



What's
up
@McKechnie

September
2026

Welcome Back!

MEET THE TEACHER
We'd Love to See You!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 | **3:15 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

Families are warmly invited to visit your child's classroom **after 3:15 p.m.**
This is a wonderful opportunity to say hello, put a face to a name, and explore the classroom learning environment.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Say hello to your child's teacher
- Put a face to a name
- Explore the classroom learning environment
- Share in the excitement of a new school year

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Meet the Teacher is intended to be a casual and welcoming opportunity for families to connect and become familiar with the classroom.

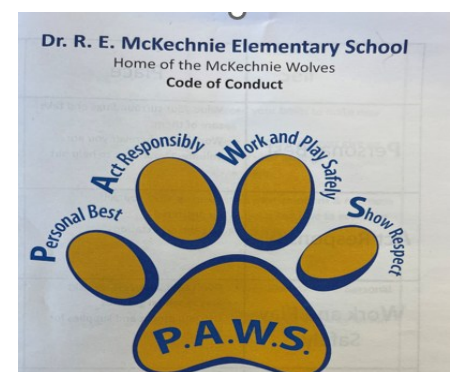
While we look forward to meeting everyone, **this is not the appropriate time to discuss individual student needs, concerns, or progress.**
If you would like to have a more detailed conversation about your child, please contact the teacher to arrange a meeting at a later date.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family!
Here's to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and connection!

The Staff of McKechnie Elementary School



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.



McKechnie checklist

Please complete below tasks by Tuesday Sept 22nd.

- ◇ Fees paid on [SchoolCash Online](#)
- ◇ Verification form to class teacher (Review info and updated if needed)—Don't forget to sign bottom of 2nd page
- ◇ Reunification forms (long yellow sheet) turn in to class teacher (**one per family—eldest child submits**)
- ◇ [Online Forms](#) completed—Please make sure every form is signed off
- ◇ McKechnie Spirit Wear / Cross Country T Shirt order submitted on [SchoolCash Online](#)—**Please order by 10AM - NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Cross Country season is here!

All students, from Kindergarten to Grade 7, are welcome to join.

McKechnie Cross Country meets will take place in October. Participating students will wear matching blue McKechnie T-shirts at the meets. These shirts can also be worn on **McKechnie Mondays**, which takes place on the **first Monday of every month**.

McKechnie T-shirts are available for purchase (\$16 children/\$19 adult) now through [SchoolCash Online](#). To ensure shirts arrive in time for the Cross Country season, **all orders must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22.**

Adult sizes are also available, so the whole family can show their McKechnie spirit! Thank you for

supporting our school community, and we look forward to seeing our students and families proudly wearing McKechnie blue! **Go McKechnie!**



Grade 7 Bake Sale



Bring your loonies & toonies! There will be a Grade 7 Bake Sale on **Thursday April 28th**. 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.

Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE OUR VSB		
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McKechnie ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	School Year 2026-27 School Fee Schedule	

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

The Vancouver School District is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all school fees are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.

[See Administrative Procedure 506: Financial Hardship](#)

\$35.00 SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE

As per the School Act, families are required to provide their child with consumable supplies and equipment for personal use. The Vancouver School District offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies provided in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2026-2027 is \$35.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for each student's personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. However, families can choose to purchase their own school supplies independently and opt out of paying this fee. The school will provide a list of required consumable supplies to families who choose this option.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOL FEES

Optional supplemental school fees can be charged for materials and/or activities that are in addition to what is necessary for the student to meet the learning standards of the curriculum. These resources and activities enhance learning experiences and are recommended, but not required. Some supplemental fees may be offset through fundraising events or financial support through the Parent Advisory Council. The items listed below include materials and activities that the school has already identified as supplemental fees for the 2026-2027 school year.

Item	Description	Fees	Grade(s)
Agenda	School agendas support students with organization and planning.	\$10.00	1 to 7
Workbooks - Numeracy	Deposits for student workbooks. A refund will be issued if the workbook is returned in its original condition – without any markings or damage. No refund will be issued if the item is damaged or written in. Families may decide to purchase for individual student use.	\$45.00	3 to 5
Grade 7 Camp	Overnight camp experience for Grade 7 students.	app. \$650	7

OTHER POTENTIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FEES

Throughout the year, fees may also be charged as needed for field studies, performances, events and activities that are aligned with the curriculum and support unique or enhanced learning experiences beyond the required learning standards. Specific information and the associated fees will be communicated by the classroom teacher prior to these events. These activities and events are recommended, but not required.

TERRY FOX RUN



In 1980 Terry showed us what courage, compassion and determination look like. Today that example is needed more than ever and we are inspired to join 4,000,000 Canadian students who are leading the way. By fundraising for innovative research our school community is literally changing the lives of Canadians facing cancer. Thanks to your donation, we're driving cancer research forward, faster than ever.

This year, McKechnie will be hosting our Terry Fox Run on **Friday September 25th**. Our goal, as a school, is to raise beyond our donation amount last year of **\$3720! If we raise more than \$5000 by Friday September 25th, our principal, Ms. Thompson will get pied by one of our lucky students!**

Here is the link to donate: [Dr. R.E. McKechnie Elementary - Vancouver, BC. \(https://schools.terryfox.ca/138751\)](https://schools.terryfox.ca/138751). **All donations will be collected through this website, only.**

LIBRARY MONITORS NEEDED

Ms. Koke is getting the library up and running and will soon be looking for Grade 4–7 students to volunteer as library monitors.



Shifts are available before school (8:30–9:00 am) and after school (3:00–3:20 pm) on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. If your child is interested in volunteering, it's a great opportunity to build leadership skills. Please have them see **Ms. Koke** to pick up an application and let her know which day(s) they are available.

CHOIR NEWS



Mr. D is currently on leave, so **Ms. Koke and Mr. Lee** will be starting the choir in his absence. The choir will be preparing songs for our upcoming **Remembrance Day Assembly**, which is fast approaching. If your child enjoys music, we rehearse on **Tuesdays at lunch**, and practices will begin next week.

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.

Please!
Be on TIME.

Photo Day

Photo Day will take place on Tuesday, September 28, during the morning.

Please ensure students arrive ready for their class photos.



Hot Lunch Starts on Sep 28
Order Deadline Sep 21

Pizza Lunch Starts on Sep 25
Order Deadline Sep 23

Remember to place your orders @ www.mckechniepac.ca/lunch

Food

LUNCH
MCKECHNIE PAC

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..



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.



Magee
Music
Department

Magee Secondary School

6360 Maple St.

Vancouver, BC, V6M 4M2

Tel. (604) 713 - 8200

Fax. (604) 713 - 8209

Email: kollerenshaw@vsb.bc.ca

www.mageemusic.ca

***Come Join the Maple Grove & McKechnie Concert Band
September – March 2026/2027***

Dear Grade 6, and 7 students and parents at Maple Grove and McKechnie elementary. My name is Mr. Keith Ollerenshaw and I am excited to present you a wonderful new opportunity to learn how to play a band instrument at Magee Secondary. Our goal is to create a large ensemble of many unique instruments. You will have a choice of the following instruments. Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, bass, or percussion. Next year there will be two ensembles. One for students with no experience, and another for students with experience. Both bands will meet from 3:15 – 4:00 and our experienced players will continue from 4:00-4:45 on Wednesday afternoons. Start date TBA.

No experience is necessary, and if you don't already have an instrument, we can either help you rent an instrument from a music store (Tapestry Music has the best deal), or if you can't afford it, we can find a way for you to get something to play!

For people who don't know yet what they want to play, we will have you try different instruments. We will teach you how to read music, how to hold and play your instrument, and introduce you the wonderful world of wind playing.

And the best part of it, this program is absolutely free! (There will be a \$50 materials fee)

Sincerely,

Keith Ollerenshaw
Artistic Director of Bands
Magee Secondary School
kollerenshaw@vsb.bc.ca

To Pre-register your child please:

1. Send an email to Mrs. Chang at tchang@vsb.bc.ca (at McKechnie) or Ms. Yeung kyeung@vsb.bc.ca (at Maple Grove) and include the following information:
 - a. Your child's full name
 - b. Your child's grade
 - c. Will your child be joining beginner band (no experience) or intermediate band (has experience)
 - d. What instrument would your child like to play (beginner band can be unknown) or What instrument does your child play (intermediate band)
 - e. Parent name(s) and email address(es) for email list

Arbutus Kids World Society currently has spaces available in our licensed Before and After School Care program for children attending Dr. R. E. McKechnie Elementary.

Before and After School Care Spaces Available

Arbutus Kids World Society offers a safe, welcoming, and play-based program for children in Kindergarten through Grade 7.

Program hours:

- Before school care: 7:00–9:00 a.m.
- After school care: 3:00–6:00 p.m.

Staff walk children safely to and from Dr. R. E. McKechnie Elementary.

Monthly fees after the CCFRI reduction:

- ♦ Kindergarten: \$238 per month
- ♦ Grades 1–7: \$368 per month

A healthy breakfast is provided during morning care, and an afternoon snack is provided after school. Children enjoy a combination of quiet time, indoor and outdoor activities, planned programming, and free play.

Arbutus Kids World is a parent-run, not-for-profit child care centre licensed by Vancouver Coastal Health. Our programs focus on acceptance, safety, independence, and learning through play.

Families interested in registering or arranging a tour are invited to contact us:

Arbutus Kids World Society

7505 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, BC

604-269-6612

info@arbutuskidsworld.ca

www.arbutuskidsworld.ca

See program [handout](#) with additional information.

Thank you very much for helping us share this opportunity with families!

Warmly,

Courtney Dixon

Executive Director



Arbutus
KIDS WORLD

— PRESCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING —

DR. R.E. MCKECHNIE STAFF LIST 2026/2027**Principal**

Administrative Office Assistant

Div. 1 Grade 6/7 Room #212

Div. 2 Grade 6/7 Room #209

Div. 3 Grade 6/7 Room #105

Div. 4 Grade 5/6 Room #207

Div. 5 Grade 5 Room # 208

Div. 6 Grade 4 Room #210

Div. 7 Grade 3/4 Room # 101

Div. 8 Grade 3 Room # 102

Div. 9 Grade 1/2 Room # 211

Div. 10 Grade 1/2 Room #110

Div. 11 Grade KF Room #104

Resource Teacher Room #206

Resource Teacher Room #109

Resource Teacher Room #106

Librarian Room #103

Music Portable

Ms. Lindsay Thompson

Nancy Yuen-Chan

Ms. Taryn Puil

Mr. Trevor Smitna

Ms. Christina Williston

Mrs. Vicki Wong

Mr. Scott Kemp

Ms. Zoe McNair

Mrs. Maria Papageorgiou (M.-W.)/

Ms Joellen Housego (Th.-Fr.)

Mrs. Nidia Pawliuk

Mr. Ben Fanning

Mrs. Tammy Chang – (M.-W.)/

Ms. Shelley Koke - (Th. – Fri.)

Ms. Kristin Lum-Tong

Ms. Cindy Tsang– **Head Teacher**

Ms. Katharine Thurmeier

Ms. Sisley Killam (Mon. & Tues.)

Ms. Shelley Koke

Mr. Glenn de Verteuil

Support Staff:

Mr. Gilber Cacao

Ms. Maria Andriopoulos

Ms. Benny Ng

Ms. Alice Warren

Ms. Ashley Bismeyer

Ms. Catherine Preece

Ms. Noriko Yoshida

Building Engineer

Supervision Aide

Supervision Aide

Student Support Worker

Student Support Worker – (M,T, every 2nd Wed)

Student Support Worker

Student Support Worker

District Staff:

Mr. Sasha Fonarev

Mr. Jen McLean

Mrs. Harj Johal

Mr. David Ki

Ms. Elisabeth Chan

Speech/Language Pathologist (Wednesdays)

Area Counsellor (Fridays)

School Nurse

Psychologist

Settlement Worker

**MCKECHNIE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

Join us for our **IN PERSON**

MCKECHNIE PAC 1ST 2026 MEETING

**Thursday October 1, 2026
McKechnie Library**

All Parents & Guardians Invited

Agenda

- Principal update
- Budget & Banking Update
- Upcoming Activities
- New PAC Exec Voting

**There will be tea, coffee and snacks.
Babysitting is provided on request.**

RSVP or send questions
with QR code



OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS!

- Direct Drive Coordinator
- Hot Lunch
- DPAC Representative
- Meet the Teacher
- Movie Night
- Upcoming School Events
- Upcoming PAC Activities!

Scan the QR code to get involved.



Come be part of our school community!

SHRED IT DROP IT. SUPPORT US!

**PAPER SHREDDING AND
BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER**

**SHRED
CONFIDENTIALLY.**



**WE ACCEPT
FOR SHREDDING:**

- ✓ Papers & documents
- ✓ File folders & envelopes
- ✓ Staples & paper clips OK

*Please remove binder clips
and large plastic items.*

**DROP OFF
FOR A CAUSE.**



**WE ACCEPT REFUNDABLE
DRINK CONTAINERS:**

- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Glass bottles
- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Juice boxes
- ✓ Milk cartons

*Must be empty. Labels OK.
Refunds benefit our cause!*

EVENT DETAILS



DATE:
Saturday, Sept 19, 2026



TIME:
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



LOCATION:
Magee Secondary School
Parking Lot



**SUGGESTED DONATION
FOR SHREDDING:**
\$15 per bag
\$20 per box

*All proceeds support our music
programs and students!*



PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY. REDUCE WASTE. SUPPORT LOCAL.



MAGEE MUSIC SOCIETY
www.mageemusicsociety.com



Ladder Tree Language Centre

梯子樹語言中心

Climbing the ladder to language success!

VSB AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
Dr R E McKechnie
Elementary School

BEGINNER CANTONESE CHINESE CLASS

粵語中文基礎班

Join Our Fun!

歡迎報名



Grade 1 - Grade 6

小一至小六



Beginner Cantonese learners

適合初學粵語中文的小朋友



Picture book storytelling

繪本故事學中文



Gamified teaching

遊戲化教學



Multi-sensory learning

多感官刺激學習中文



Daily life activities

生活化活動



Review after class via Zoom

課後單面及重溫



Program Details

課程資料



Fall 2026

2026 秋季課程



Thursdays 3:15 - 4:45 PM

逢星期四 3:15 - 4:45 PM



Oct 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov 5, 19, 26; Dec 3, 10, 17

共 10 堂



\$295 (10 sessions)

學費: \$295 (10堂)



Dr R E McKechnie Elementary School

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Register Now!

立即報名



<https://forms.gle/EGrJvBWr2UuoVjL28>

More Information 查詢及報名



604-652-3439



laddertree@outlook.com



[facebook.com/
reachtheladdertree](https://facebook.com/reachtheladdertree)



September 2026

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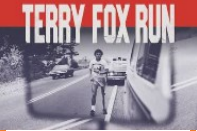
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 	22 DUE TO-DAY -SchoolCash Fees, Online Forms, T-Shirt order, Verification Sheets 3:15-4:30—Meet the Teacher	23	24	25 	26
27	28 Wear orange for Orange Shirt Day Assembly 	29 	30 NO SCHOOL 			

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 October 5th—Wear your McKechnie blues!



October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>PAC MTG</i>	2	3
4	5 	6	7	8	9 <i>AM—Div 4,5,6 to Terry Fox Movie Field Trip</i>	10
11	12 	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 <i>2pm Dismissal—Conference</i> <i>Immunization Clinic—Gr 6</i> 	22 <i>2pm Dismissal—Conference</i>	23 Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Grade 7 Bake Sale</i> 	29	30	31 