



Mackenzie Buzz

SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Mackenzie Parents:

A belated Happy New Year to all with special mention of the "Year of the Dog" for many families who celebrate this occasion. As we have all settled back into school there has been lots of excitement around the many events and happenings at Mackenzie.

We have welcomed new staff members Amber Yaciw and Silvia Musholt to our Resource Teaching Team and said farewell to Mrs. Holden, with many thanks for her long service to students at Mackenzie and with best wishes for a wonderful and fulfilling retirement.

On the artistic side; MusiCounts gift of \$10,000 for musical instruments for our school was unveiled in a gathering early in the New Year, we also received grants from Artist-in-Education, Artists-in-the Classroom, and the Vancouver Music Teachers to support our students! Very recently we have enjoyed author George O'Connor as he introduced his new graphic novel, Hermes. Students have also experienced international dance instruction with Bollywood and Capoeira. Check out the students' view of these events in their own words on page 2. Thanks to parents for financially supporting these initiatives.

February is a busy month for Cupid and for us as we acknowledge and celebrate Family Day, Valentine's Day, and Pink Shirt Day! We have a presentation by the Sierra Club on the 20th, Pajama Day on the 21st sponsored by Student Council, and the John Oliver Band visiting on the 23rd. Additionally, we have an upcoming staff Professional Development Day on Monday the 19th and the PAC sponsored Movie Night on Friday the 23rd and Parent Teacher Conferences on the 28th and March 1st.

Upcoming is the Spring Transfer process for staff where some may take up positions at other schools or modify their work schedules. We are also continuing to register new kindergarten students and develop projections for next year's enrollment. Next week we will send home a survey about your plans for next year. Please return that form promptly.

May the emerging spring crocuses and daffodils bring colour and delight for all.

Regards,

Bruce Murton

Principal

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George O'Connor was born in Brooklyn, New York. George O'Connor is an amazing author and illustrator of the fantastic Graphic Novel Series, Olympians. George O'Connor's Olympians series is one of the best seller books in New York. Each story of one of the Greek Gods in the Olympic pantheon tells the story behind each myth. His illustrations are bold, dynamic style. These are action packed, fast paced, high drama adventures with monsters, romance and huge explosions. On Thursday, February 15th Mr. O'Connor came to Sir Alexander Mackenzie to talk about his Olympian series. All the Intermediate students had an amazing time. Mr. O'Connor is a very funny, talented, passionate about what he does. That is what type of guy George O'Connor is!

From Sumayea Uddin, Division 6



I'm Emma from Division seven, and I will be telling you about our Bollywood Dance Program experience. For me it was a great opportunity to learn a new culture of dance, but it was a little bit tricky when it came to the new movements that I've never done before. It was a while before I got used to the new movements. We did our performance with Division eight to a song called Disco Disco. I thought that the program was really fun and exciting. It was nice to be able to learn a different style of dance from a different culture. Thanks to the school for making this awesome experience happen. I had a fantastic time!

My name is Stefan Beecroft from Division 7. I am going to be talking about the dance that we did. Theme? Bollywood. It was very fun because there was a lot of movements & different kinds of dance moves. We danced to a song called: Disco Disco. It was a very good song because it has a good beat & a good chorus. I hope we have more dance classes like that at Sir Alexander Mackenzie Elementary School.

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2013 began on November 1st

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school.



Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31st 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 31st.

When registering your child please bring:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver (rental/lease agreement or property tax notice PLUS utility bill)
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immunization records

If your child was not BORN in Canada (regardless of present immigration status), please check out this link, <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/drpc/Registration/Pages/How-to-Apply.aspx> for information on registration.

Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will be accepted in early 2018.

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. (Policy Regulation JECC-R)

Mackenzie's Me to We Club
Presents
WE BAKE FOR CHANGE

When: February 28th 2-4:30pm
March 1st 2-4:30pm

Come out and buy some yummy baked goods. Everything will be between \$1 and \$2

All Proceeds go to WE Charity
supporting Education in
Sierra Leone

Congratulations to the 173 Mackenzie students who reached the goal of 100 Nights of Home Reading!
Well done readers!

Aya Abubaker	Simrat Dhothar	Alexa Kovacich	Shifak Shafi
Elizabeth Aisaican	Alice Dowler	Monishika Lal	Heba Shahid
AJ Aliado	Elizabeth Dowler	Kathryn Lam	Yuval Sharma
Tora Anazawa	Evan Duckham	Quinn Larson	Everett Shepherd-Morin
Ana Arguello McHardy	Tatsuki Echizenya	Henry Lavitt	Samuel Shibu
Maya Arumainathan	Glage Estillore	Austin Le Trung	Adonis Spikes
Kyle Patrick Asto	Katelyn Fernandez	Anderson Lee	Isla Stacey
Gurneet Aujla	Kade Fernandez	Sebastian Lee	Sara Stewart
Harkaran Aujla	Aaliyah Ferrer	Bosco Li	Jemuel Sto Domingo
Sunum Bains	Alysa Ferrer	Aiden Li	Lloyd Suela
Jemari Baldrias	Mikayla Fiesta	Katlyn Ly	Lucas Teodosio
Zoey Ballesteros	Madelyn Fleck	Sienna Mah	Mia Teodosio
Aryan Bariana	Lucy Fleck	Mirabelle Mann	Joyce Tian
Stefan Beecroft	Ian Fontejon	Maya Mann	Zosia Toledo-Cisak
Jagatveer Bhatoa	Rachael Forrester	Adriano Maranhao	Calvin Tran
Yashvardaan Bhatoa	Miriam Forrester	Jan Martin	Kahlen Tsze
Tenley Blackketter	Daniel Forrester	Ella McLaren-Kennedy	Mehrab Uddin
Oliver Boese	Stellan Fraser	Karm Moore	Sumayea Uddin
Aryana Borcena	Mia Fraser	Arjun Moore	Mehreen Uddin
James Bowron	Asia Fraser	Christina Morales	Karl Uthoff
Mia Boyes Galeana	Mikoto Fujiwara	Lucas Mountford	Benjamin Valdez
Diego Boyes Galeana	Kie Fujiwara	Amelia Munzel	Elliot Wang
Rafael Cadaoas	Sofija Gabrilo	Andrew Munzel	Sehaj Warraich
Jaerald Cadaoas	Jodee Gano	Riman Musleh	Lileah Whelpdale
Christian Cardona	Anica Garcia	Maddie Ng	Hazel Whistler
Emily Cardoso	Les Gee	Ryan Nguyen	Paul Winer
Gyanna Carpio	D. Grammatikogiannis	Jayden Nguyen	Griffin Winter
Janelle Castro	G. Grammatikogiannis	Steven Nguyen	Chiara Wornell
Keisha Catua	Evan Harlos	Tiffnie Nguyen	Dylan Yalung
A. Chandragowrison	Jace Hauser	Harleen Nijjar	Genisha Yang
Tyler Chang	David Hernandez	Jom Nora	Clairisa Yang
Ryan Chare	Franklin Herrera Gomez	Justin Nora	Grace Yardley
Ivan Chen Siem	Usman Hingora	Marc Pa-alisbo	Marissa Yip
Brandon Cheung	Mahum Hingora	Reanne Padam	Vincent Zafranco
Cayce Chobotiuk	Eva Ho	Amitesh Pant	Laiba Zobair
Aurora Chobotiuk	Joseph Hoang	Progga Paromita	
Caden Chou	Nicole Hughes	Hemadri Paul	
Shahreen Chowdhury	Owen Seth Hulipas	Kamilla Pedraza	
Sarina Chowdhury	Jonathan Ingale	Kent Pedraza	
Ryan Chu	Simra Ismail	Ivan Pilapil	
Emma Clarke	Janice Jiang	Rohan Prakash	
Paige Clibbon	Raiyan Karim	Arisha Rahman	
Shoei Davis	Esa Khan	James Roy	
D. De Ridder Marzetti	Ayana Khan	Nevaeh Sangara	
Mark Dela Cruz	Agumpreet Khera	Lakiesha Satheesan	
Mya DeSousa	Avraaz Khera	Coen Schieman	

Upcoming Events

DATE			Participants	EVENT
Tuesday,	20 th	February	Divisions 9 & 10	Sierra Club school visit 9am & 1pm
Wednesday,	21 st	February	Whole school	Pajama Day
Friday,	23 rd	February	Whole school	JO Band performance 1:15pm Munch-a-Lunch - Pizza Day "Ferdinand" movie night 6pm
Monday,	26 th	February	Divisions 9-18 Grade 7s	Primary Assembly 9:15am lunchroom Individual student photos
Tuesday,	27 th	February	Divisions 5 & 9 Division 13	Field trip to Museum of Anthropology all day Langara nursing students' visit 1pm
Wednesday,	28 th	February	Whole school	Pink Shirt Day EARLY DISMISSAL - 2PM Parent Teacher Conferences 2-6pm Me to We Bake Sale (during conferences)
Thursday,	1 st	March	Whole school	EARLY DISMISSAL - 2PM Parent Teacher Conferences 2-6pm Me to We Bake Sale (during conferences)
Tuesday,	6 th	March	Divisions 5 & 7	Science World field trip
Wednesday,	7 th	March	Divisions 11-13 Divisions 14 & 15 All parents	VSO field trip 9-12pm OWL visit 1-2pm PAC meeting 6:30pm in the Library
Friday,	9 th	March		Munch-a-Lunch: Calhouns
Monday,	12 th	March	Divisions 9-18	Primary Assembly 9:15am lunchroom
Wednesday,	14 th	March	Divisions 1,4,6,7 All students	Mt Seymour snowshoeing field trip Second term report cards home
Friday,	16 th	March	Whole school	Dufflebag Theatre performance 11am Munch-a-Lunch - Pizza Day Last day of school before spring break
Tuesday,	3 rd	April	Whole school	School reopens



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