



## SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# 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 #3

Date: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Dear Mackenzie Parents:

It's hard to believe it's been another month since our last newsletter. On behalf of the staff at school I would like to thank all of you for your continued support. I believe that the success of our students, your children, hinges on a successful partnership between home and school. It truly takes a village to raise a child nowadays! As usual, if you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Or, if you wish, you may contact me in the office as well. Best wishes.

*Stephen Leung*

**Report Cards:** Please note that report cards will be going home on December 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a change from the originally published date of December 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact the office.

**CONFERENCES & EARLY DISMISSAL:** It's conference time for some classes and early dismissal for everybody! We tried a new format this year. Some teachers held Goal Setting Conferences with parents and students on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Other teachers will

hold traditional parent teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Whatever the format that your child's teacher uses, we encourage you to plan on attending as your support is vital.

Although you may not have a conference, please note that we **will be dismissing students at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

You can arrange an appointment to see the teacher by following the instructions on the form your child's teacher has sent home.



**REMEMBRANCE**

**Remembrance Day Assembly:** On November 9<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Remembrance Day Assembly to honour those individuals who have given their lives serving our country and to acknowledge the men and women who serve our country and communities in order to maintain our freedoms and safety.

The assembly showcased our students' talents as writers, speakers and singers. Our students read poems, gave brief speeches and sang a song about the importance of Remembrance Day.

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Many thanks to the students who presented at the assembly and to our Vice Principal, Mrs. Emeno, and teachers, for coordinating this important event for our school community.

**Parents in the Lunchroom:** An important lesson for all students is to learn to be independent. This includes bringing notices and agendas to and from school, managing their belongings and eating snack and lunch on their own. One area we would appreciate your cooperation with is in the lunchroom. Students should be eating lunch by themselves. Eating lunch by themselves is an important step in developing independence at school. Furthermore, we have very little space available in the lunchroom and all of that space at tables is required for our students. No family members should feel the need to monitor their children at lunchtime. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this matter. If you have concerns about your child's lunch hour, please talk to the classroom teacher.

**Being on Time:** We want to remind parents that before school supervision does not begin until 8:40am each day. Students should not arrive before this time unless they are participating in a supervised activity. Also, school is dismissed at 3:00 and if you are picking up your child from school you should be here promptly. We have had a number of incidents lately where students are still waiting to be picked up well after 3:20 when our active supervision ends. Especially with our younger students this uncertainty causes a lot of anxiousness for the children. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Red Cross Babysitting Course:** So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12,

and first aid skills.

Red Cross Babysitting Course  
Mackenzie, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 8:30-3:30

Grade 6+

\$60 + GST online registration

<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>

**Safety Drills** - Regrettably there has been some horrific incidents in schools over the past few years. BC schools are not immune to these dangers. The safety of our students is paramount to our school staff and all Vancouver schools practice a variety of safety drills throughout the school year to ensure that we are as best prepared as possible in the event an emergency occurs. We are required to have 6 fire drills, 2 earthquake drills and lockdown/hold & secure drills. In a lockdown drill we practice the procedures we would use in the event we have to secure the whole site because of an incident that places our student body and school staff safety at serious risk. We take these drills seriously and are constantly reviewing our practices.

**Dragon Volleyball Teams are Bumping, Setting, Spiking and Serving:** Volleyball season is here!

We have lots of enthusiastic players at

Mackenzie and were able to register 7 teams. All the students are proud to be representing the school and are learning many new skills.



Many thanks to our coaches, Ms. Bakken, Mr. Coe and Mr. Martin and to the many parent drivers who help us out with transportation.

**Lookout Whitecaps!** Four soccer teams participated in the district soccer league: 2 Junior Boys, 1 Junior Girls and 1 Senior Boys. While one of the junior boys teams came close to advancing to the



city finals (thanks Mr. Coe for not giving us the goal we scored!), we did not quite make it this year. However, all players improved their own skills, competed well, had fun and exhibited excellent sportsmanship. Well done! We appreciate the time and effort that coaches, Mr. Coe and Mr. Millway, put into this extracurricular opportunity for our students.

**Cross Country Team:** On October 20, the Mackenzie Cross Country team competed in the District Meet at Trout Lake. Our 40 team members were part of over 2500 students from Vancouver schools who participated in this annual event.



Congratulations to all of the team members for their dedication to the team and for the performances at the mini meets and District Meet.

A special thanks to the staff who took the time to coach the team - Mr. Martin and Darnelle Moore (parent). Not only do they help with the practices and the meets but they also make the arrangements for transporting all the students to and from the meets. Also thanks to Ms. Young for supervising at mini meets and Mr. Coe for supervising at Trout Lake. Thanks to those parents who help with the rides. Without your support this tremendous activity would not be possible.

### **Do you have a child born in 2012?**

#### **K Registration started November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and closes at 4 pm on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be

accommodated prior to late applicants.

In a few Vancouver schools there may be more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate. In this event, applicants who applied within the priority registration period (Nov 1 to Feb 1) will be included in a draw for available spaces. Students with siblings already in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed prior to the draw.



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>

**Campbell's Labels for Education:** You may be familiar with the Labels for Education program which has earned FREE merchandise for our school like sports equipment. After 19 years, the program is ending January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. We still have the opportunity to do one last, BIG submission! What we need from you is simple - save labels from eligible Campbell products and send them to the school by December 16, 2016. Products eligible for redemption in the program include:

Campbell's condensed soups, Campbell's Easy Cooking Sauces, Campbell's Chunky soups and chili, Gardennay, Campbell's Soup at Hand, Campbell's Ready to Enjoy soups, Healthy Request soups and microwavable bowls, Prego sauce, Campbell's Ready to Use broth, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers, V8 beverages and soups, Habitant soups, Pace salsa

You can find a complete listing of eligible products here and what part of the cap or label

you need to save

[http://www.labelsforeducation.ca/english/eligible\\_exp.asp](http://www.labelsforeducation.ca/english/eligible_exp.asp).

Drop off your labels in the red/white "Campbell's Labels" box located right outside of the main office. Let's amplify our efforts by asking friends and family to collect labels on behalf of our school! Thank you for your ongoing support.

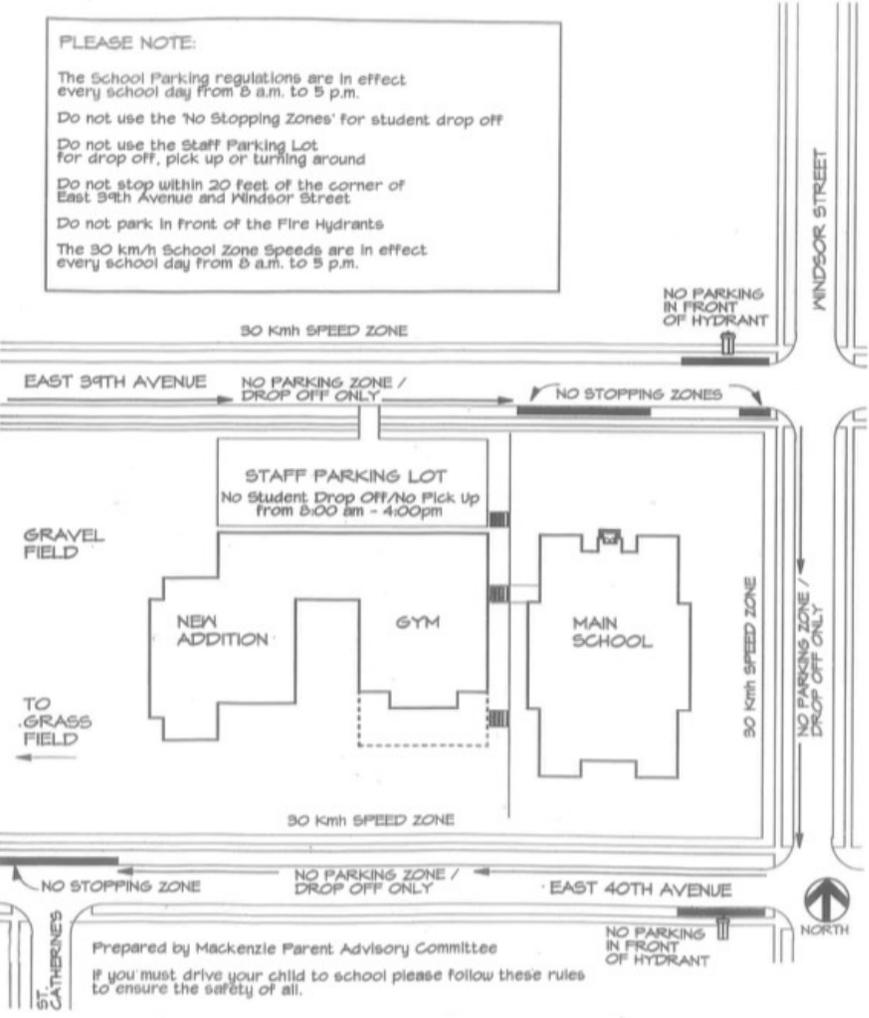
**What's happening November 10<sup>th</sup>?** This

Thursday, Nov. 10, staff will be working hard improving their knowledge of the new BC education curriculum. If you would like more information, please visit the following website <mailto:https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum-updates>. School will not be in session for students.

**Who is that?:** Mackenzie Elementary has been hosting two very special guests this term. Lisa Chiang has been teaching in Ms. Lam's grade 3 class and Eleanor Tufts has been teaching in Ms. Bakken's grade 6/7 class. They are student teachers from Simon Fraser University. Lisa and Eleanor are part of the Indigenous Perspectives Teaching Education Module at SFU, so they have been infusing indigenous perspectives into their lessons while honouring the new curriculum. Lisa and Eleanor will be at Mackenzie until November 29<sup>th</sup> so please say hello and welcome them if you see them in the halls!

**MACKENZIE SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY MAP**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
The School Parking regulations are in effect every school day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Do not use the 'No Stopping Zones' for student drop off  
Do not use the Staff Parking Lot for drop off, pick up or turning around  
Do not stop within 20 feet of the corner of East 39th Avenue and Windsor Street  
Do not park in front of the Fire Hydrants  
The 30 km/h School Zone Speeds are in effect every school day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



If you are unsure about what the traffic flow around the school should be, here's a valuable map indicating NO PARKING and NO STOPPING zones and providing other safety reminders.  
  
Please don't walk through the staff parking lot before and after school.

Prepared by Mackenzie Parent Advisory Committee  
If you must drive your child to school please follow these rules to ensure the safety of all.

## Upcoming Events



DATE		Participants	EVENT
Monday,	14 <sup>th</sup>	November Primary classes Jr Boys' Volleyball team	Assembly, lunchroom,9:15am Game at Van Horne
Tuesday,	15 <sup>th</sup>	November Division 3 Jr Girls' Volleyball team	Pediatric Dental Group visiting, 11am Volleyball game at Selkirk
Wednesday,	16 <sup>th</sup>	November Division 12 Whole school Sr Boys' Volleyball team	STAR Program 11:00-12:00 Early dismissal at 2pm for conferences Game at Tecumseh
Thursday,	17 <sup>th</sup>	November Sr Girls' Volleyball team	Game at Sexsmith
Friday,	18 <sup>th</sup>	November Everyone	Pizza Day
Monday,	21 <sup>st</sup>	November Jr Boys' Volleyball team	Game at Van Horne
Tuesday,	22 <sup>nd</sup>	November Jr Girls' Volleyball team	Game at Selkirk
Wednesday,	23 <sup>rd</sup>	November Division 12 Divisions 8 & 9 Sr Boys' Volleyball team	STAR Program 11:00-12:00 Sierra Club program Game at Tecumseh
Thursday,	24 <sup>th</sup>	November Sr Girls' Volleyball team	Game - location TBD
Monday,	28 <sup>th</sup>	November Primary classes Sr Boys' Volleyball team Jr Boys' Volleyball team	Assembly, lunchroom,9:15am Game - location TBD Game - location TBD
Tuesday,	29 <sup>th</sup>	November Divisions 8 & 10-16 Jr Girls' Volleyball team Sr Girls' Volleyball team	Multicultural Feast (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor hallway) Game at Selkirk Game - location TBD
Wednesday,	30 <sup>th</sup>	November Sr Boys' Volleyball team	Game - location TBD
Thursday,	1 <sup>st</sup>	December Division 13	Roedde House field trip 9:00-12:00
Friday,	2 <sup>nd</sup>	December All parents Division 8 & 9	PAC meeting 9:00am in the Music Room Field trip to Heritage Village
Monday,	5 <sup>th</sup>	December Whole school	Professional Development Day #3 NO SCHOOL



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