



Mackenzie Buzz

At Mackenzie School our goals as set by the SPC and staff are to improve the expressive language development of students through oral and written skills, to improve reading comprehension and to increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.

Newsletter #6

Date: February 20, 2017

Dear Mackenzie Parents:

We are looking forward to improving weather and sunny days. Staff and students are working hard this second term as we prepare for our parent/teacher/student conferences which will be held on February 22nd and 23rd.

Two of our student support workers have gone on to other schools. We wish Tannis Rasmussen and Sarah Wall well in their new assignments and welcome Niamh Fleming and Megan Casey to Mackenzie.

February 22nd is Pink Day throughout Canada to stand up for anti bullying. We focus on this year round but celebrate our successes on this day.

Bob Bodden
Principal

Do you have a child born in 2012?

K Registration started November 1st, 2016

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 and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened on **Tuesday, November 1st and closed at 4 pm on Wednesday, February 1st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated prior to late applicants.

When registering your child please bring:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immunization records

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit:

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

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As you may have heard the Supreme Court of Canada ruled on a case going back to 2002 which restores class size and composition language to teachers' contracts throughout B.C. This is good news for students as levels of support will now increase. The B.C. Government has instituted an Interim Measures Fund which provides for the immediate hiring of support teachers. For Mackenzie this means an extra half time teacher will be hired soon and will provide Resource and ELL support within the school.

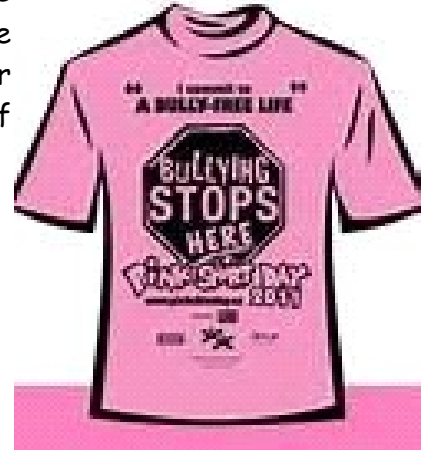
TRAFFIC: As the weather turns, please make sure that you practice safe driving near the school. Poor visibility coupled with children and adults running to drier areas could lead to accidents. The speed limit is 30km/hour around the school. There are also designated no stopping and no parking areas. Ensure that your headlights are on. It would also be helpful to have your children wear bright visible clothing and 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. 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.

Pink Day at Mackenzie: On February 22nd, our school will be participating in the annual Pink Day, which is held every year to acknowledge the need to address the topic of bullying. Originally Pink Day started at a school in Nova Scotia when students supported one of their peers who was being bullied and teased for wearing a pink shirt. The other students supported their classmate who was being mocked by wearing pink. Over time what started as an event at one school has spread to schools throughout Canada.

Our PAC, in support of school spirit on anti-bullying day, is happy to provide a small token from Purdy's to students and faculty on Wednesday, February 22nd. Enjoy the treats! Please remember to wear pink in recognition of anti-bullying day.



Lost and Found: Please take the opportunity to check the lost and found just outside of the auditorium as it is overflowing with clothing and other items.

We Bake for Change: On Wednesday, February 22nd and Thursday, February 23rd between 2pm and 4pm (during Parent Teacher Conferences) the Mackenzie Me to We club will be having a bake sale to raise money for our We Village health projects in Udaipur and Rajsamand district in the northern desert state of Rajasthan in India. In this area, childhood and maternal mortality are high because of a lack of hospitals, clean water and sanitation. Many children die every year from preventable illnesses and fewer than half of the children are immunized, according to UNICEF. Women tend to suffer from malnutrition, and post-partum illness.

Our funds raised will go to,

- Health education and outreach
- Mobile health clinics
- Construction of anginwadis (local health resource centers)

For more information about the We villages click on <https://www.we.org/we-villages/our-development-model/>

The Mackenzie Me to We club supports both local and global initiatives through the We Charity. Please click on the link if you want to learn more about the exciting work of the We Charity (formerly known as Free the Children)

<https://www.we.org/about-we-charity/>

Zinc Saves lives Awareness Campaign: The Mackenzie Me to We club is collecting used household batteries during the month on February. For every AA battery recycled We Charity will donate to zinc health initiatives in Kenya. It is interesting to note that one AA battery has enough zinc in it to save the lives of 6 children. To understand more about how zinc is connected to health click on the link below.

<http://www.teck.com/media/Zinc-Saves-Lives-Battery-Recycling-FAQ-FINAL-2015-2016.pdf>



During the week of January 23rd, every class learned new dance moves during PE; ending in a great performance on Friday afternoon. Here's what some of our students had to say about it ☺

I'm Gavin from Division 13 and I'm going to be telling you about how I felt about the dance program. My class was with Division 12 and Division 14 and our song was, "Let's Get It Started" by the Black Eyed Peas. I thought it was a good song for our classes because it was a fast and hyped song. Our dance moves were a bit challenging, but I was alright with that. My favourite part of the song was at the end when we all started running to the spot where we bowed. I would like to thank the instructors for doing this each year with us.

Mackenzie Elementary Dragons' Dance Routine

From January 23rd to 27th, Mackenzie School worked hard on dances. Each class had a different song and different moves. Mackenzie's Grade 2 and 3 classes worked on a dance with a song from Michael Jackson: "Shake Your Body". We worked hard and it felt so good when everyone clapped. The best part was when we did the famous Michael Jackson moonwalk. Everybody laughed like crazy. It felt so good to dance, perform and have fun! The others' dances were pretty cool too. Next year I hope we can do even better! The parents filled up pretty much all of the gym! (We needed some room to perform.) There were separate shows for the kids and the grown ups because there wasn't enough room! It was the best week of school yet!

By Ella, Division 7

Upcoming Events



DATE			Participants	EVENT
February	20 th	Monday	Division 12	Junior Achievement 9:30-10:30 am
February	22 nd	Wednesday	Whole school	Pink Day Assembly 9:15 am Early dismissal at 2 pm for conferences
February	23 rd	Thursday	Grade 7s Whole school	Visit John Oliver 9:15-11:30 Early dismissal at 2 pm for conferences
February	28 th	Tuesday	Divisions 11 & 15 Division 12	Mount Seymour field trip all day Food Literacy workshop pm
March	1 st	Wednesday	Grade 7s Divisions 6 & 7 Divisions 8 & 12	Individual photos am VSO field trip 9:00-11:30 Museum of Anthropology field trip all day
March	3 rd	Friday	Everyone	Fundraising Lunch (menu is Kids' Favourite)
March	7 th	Tuesday	Division 12 Grade 3s	Field trip to Vancouver Museum all day Fire Safety House presentation 9am/1pm
March	8 th	Wednesday	Grade 3s	Fire Safety House presentation 1 pm
March	10 th	Friday	Everyone	Fundraising Lunch (menu is pizza) Second term report cards issued
Monday, March 13 th to Friday, March 24 th			Everyone	Spring Break (school closed)
March	27 th	Monday	Everyone	School reopens
March	28 th	Tuesday	Division 14	Field trip to Vancouver Museum
March	30 th	Thursday	Everyone	Performance 11 am
March	31 st	Friday	Division 13 Everyone	Field trip 9:00-12:00 Fundraising Lunch (menu is Subway)

FRIDAY LUNCH FUNDRAISER! EVERY FRIDAY

It is not too late to order for future lunches. Order weekly, monthly or until the end of the year! It is not too late to order for next week! Orders are due by Sunday of each week. Create your account at:

munchalunch.com/mackenzie

Lunch menus include Pizza, Subway, International Day and Kids' Favorites.

The PAC thanks you for your support!
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