

# McKechnie News

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Dear McKechnie Community,

Welcome back! We hope you and your children had a fun-filled summer and are eager and ready to start the new school year. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new students and their families – we are happy to have you join our McKechnie community.



We have some new staff to welcome to our school. Ms. Sisley Killam is Ms. Maria Papageorgiou's new teaching partner in gr.3. Ms. Siobhan Dowle is our new school counsellor and Ms. Mary Loewen is our new student support worker. Welcome to our school!

I have had a great first few weeks getting to know the staff and students here at McKechnie. I look forward to having a great year!

Warm regards,  
Mike Singh

# School Organization and Student Placement



We are pleased to share that we experienced a very smooth start-up. Staff worked extremely hard on class placements and do take a great deal of time ensuring that students are placed in the best possible learning environment. We thank you for your support in this matter and do appreciate that our professional judgment is respected. Students are nicely settling into their new routines and the curriculum is being rolled out. Our enrollment is at 257 students with 11 divisions.

Our organization for 2021-2022 is as follows:

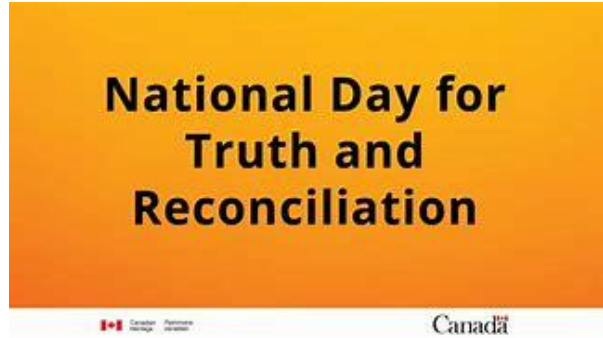
Div	Gr	Teacher
Div 1	5/6/7	Ms. Puil
Div 2	5/6/7	Mr. Smitna
Div 3	5/6/7	Ms. Williston
Div 4	4	Mrs. Wong
Div 5	3/4	Ms. Lee
Div 6	3	Mrs. Papageorgiou/ Ms. Killam
Div 7	2	Mrs. Pawliuk
Div 8	1/2	Mr. Fanning
Div 9	1	Mrs. Chang/ Ms. Koke
Div 10	K	Ms. Lum-Tong
Div 11	K	Ms. Gee

## Orange Shirt Day



Orange Shirt Day is inspired by a residential school survivor who had her family clothing, including an orange shirt, taken away from her when she attended a residential school. With tragic discoveries at several residential school sites, it is most important that we acknowledge the mistreatment of residential school students. Orange Shirt Day is also an

opportunity for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation. Please have your child wear orange Wednesday, September 29th to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families. Thursday, September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day— School is closed on this day.



## Dress for the Weather

Unfortunately, the cooler and rainy weather will soon be upon us. Students are reminded to come to school dressed to play outside at recess and lunch. Students are not permitted to remain inside as supervision is 0



outdoors. Also, it is important for students' learning, to run and play! This will help with concentration in class. Therefore, please send your child to school dressed to play outside. It is recommended to send extra clothing to school.

## Visitors to the School



Please be reminded that due to Health and Safety regulations in Schools, parents must remain outside of the school building unless they have an appointment with staff. If you need to make an appointment please contact the office 604 713 4952 or contact your classroom teacher.

## Drop-off & Pick-up

Safety is our primary concern. Supervision begins at 8:40 am and ends at 3:18 pm. Please don't drop your child off earlier than 8:40 am and pick up promptly at the end of the day. School supervision ends at 3:18 pm. All children should be with a parent or on their way home by 3:18 at the latest.



## Book Bags

These will help to protect the library books at our school and protect the environment by keeping excess plastic bags out of landfills. They come in a gorgeous royal blue colour and feature the school logo and address and a card with your child's name on them in case they are misplaced. We hope they will be used for years to come.



### Forms

Please complete the Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation ('CASL') Form and Vancouver School Board Personal Information and Media Consent Form [online](#). You will need your child's PEN number and date of birth to login.

We will be asking students K-Grade 3 for a payment of \$10 through cash online to cover the costs of the bags. Ms. Patel will be setting this up so that payment can be made conveniently through school cash online. If this in any way creates a hardship for your family, please let Ms. Koke or Mr. Singh know.

## School Supplies Fee - \$35.00

The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2020-2021 is \$35.00 per student. This item is now open on School Cash Online and all parents should be able to access this.

## Senior Boys Soccer:

There will be a Senior Boys Soccer team this Fall, coached by Ms. Lum-Tong for boys in Gr.5,6 and 7. The details are as follows.

### Practices:

- Tuesdays
- Time: 3:03-4:30pm
- Location: McKechnie grass field

**Note:** The first practice will be on Tuesday, September 21st.

### Games:

- Wednesdays
- Time: 3:30-5:00pm
- Location: TBD

**Note:** The first game will be on Wednesday, September 29th.

**All boys that are interested please come to an important meeting on Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:05pm outside of Ms. Lum-Tong's room under the covered area.**



## Cross Country

Cross Country season is going to start next week! Their first practice will be **Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15 am.** Please meet in the under covered area. After that, practices will be every Monday and Wednesday at 8:15 am.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**SEPTEMBER 24** – Pro D Day

**SEPTEMBER 29** – Orange Shirt Day

**SEPTEMBER 30** Truth and Reconciliation Day - No School

**October 5** – PAC Meeting

