

McKechnie News

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The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is coming to your school *in* *January/February!*

The Vancouver School Board has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks

children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12



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curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 7 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between:
January 11th and February 28th, 2022.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:
<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

Parent FAQs:
<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>

If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

Humanitarian Club – Save up your bottles and cans over the Holidays for a good cause!

McKechnie Humanitarian Club members will be collecting recyclable bottles and cans in January. Proceeds raised will go to charity. Please collect recyclable bottles and cans over December break to contribute to the bottle drive in January. We will be collecting towards the end of the first week in January. Stay tuned for more information!



International Travel and School



An email was sent to families today with detailed information regarding international travel during the holidays. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students, staff, and other adults should not return to school within 14 days following international travel, regardless of who they travel with or if they receive a negative PCR test result.

Please note, travel rules and restrictions are subject to change. Regardless of vaccination status, it is the responsibility of staff and students/families to review the latest federal guidance. For the latest information, visit travel.gc.ca/travel-covid

Hot Lunch Volunteers

Thank you to our **Hot Lunch** volunteers for helping out every Wednesday to distribute Hot Lunches.

Tiffany, Diana, Simon, Navi, Sophia & Ann also helped with sorting all the McKechnie spirit wear this week too!

A **HUGE thank you** also to the **PIZZA LUNCH** crew led by Christina & Alvin every Friday.



Winter Concert

A reminder to families that an email link will be provided on Friday for McKechnie's



Virtual Winter Concert. Every division, as well as the school choir will be featured. A big thank you to student volunteers Avery Haqq, Kenny Wu, and Brandon Yu from Division 3 who assisted with the filming. All students have been working very hard these past few weeks learning their songs, and we hope you will enjoy the presentation as much as we did it preparing it for you. A big thank you to Mr.D for all of his hard work getting the students performance ready and also for the countless hours he put into editing and compiling the video footage. Well done!



Staff vs Students Volleyball Game

On Wednesday December 15th the Senior Boys Volleyball team played a lunch time game against the McKechnie staff. In a very competitive match, the staff was able to edge out a victory over the students. A fun time was had by all. Some of the highlights were captured below.



LOST AND FOUND



We will roll out the lost and found items to the uncovered area so that parents can look and see if there are any items that may be theirs. Please come take a look on Friday, 17 December and Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 3 pm.



School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 4, 2022
Professional Development	Monday, January 17, 2022
Progress Report #1 sent home	Monday, January 31, 2022