan Beecroft	TJ Franco	Christina Morales	Alexandra Winer
Gabriel Berroy	Mia Fraser	Amelia Munzel	Tamara Wolf
Jagatveer Bhatia	Asia Fraser	Andrew Munzel	Moxie Worrall-Soriano
Tenley Blackketter	Thomson Freeman	Ryan Nguyen	Aveline Wylie
Diego Boyes Galeana	Mikoto Fujiwara	Jayden Nguyen	Dylan Yalung
Lineo Bradley	Kie Fujiwara	Dominic Nguyen	Genisha Yang
Liam Brewster	Zandy Mae Gallardo	Audrina Nguyen	Clairisa Yang
Courtney Brewster	Jodee Gano	Harleen Nijjar	Olivia Yankanna
Rafael Cadaoas	Jannaniah Garciano	Justin Nora	Joshua Yuen
Jaerald Cadaoas	Linard Gil Gascon	Jillian Ordinado	Laiba Zobair
Hugo Campbell	Jannat Gill	Reanne Padam	
Christian Cardona	Dimitrios Grammatikogiannis	Sofia Pang	
Gyanna Arizha Carpio	Logan Hagel-Noel	Mika Patajo-Tana	
Jason Castro	Brax Hagel-Noel	Kent Pedraza	
Keisha Catua	Mia Hamatake	Varsha Prakash	
Archanaa Chandragowrison	Jace Hauser	Cxyzrius Pulanco	
Tora Chare	David Hernandez	Ishaan Radlein	
Ryan Chare	Franklin Herrera Gomez	Asyam Rafii	
Memphis Chau	Ahmed Hingora	Zara Rafols	
Matthew Chau	Eva Ho	Jaspreet Rall	
Daisy Chen	Patrick Hughes	Jackson Read	
Brandon Cheung	Nicole Hughes	Kyla Redona	
Lucas Chiang	Reilly Hunter	James Roy	
Aurora Chobotiuk	Bruno Jique	Kaleigh Sanchez	
Shahreen Chowdhury	Jose Mari Kaharian	Nevaeh Sangara	
Sarina Chowdhury	Nihaal Kang	Lakiesha Satheesan	
Emma Clarke	Isaac Kearney	Thaniksha Satheesan	

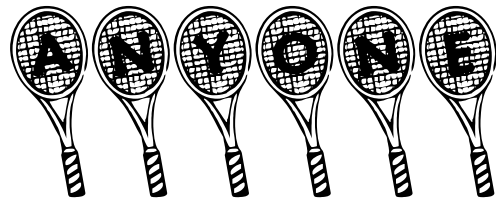
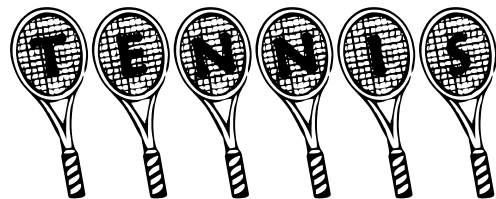
What's been going on around here?

Is that a tarantula on your shirt, Ms. Bisset?



On March 14th, Urban Safari Rescue Society came to our school. They brought a snake. They put the snake around William's neck and around Shea's neck. They brought a tortoise. The tortoise's name is Mr. D (no relation to our Mr. Di ☺). He walked so slow. My favourite is the sugar glider because it can glide. I was excited.
By Lorenzo in Division 13

On March 14, the Urban Safari Rescue Society came and brought some animals. I liked the cockroach because it can still breathe when you cut its head off. The sugar glider is also good at flying into the box. My other favourite is the tortoise because it can close the front door and open the back. My most favourite one was the guinea pig. It was very cute. The snakes wore lots of patterns and have different colours.
By Janika in Division 13





UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
22 Easter Monday	23	24 Immunization Clinic (Grade 6, catch-up & K)	25 Ready Set Learn 9:30 - 10:30 am	26 Walk-a-Thon Kick Off Assemblies
29 ProD Day	30 YMCA popsicle sale - 3:00 pm until sold out			
MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
		1 PAC Meeting 6:30 pm	2 Big One @ Two (earthquake drill)	3
6 Dreamrider Clean Up Your Act (K to 3/4) 11:00 am	7 Beaty Biodiversity Museum - Div 6 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Night of Bands - Grade 7s @ Tupper 7:00 pm	8 Welcome to Kindergarten (AM)	9 Nutrition Lesson - Div 5 & 6	10 Walk-a-Thon
13	14 Playland all day - Div 4, 5, 6 & 7	15	16 Sports Day	17 ProD Day (district-wide)
20 Victoria Day	21	22 Tap Co. Performance - 2:00 pm (K to 7)	23 Indigenous Moving Forward Celebration - Grade 7s @ Croation Cultural Centre 12:00 - 3:30 pm	24 Science World - Div 11, 12 & 13 PAC Movie Night in Auditorium 5:00 - 9:00 pm
27 Follow-up Hearing Screening (Ks & 1s) - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm	28	29 Geering Up (Science Workshop) @ MKZ Div 6, 7 & 8	30 MOA - Div 5 & 9 10:00 am - 2:30 pm	31 Walk-a-Thon Prize Assembly

Please click on the link below (or copy into browser)

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

Scroll down the page to Parent section, on right side choose option Direct Access. In the drop down menus, click on District 39 and then Sir Alexander Mackenzie Elementary.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts!