

# McKechnie News

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you also to parents for completing the many forms that came your way this month! If you have not yet completed the student verification form, please send it back as soon as possible



All students that require medication at school must have the VSB medical forms filled out each year and handed into the office. If you have not notified the office of your

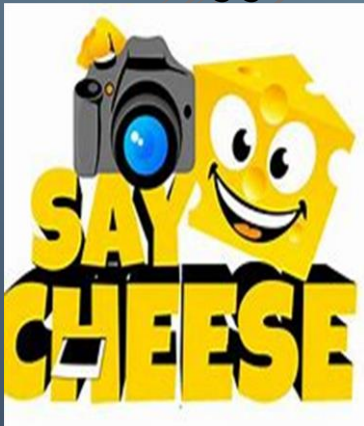
child's medical needs, or have not handed in your paperwork / medication then please contact the office as soon as possible.

Just a reminder to call the SAFE ARRIVAL number (604.713.5159 Ext 54) if your child is going to be late or absent from school.

Sincerely,  
Michael Singh  
Principal

## PHOTO DAY

Your photo day is coming up on Thursday, October 07, 2021. Please dress your child ready for picture day. Avoid wearing green.



## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



No School on September 30, 2021. This day marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

## Lost and Found

At the end of each week, we will roll out the lost and found items to the undercover area so that parents can look and see if there are any items that may be theirs. Please come take a look on Fridays at 3 pm.



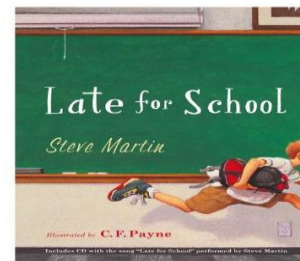
## Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

# SIGN OUT

## Late Arrivals

Late arrivals are of great concern to staff. We encourage parents to ensure that students arrive at school on time. Promptness is important; late students disrupt the classroom, and it is difficult to keep up when valuable instruction time is missed.



## CHEQ survey for K parents

"Parents of kindergarten students can expect an email from the school district inviting their participation in a VSB-supported UBC questionnaire ("CHEQ"). The email will describe this project in detail. Your participation is entirely voluntary but would be appreciated."

For more information see link below:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/cheq/>



## Cross Country

Cross Country is up and running! If your child has signed up, please ensure that permission forms are handed in and proper running shoes are worn. Practices are Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:15 am. The Mini-Meets are Tuesday, October 5; Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>; and Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.



## PAC Meeting

Our first PAC meeting is coming up on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The link is on the [PAC website](#). To join [click this link](#).



### Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday, September 30

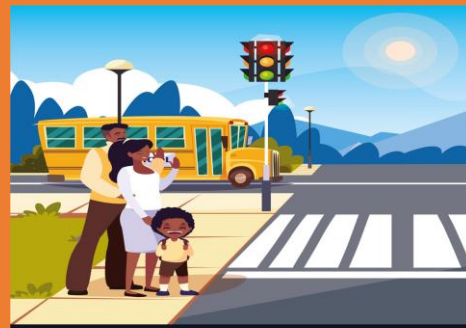
- The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation — No School for Students

Tuesday, October 5

- PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm [online](#)

### Parents in the building

Due to Health and Safety protocols, parents are not allowed in the building, unless they have an appointment. If you need assistance, please call the office and we will be happy to help you.



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## October 2021



<i>sun</i>	<i>mon</i>	<i>tue</i>	<i>wed</i>	<i>thu</i>	<i>fri</i>	<i>sat</i>
				30	01	02
				<i>Truth &amp; Reconciliation Day - no school</i>		
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
		<i>PAC Meeting</i>		<i>Photo Day - Individual</i>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<i>Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL</i>				<i>Direct Campaign Starts</i>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					<i>Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL</i>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			<i>Parent Teacher Conf - Early Dismissal 2 pm</i>	<i>Parent Teacher Conf - Early Dismissal 2 pm</i>	<i>Direct Drive Campaign ends</i>	
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