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Newsletter #6

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Dear Mackenzie Parents:

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[Thank Goodness It's Finally... Spring]

After all the rain, it is wonderful to welcome the sunshine back to Mackenzie.

Having returned from the Spring Break rejuvenated, students and staff are busy in classrooms, resource centers, the library, and with group and project work. All of the Mackenzie teams are appreciative of parents sharing their time, expertise, and commitment to enhancing children's learning and positive experiences.

Some upcoming events (on the calendar) include our whole school Walk-a-Thon, Welcome to Kindergarten, class photos, and various inter-school athletics. Also, this **Friday, April 27th** is our last Professional Development day where staff will be working on next year's organization, earthquake & lockdown Drills, calendar, and School Growth Plan.

Our annual Sports Day will be held on **Thursday, May 17th starting at 9am & children picked up by 1pm** with all families invited to attend. The following day, **Friday, May 18th** is a District Closure day and **Monday, May 21st** is Victoria Day with school not in session on either of these days.

Many of our Intermediate students are involved in interschool Badminton and Track & Field with huge thanks to all the coaches.

A gentle reminder that school begins at **9:00am** with the start of the school day very important, especially for the younger students, as staff work very diligently to begin the morning with key activities.

The St. Catherine's St. Sewer extension project has commenced around our school and will continue until the end of the school year. Please be especially aware of traffic and heavy equipment. Due to the project continuing into July, the Summer School program tentatively scheduled for Mackenzie, has been moved to Van Horne Elementary.

As we head into the final stretch of the school year all of our team continues to focus on making Mackenzie a warm, safe, and productive place for all children to learn and grow.

Best regards,

Bruce Murton

Principal

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TRAFFIC: A few reminders to make sure that you practice safe driving near the school. The speed limit is 30km/hour around the school. There are also designated no stopping and no parking areas. It would also be helpful to teach your children not to cross the street in between vehicles. Only cross at designated intersections. **Also, please don't use the staff parking lot as a walking shortcut as this is also unsafe OR for drop off and pick up.** Often before and after school, the streets around the school are very congested with cars and pedestrians. It is imperative that the highest degree of caution be used by drivers to ensure the safety of our students. In an effort to address this issue, I encourage you to either walk or bike to school with your children.



City of Vancouver By-Law Enforcement officers do make regular rounds. They will be ticketing those drivers who are not following traffic and parking laws.

WALK-A-THON REMINDERS: We will be holding our annual school fundraising WALK-A-THON on Friday, May 4th.

The Walk-A-Thon is a special event when the whole school gets together, has a lot of fun, and raises money for the school. Family members are welcome.

Students should bring a reusable water bottle labelled with their name, as well as wear running shoes and dress appropriately for the weather.

1. Intermediate classes will walk or run the course from 9:15 AM -10:15 AM
2. Primary classes will walk or run the course from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Pledge envelopes were sent home, one per child. We encourage students to collect pledges only from people they know (for example, parents, friends, relatives and neighbours). We do not want children going door to door and approaching strangers. We request that they not ask staff members or other students in the

school.

When collecting pledges, students are encouraged to go with an adult, explain politely about the Walk-a-Thon and understand that some people may not want or be able to pledge. Anyone may request a tax receipt for donations over \$25. Please indicate on the pledge envelope.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS DO NOT LOSE THEIR ORIGINAL PLEDGE ENVELOPES AND RETURN THEM TO THE SCHOOL.

Students are responsible for collecting and turning in their pledges to the school by Monday, May 7th. Early submissions encouraged and gratefully received!

May 7th is the last day for turning in money and qualifying for prizes. Students **MUST** return pledge envelopes by this date.

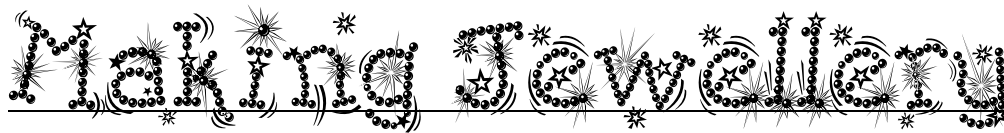
Thanks for your support of this fun fundraising event!

2018/19 School Calendar: Our school district calendar will be sent home in the next newsletter. It will contain all of the important district and school dates for the year. Keep it somewhere safe!

DIVISION 11 WENT TO SEE THE VSO

We went on a field trip and we took a bus. When we got to the Orpheum it looked like a palace, a gold palace with a lot of people. There were lots of instruments. On the ceiling there was a chandelier, it looked beautiful like a pot of gold! The instruments were: a harp, drums, violins, violas, pianos, trumpets, a triangle, and of course there was MUSIC! The narrator of course told some kind of music story. When it was over we went back to the school. It was a great day!
By: Gabriella Moreno-Nguyen

I went on a field trip to see the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. I saw a beautiful painting. I loved the harp the most. There were beautiful violins and violas, a good conductor, pianos and xylophones, trumpets, trombones and a narrator. There were lights that changed colours. The orchestra was downtown. I loved it! The orchestra was elegant and stunning. It was the best field trip ever!
By: Eriша Rahman



If you've visited the basement of the main building this week, you might think you've stepped into a professional jewellery design studio and you have! Kindergarten mom, Mindan Gunther-Moore, has been sharing her expertise with nine classes. Students have worked with sterling silver and beads to craft unique pieces, including beautiful packaging. The Mackenzie PAC provided the needed supplies and parents and Grade 7s have helped out too to make this a successful project. Thanks everyone!

2018-19 General School Fees

The 2017-18 School Fees notice sent home in May of last year stated that this school year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district and that starting in September 2018, parents would need to purchase items on their own.

Please note that the general school supplies fee will still be charged for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 per student.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

Upcoming Events

DATE			Participants	EVENT
Thursday,	26 th	April	Badminton team	Hosts Fleming team 3:00-4:30pm
Friday,	27 th	April	Whole school	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL
Tuesday,	1 st	May	Everyone	Class pictures!
Friday,	4 th	May	Whole school	Walk-a-Thon
Monday,	7 th	May	Primary classes	Assembly in lunchroom 9:15
Tuesday,	8 th	May	Division 8	Field trip to Museum of Vancouver AM
			Next year's Ks	Welcome to Kindergarten 9:15-10:30
			Jr Track team	Junior Mini Meet at Sexsmith
Thursday,	10 th	May	Sr Track team	Sr Mini Meet at Sexsmith
Friday,	11 th	May	Divisions 3, 5, 6	Field trip to Playland
			Students	Bittersweet Kitchen Munch-a-Lunch
Tuesday,	15 th	May	Kindergarten	Follow up audiology screening 9:15
			Division 2	Robotics at Set-BC
Wednesday,	16 th	May	Div 3	Field trip to Law Courts
Thursday,	17 th	May	Everyone	Sports Day! 9am to 1pm
Friday,	18 th	May	Everyone	District Closure Day Day NO SCHOOL
Monday,	21 st	May	Everyone	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
Tuesday,	22 nd	May	Division 13	Mike's Critters' visit p.m.
			Track team	Junior Mini Meet at Trudeau
Thursday,	24 th	May	Track team	Senior Mini Meet at Trudeau
Friday,	25 th	May	Anyone	Foodie Kids Munch-a-Lunch
Monday,	28 th	May	Primary classes	Assembly in lunchroom 9:15
Tuesday,	29 th	May	Division 2	Field trip to Law Courts
			Track Team	Junior Mini Meet at Memorial Park
Thursday,	31 st	May	Kindie/Gr 6s	Immunization Clinic
			Track team	Senior Mini Meet at Memorial Park



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