

McKechnie News

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Happy Halloween



SOCCER



Congratulations to the Senior Boys Soccer team for placing fourth in the city finals tournament at Van Tech on Thursday. Well done boys! A big thanks goes out to coach Kristin Lum-Tong.

WEEK 1 SUMMARY DIRECT DRIVE 2021

Currently we have roughly 30% percent participation of McKechnie families. We have raised about \$10,000.

WE ARE HALF WAY THERE!

We are excited about reaching our goal and we know that we can with 100% participation!

Donations can be made on-line.

Please complete and return the Direct Drive Form electronically and email to

jenniemickelson@gmail.com with

"Direct Drive Donation 2021" in the subject line with the name of your child and division.



Picture Retake Day on Tuesday - Nov 2, 2021

* For any students who **MISSED** photo day, you will be given a camera card that will match your name to the photo taken.

* If there are any **new** students since the ORIGINAL photo day, our photographer will create a camera card for them at the camera.

* For any student **wishing to have a retake**, they will need to bring the Proof sheet which was sent home. There are instructions on this card, this will need to be returned in order to have a retake.



* If there are any families who purchased an original day photo but would like a retake, Artona will gladly take another photo; however, the retake photo will need to be purchased and can not replace the original day package. All prints and digital images are not eligible for a refund or exchange.

If the event a student has lost his proof sheet, Artona will photograph him or her at that time

Cross Country

The Cross Country Season is officially over! Congratulations to all of the team runners who participated and braved the weather, wind, rain or shine at the practices and the Quilchena Mini-Meets. Thank you to Trevor Smitna, Christina Williston, Ashley Bismeyer and Taryn Puil for coaching.



Have you had a coyote encounter recently?

If a coyote displays aggressive or threatening behaviour report immediately to the BC Ministry of Environment emergency call centre at 1-877-952-7277.

Otherwise, you can help us track coyote behaviour by reporting your sighting using our online coyote sighting report form or calling (604) 257-6908 ext. 104.

Coyotes are well adapted to living in cities. They are naturally scared of people, but can become bold and aggressive if fed. With a few simple actions, we can help reduce conflicts between people, pets and coyotes. Be Big, Brave, and Loud – Scaring coyotes helps them retain a natural fear of people.

- Never Feed Coyotes – Coyotes that are fed by people can become bold and aggressive, and may have to be destroyed.
- Pet Safety – Keep dogs on a leash and cats indoors, especially at night.
- Spread the Word – Report your sightings, tell your neighbours about co-existing, and put up posters in your neighbourhood.

[Report a Sighting](#)



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2017 begins on November 1.

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement.



The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form

Step 2: Verifying documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2022.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.



Usbourne Book Sale

Book Sale



Thank you to all the parents and students who came and purchased books from the Usborne Book Sale. We made almost \$900 to spend on books for the library!

It was wonderful to see so many of you shopping in person! The link is still live till Oct 31st for online shopping if you weren't able to come in.

For your convenience, click the link attached below:

<http://www.myubah.ca/836672/shop/eventhome.aspx?eventId=E5879&from=DIRECTLINK>

Knitting



Seeking donations of yarn, knitting needles (larger sizes), and crochet hooks. If you have any of these items that are lying unused around your home, please consider donating them to the library at McKechnie. Ms. Koke will organize a knitting club if there are enough needles, yarn donations and student interest.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit:

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).

Hot Lunch Update

Due to popular demand, Pizza Day is back! Starting Monday, Nov 1st, parents will have the option to order individual pizzas for students for lunch on Fridays. Please visit the PAC website for more details.



<https://www.mckechniepac.ca/> Orders will be done through Muncha Lunch. Get your order in now!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Photo Retake Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Pro D Day	27
28	29	30				