

McKechnie News

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Easter Fundraiser



A big thank you to all the families who supported the Purdy's Easter Fundraiser. We raised just over \$900 for our school garden! Thank you to Ms. Chang and Ms. Koke for organizing and the fabulous parent and student volunteers who

helped us sort the chocolates. They will be ready for pick up next week. See details below.



When:
Tuesday April 5th
from 3:05-3:35 pm
Where:
The library door outside (not
inside the school)

If your child or someone else
is picking up for you, please
make sure they know the
name under which your
chocolates were ordered.

Hot Lunch

Due to popular demand, we have added another day to our hot lunch program. We will now have hot lunch on Mondays starting in April. So that means we will have hot lunch on Monday and Wednesday and pizza lunch on Friday.

Please see link below to place your orders.

<https://www.mckechniepac.ca/hot-lunch-1>

PAC Meeting

PAC meetings continue to be hosted on Zoom! Please join us on **Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm** to hear about updates from Principal Singh, Ms. Siobhan Dowle, the school counsellor, school staff from the Gardening Committee, upcoming parent education workshop, Hot Lunch/Pizza lunch and potential end-of-year events hosted by the PAC. We hope to see you there. Here is the link for the next PAC meeting this coming Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm: [McKechnie PAC Meeting via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 664 5350 7153

Passcode: 402079

Garden Club Plant Sale



Starting next Wednesday April 6th and every second Wednesday afterwards we will be selling bedding plants and seeds to raise money for our future school garden. We will have a variety of kale, basil, broccoli, bok choy, tomatoes, petunias, and more TBA. Quantities are limited and will vary from week to week.

Where: Undercover area

When: Every second
Wednesday

Time: 3:00-3:30

***Bring cash and some type
of carrying container***

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Now is the time to get creative and have some fun designing this year's McKechnie Yearbook covers! Each student can submit one entry and have the chance for their artwork to be showcased on the front or back cover. Open to ALL McKechnie Students!

- Front cover design:
Grade 4 – 7
- Back cover design:
K – 3

Please see the link for more details. Entries are due to the office by Friday April 8th.

https://www.mckechniepac.ca/files/ugd/4d4e9b_f8f2e251c3984aa3a712e4087532ec95.pdf

Anxiety in Children



What is it? How do we recognize it? How can we help our kids cope with anxiety?

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 7:00 P.M.

(via Zoom-see [PAC website](#) for details)
Andrea Sharpe, Counsellor, will present and answer questions on this issue.

Andrea Sharpe is a counsellor who compassionately supports children and youth who struggle with anxiety and social skills through a creative and individualized approach. She is the proud recipient of the 2020 Edna Nash Scholarship at UBC, where she completed her Masters in Education in Counselling Psychology in 2021. Additionally, she has over 25 years experience working with people with developmental differences and their families.

Athlete Spotlight: Tate Mickelson

A big congratulations goes out to Tate Mickelson, who placed second in the U13 provincial Biathlon championships! What a great accomplishment. Way to go Tate!

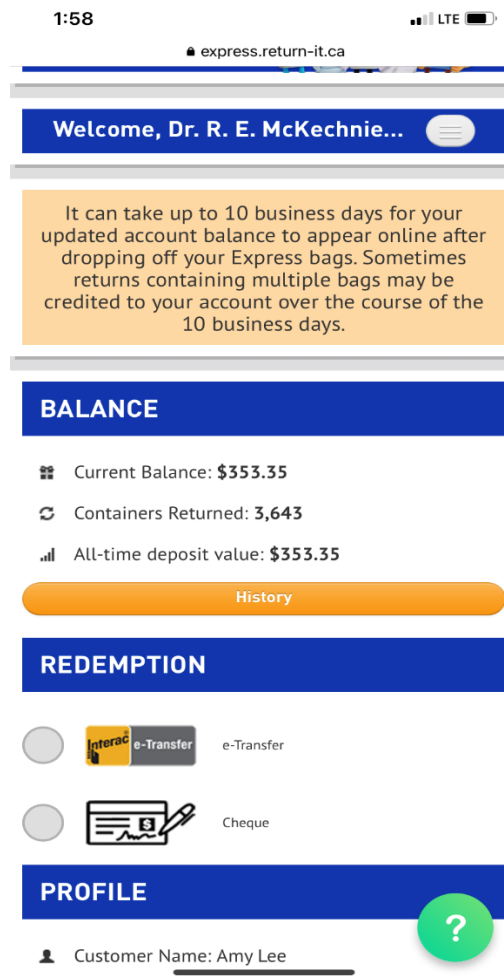


Bottle Drive update – from the Humanitarian Club

We have reached our goal of reaching 2500 by the end of the March. Well done! We are hoping to reach 5000 containers returned by the end of April. Please bring your cans and bottles to the Vancouver West Return-It Express Depot located at 1253 W 75th Ave, only a 5 minute drive from the school!

Instructions:

- Take your unsorted containers in sealed, clear plastic bags to your nearest **Return-It Express Depot**.
- Use the school phone number (604-713-4952) and print out the tags at an Express Kiosk.
- Tag your bags drop them off at the kiosk.



Covid Protocols

Masks

It's your choice!

Wearing a mask is a personal choice. Parents/caregivers will share their preference on mask wearing with their children. Everyone's choice is supported and will continue to be respected

Visitors

Appointments are greatly appreciated. Starting ~April 4th, any drop-in visitors on school business are welcome. Signing in at the school office is required as always. Spectators invited to events are welcome at the school/site too.

Distance

Who you have lunch with is up to you! Although there are no longer any special capacity limits or distance requirements in lunchrooms for students or staff, spreading out from others is encouraged.

In elementary schools, students will continue to eat in their classrooms. Of course, anyone's choice to maintain distance will be supported and respected.

In classrooms, the layout of desks will be determined by the teacher – so they can get creative! Continuing to create space makes sense.

In gyms, auditoriums, and other areas, multiple classes and people attending events can come together – for now, at 50% of the space occupancy.



Field Trips

Field trips within BC can be planned and enjoyed! Proof of vaccination will be lifted in the coming weeks, but some places may still have their own rules that we'll all need to respect. As always, trips will be planned to be inclusive.

APRIL 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 PAC Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Parent Teacher Conference Early Dismissal 2 PM	13 Parent Teacher Conference Early Dismissal 2 PM	14	15 Good Friday	16
17	18 Easter Monday	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Pro D Day	26	27	28	29	30