



What's up @McKechnie

February 2026

Hello McKechnie Families!

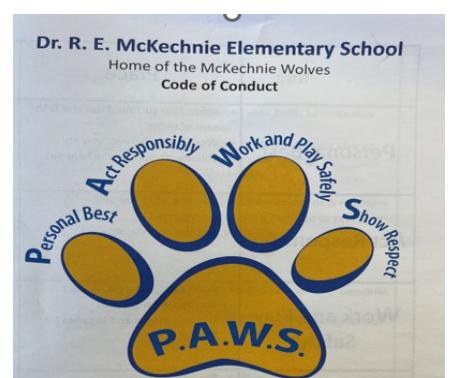
As we head into February, our school is buzzing with exciting events and opportunities for students and families. This month includes our PAC Movie Night —a fun chance for our community to come together—and PAC Photo Day—so please watch for details on the PAC channel, coming home soon. Students will also be participating in Field Hockey workshops, giving them a chance to build new skills and stay active. We're looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with kindness and inclusivity across all classrooms, and we hope everyone enjoys a restful long weekend for Family Day when the school is closed.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to make our school a welcoming place for all.

Warm regards,
Lindsay Thompson
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.



Important Surveys for McKechnie Families

Families were emailed information on **Thursday, January 29th** regarding two important surveys. If you have not yet completed them, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Surveys to Complete

1. **March Break – Extra Time Off Survey**
2. **Return to McKechnie in September 2026 Survey**
 - ◊ *For current Grades K–6 only.*
 - ◊ *Current Grade 7 students do not need to complete this survey.*

Important Catchment Information

If your family has moved **outside the McKechnie catchment area or outside the Vancouver School District (eg, Richmond)** you are required to register at your local catchment school. McKechnie can only enroll students whose **principal residence** is within the McKechnie catchment.

Humanitarian Club

February 14th is fast approaching, which means Valentine's Day is just around the corner. The Humanitarian Club will once again be raising money for a local charity by creating special Valentine's Candy Grams.

Candy Grams will be sold from **February 2nd to February 6th**. Please make your purchase on [SchoolCash](#) by February 6th.

Each candy gram will cost \$2 for 1 or \$5 for 3 or \$10 for 6.

Students will assemble the Candy Grams on **February 9th and 10th**.

Thank you for helping us give back to our community!



Grade 7 Bake Sale

There will be a winter-themed Grade 7 Bake Sale on **Wednesday February 11th**. Items will include cupcakes, Jello, and cookies, and all the proceeds from the yumminess will go to support the Grade 7s going to camp in June. Thank you for your support!

McKechnie Monday/Spirit Wear

Pls order by Monday February 2nd

Place order through [SchoolCash Online](#)

Please refer to the email sent on January 26th for measurements, as there are no exchanges. All sales are final.

Hoodie: Grey with navy logo

Youth - \$35 / Adult - \$38

Or

Crew neck: Navy with yellow logo (As shown)

Youth - \$32 / Adult - \$35



Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday February 25th

Please wear pink as support of victims of bullying and to foster conversations about kindness and respect.



Library News



Ms. Koke is working to clear up long-overdue library books and has begun sending out bills for outstanding materials. If you believe your child has already returned an item, please come to the library between Monday and Wednesday to help Ms. Koke search for the book. Your support is greatly appreciated. Our budget for purchasing new books is very limited, and it's important that students take responsibility for the materials they borrow.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a snack, lunch, and any necessary eating utensils. Lunches packed in a thermos will stay warm, and our hot lunch program is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. To avoid in-class learning interruptions, we kindly ask that families do not drop off thermoses or bring lunches during the school day. The school has safe, filtered drinking water available for all students.



Afternoon pickup is at 3:00 p.m. If you expect to be 10–15 minutes late, please call the office so we can support your child. Late pickups can cause children to feel anxious, so timely communication is greatly appreciated.

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.



Kerrisdale Little League

ROOKIE T-BALL PROMO

\$100 of FREE gear with Registration!*

REGISTER NOW!

10 Week Spring Program April - June

Local Fields: Maple Grove Park & Quilchena Park

Promo for Kinders & Grade 1 Players T-Ball and Rookie Division

New registrants receive: Glove - Helmet - Bag

Sponsored by: The Sports Exchange

OUR COACHES
NCPP Certified Coaches.
National and University players.

WHY?
Because Field Hockey is one of the most played sports in the world and we believe that all children should have the opportunity to learn new sports and be inspired by our coaches.

WHAT WE TEACH
Fundamental Movement Skills
Basic Field Hockey Skills
Confidence
That sport is FUN!

THE VANCOUVER HAWKS FIELD HOCKEY CLUB PROVIDES
ALL EQUIPMENT, COACHES, LESSON PLANS AND ADMINISTRATION
FREE TO YOUR SCHOOL

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*Promotion open to the first 50 new to Kerrisdale Little League players registered in T-Ball or Rookie Division for the 2026 Spring Season. Non transferrable. No exchanges. No substitutions.

VANCOUVER HAWKS FHC

VANCOUVER HAWKS SCHOOLS PROGRAM

THIS IS FIELD HOCKEY

VANCOUVER HAWKS FIELD HOCKEY CLUB

WHO WE ARE?
Canada's oldest and most established field hockey club 1000+ members ranging from age 5 to 80.

WHAT WE OFFER:
Free - 1 week introduction to Field Hockey for the entire school - grades K-7.
All field hockey equipment provided by Vancouver Hawks.

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"HELPING DEVELOP CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL LITERACY AND LIFELONG INVOLVEMENT IN SPORTS"

ARBUTUS KIDS WORLD

Before and after school care AVAILABLE

Our **program** supports children from **Kindergarten through Grade 7** in a safe, nurturing, and fun environment.

Before School Care (7:00–9:00 a.m.)

- Healthy, delicious breakfast provided
- Calm group and individual activities
- Time for homework, quiet reading, LEGO, or drawing
- relaxed and positive way to start the school day



After School Care (3:00-6:00pm)

- Children are picked up after school and walked safely back to Kids World
- A delicious, nutritious snack is provided daily
- Engaging activities planned by our qualified, creative, and caring staff
- Lots of outdoor play, games, crafts, and activities to suit a wide range of interests
- Strong focus on kindness, inclusivity, friendship, respect, positive behaviour, and self-confidence

At Kids World, we foster **positive relationships and a love of learning through play** in a welcoming community where every child belongs.

Interested in learning more or registering?

Please contact us — we'd love to connect with you!

Email: info@arbutuskidsworld.ca

ARBUTUS KIDS' WORLD – SPRING BREAK CAMPS 2026

Looking for fun, engaging care for Spring Break? Arbutus Kids World is excited to offer two themed Spring Break Camps packed with creativity, adventure, and memorable experiences!

WEEK 1: March 16 – March 20

Starwalkers

Blast off into a week of imagination, games, crafts, and galactic fun!

WEEK 2: March 23 – March 27

The Wonderful World of Disney

Step into the magic with Disney-inspired activities, stories, and adventures!

Camp Details:

- **Cost:** \$300 per week
- Includes **2 snacks and 1 lunch daily**
- **Exciting field trips included**
- Camp hours: **8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- Extended care available until 5:30 p.m. for an additional \$25 per day

  Our camps offer a safe, inclusive, and fun environment where children can explore, play, and make new friends.

To register:

Email info@arbutuskidsworld.ca to receive registration forms.

McKechnie Photo Gallery



Divisions 1-9 to Whistler Mountain



McKechnie Sports





February 2026

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7pm ZOOM 	4	5	6 <i>Last day to <u>buy</u></i> <i>Candygrams</i>	7
8	9 <i>Last day for Madagascar movie night <u>pre-sale</u></i>	10 <i>Div 5/6 Kerrisdale Arena Report Cards come</i>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Family Photo Day 10am-4pm</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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

In the event of snowfall, please refer these stations for NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL CLOSURE information.

By 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closure on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 	17 	18 	19 	20 	21
22	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28
29	30 	31			<i>No School April 3rd April 6th</i>	