



Mackenzie Buzz

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Newsletter #7

Date: June 29th, 2018

Dear Mackenzie families:

The 2018 school year has come to an end!

It has been a very interesting time with so much change especially challenges with staffing, but we have been fortunate at Mackenzie to have a good staff, supportive parents & partners, and of course wonderful students who have been well served throughout the year.

Some highlights of the final term have included; Sports Day, many field trips, class social events, the volunteer tea, grade seven leaving ceremony, tennis program, performances, and projects. The children have been positive and engaged in their multiple opportunities to learn, supportive of their peers, and enthusiastic about taking on new challenges.

As we move into summer vacation and multiple outdoor activities a gentle reminder about safety; sun, biking, and of course traffic safety and parking in the neighbourhood, as the St. Catherine's Sewer extension project continues through most of the summer with the line extending through the gravel field on our grounds.

We would like to acknowledge several staff who will be leaving including: Teachers Ms. Sy, Ms. Lynch, Mrs. Sandhu, & Ms. Yaciw, Support Workers Ms. Gourley, Ms. Morrison, Ms. Pineda, Ms. Poon, & Ms. Price. Special note to Ms. Huang who will be off this year for the birth of her first child, all the District Vision Team who will be relocating, and to our extra clerical

Mrs. Pollastretti, taking up her new office administrator position at Brock Elementary. Additionally, we wish a very fond farewell to students who will not be rejoining us in September and best wishes to all our grade sevens as they make new names for themselves entering secondary school.

We also extend a warm Mackenzie welcome to new staff members: Jen Trachtenberg who will be joining our Resource Team and Ian Stotesbury who will be doing PE prep on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Some of you may remember Lorraine Baker as an intermediate teacher at Mackenzie. She's returning to us as our Vice Principal. Please stop in to say hello.

For all our returning students in grades one to seven, we will recommence on Tuesday, September 4th at 9:00am for one hour. Students already registered for Grades 1 to 7 will come for a full day starting on Wednesday, September 5th. Kindergarten families will be receiving a letter about gradual entry which also begins on September 5th.

It has been a pleasure to get to know many of you and your children and to be afforded the opportunity to serve at Mackenzie this year. Many thanks for all your thoughtfulness and kind wishes, and all the best for a super summer with your friends and family, enjoy!

Best regards,

Bruce Murton

Principal

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From BC Hydro

As we head into summer, please keep this in mind: whether you're working on your home, trimming trees, or getting outside to play, it's always important to keep a safe distance away from power lines. A [recent report](#) found a dangerous rise of incidents involving power lines over the past five years.

For all the info you need to stay safe around electricity this season, check the BC Hydro website

SCHOOL FEES: To help families plan for next year, here are some of the projected fees that will be charged in September.

GENERAL \$25.00 SUPPLY FEE: The Vancouver School Board offers the 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 is \$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.

Last year's school fee notice stated that the 2017-2018 school year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district. Please note that for 2018 - 2019, the VSB in fact is able to continue providing this service to parents and will charge the \$25.00 supply fee.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES Student Agenda/Planner - \$10

Students at Mackenzie will be using an Agenda/Planner in grades 2 to 7. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with organization & time management and is a very useful communication tool often

used between teachers and families.

Performance Fee - \$15

We are pleased to enrich your child's learning through a wide variety of performances again this year. This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. Parent support has made these opportunities possible and we appreciate your continued contribution.

Workbooks

This year, students in some divisions will be bringing home a Practice and Homework Book. This material supplements the classroom math program. The workbook is available for purchase. Students are not obligated to purchase the workbook, and may opt to use their copy as a reference textbook instead, meaning the workbook will be returned at the end of the school year for another student to use in the future. Students opting to use the workbook as a textbook will be responsible for ensuring that it remains unmarked and in excellent condition in order to return the workbook at the end of the year.

Field Studies - To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Throughout the school year your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact field trip supervisor or classroom teacher. All requests will be treated confidentially.

We would like to congratulate the Mackenzie Badminton Team for a great season of competitive badminton. The athletes learned many new technical skills, exhibited wonderful sportsmanship, and developed physical and mental strategies for competition.

We hope that the athletes enjoyed the season as much as we, the coaches, did. We know that they will continue to include athletics as a part of their high school life in the years to come.

Ms. Young and Mr. Millway

Parenting and Communication Study

Hi Moms! If you have a 6- to 10-year-old child, the UBC Parenting Lab needs your help in our Parenting and Communication Study.

Who is involved? We are looking for mothers of 6- to 10-year-old children to participate.

What is Involved? A 2.5-hour visit to our lab that involves completing several questionnaires, as well as computer and communication tasks.

When and where? A visit at our lab on the UBC Campus will be scheduled for a time that is convenient for you, including evenings and weekends. If needed, childcare can be provided.

Compensation: Mothers who participate will be compensated with \$40 and can earn a potential bonus amount depending on the in-lab tasks.

Please email cjlab@psych.ubc.ca or call 604-822-9037 for more details!

Camp Fresh Roots

A Week of Farm Fun FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

Camp Fresh Roots welcomes campers ages 4-12 to explore where our food comes from, make and eat farm-fresh food, play and have lots of fun! All programs are on our farm at David Thompson Secondary.

EcoWonders: Explore ecosystems on the farm and in the wild.
Ages 6 - 12; 9:00-4:00; \$300

Seed to Salad: Follow food from the farm to the market to our plates.
Ages 6 - 12; 9:00-4:00; \$300

Mini Camp: A morning of play-based fun for our youngest campers!
Ages 4 - 7; 9:00-12:00; \$150

Learn more and register! freshroots.ca/camp



Summer Day Camp

For kids 4-12

July 24-August 31, 2018

Fresh Roots Farm at David Thompson Secondary

Camp Fresh Roots is the best place to grow this summer! Every day will be full of play, learning, good food, great friends, and caring staff to make sure your camper has the best week ever. With four weeks of Full Day camp programs for elementary aged campers, and two weeks of MiniCamp just for the little ones, there is sure to be something for every budding farmer, chef, or scientist in your life.

Got questions? E-mail us at camp@freshroots.ca or give us a call, 778-814-BEET (2338). We'd love to hear from you!

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2018-2019 CALENDAR**

DATE			ACTIVITY
September	4 th	Tuesday	School opens. Students present 9:00-10:00am
September	17 th	Monday	Individual student photos
September	21 st	Friday	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL
October	8 th	Monday	Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL
October	17 th	Wednesday	Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-6pm All students dismissed at 2:00pm
October	19 th	Friday	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL
November	5 th	Monday	Individual student photo retakes
November	9 th	Friday	Curriculum Implementation Day NO SCHOOL
November	12 th	Monday	Remembrance Day holiday NO SCHOOL
November	22 nd	Thursday	Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-6pm All students dismissed at 2:00pm
December	17 th	Monday	First term report cards home
December	21 st	Friday	Last day of school before Winter Vacation
December 24 th to January 4 th			School closed for Winter Vacation
January	7 th	Monday	School reopens
January	25 th	Friday	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL
February	15 th	Friday	Curriculum Implementation Day NO SCHOOL
February	18 th	Monday	Family Day NO SCHOOL
February	20 th	Wednesday	Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-6pm All students dismissed at 2:00pm
February	21 st	Thursday	Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-6pm All students dismissed at 2:00pm
March	11 th	Monday	Second term report cards home
March	15 th	Friday	Last day of school before Spring Break
March 18 th to March 29 th			School closed for Spring Break NO SCHOOL
April	1 st	Monday	School reopens after Spring Break
April	19 th	Friday	Good Friday NO SCHOOL
April	22 nd	Monday	Easter Monday NO SCHOOL
April	29 th	Monday	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL
May	17 th	Friday	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL
May	20 th	Monday	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
June	27 th	Thursday	Last day of school for students & third term report cards home
June	28 th	Friday	Administration Day NO SCHOOL

School Operation Overview

Number of days in session..... 187
 Number of days of instruction..... 179
 Hours of Instruction in a School Year:..... 874 Hours
 Number of Days of Non-Instruction. . . 7 Non-Instructional Days
 1 Administration Day (June 28)

2018-2019 SCHOOL HOURS

8:55am Bell rings at 8:55 a.m. - 1st period begins at 9:00a.m.
 Recess Recess break is from 10:35 - 10:55 a.m.
 12:10pm All students are dismissed for lunch at 12:10 p.m
 Lunch Lunch is from 12:10 p.m. - 12:57 p.m.
 12:57pm The afternoon bell rings at 12:57 p.m.
 3:00 pm All students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m.