



April Newsletter 2021



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The students and staff of Sir Richard McBride Elementary School acknowledge that we work, live and learn on the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and T'sleil Wathuth Coast Salish peoples

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Good Afternoon,

Spring is finally here! I hope you are out enjoying the beautiful weather we have had lately! I know we have sure been enjoying the weather this past week at McBride, and many of our classes have moved parts of their learning outside.

While we know the students would love to play outside after school, ALL Playgrounds are **CLOSED** before and after school from 8:00am - 3:30pm. This helps us maintain our protocols. Please help us by not staying to play during these hours.

We have had a great week of learning and our gardens have seen a lot of action this week! Watch for the upcoming Bee/Wildflower Project by our kindergarten/Grade 1 classes!

Principal, Lindsay Thompson

BEST PRACTICE HEALTH AND SAFETY...by DIVISION 7

As you are aware, that McBride has had several COVID exposures in the past few weeks. As well as, our community Kensington has been named as one of the top 12 hotspots in the province for COVID cases. We at McBride have met as a staff to review our safety protocols and to make sure our staff and students are following them.

Division 7, took it upon themselves to create a wonderful Health and Safety video for teachers to show to students. They did an excellent job of demonstrating best practice and what we aim to be doing at McBride. Thanks Ms.McWhinney for taking this on with your passionate students!



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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOUR SCHOOL HAS A POTENTIAL COVID EXPOSURE



When there is a COVID positive case, Vancouver Coastal Health is automatically notified through the testing protocol. Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is responsible for informing the school, contacting the individual and starting the contact tracing process. Vancouver Coastal Health will contact anybody who is determined to be a close contact. Only VCH determines who is a close contact.

If there is a close contact at the school, the close contacts are notified and asked to self-isolate. Lower risk contacts may be asked to self-monitor. This request may apply to an individual or an entire class.

The school then notifies the remainder of the school who has not been exposed, about the case. If you only receive this letter and are not contacted by Vancouver Coastal Health, it is because they have determined you are not at risk and do not need to be concerned.

VCH posts the school's name on the [VCH School Exposures website](#) and continues to monitor the class/division.

As always, if you have questions about COVID-19, please contact your health care provider, call 8-1-1 or see the Vancouver Coastal Health website.

Sometimes, there is a delay in notification. Why may there be a delay?

There are several factors that affect timely notification.

These include:

- Symptom identification by the individual. Sometimes, this takes a few days before the individual recognizes the symptoms and starts to self-isolate
- Access to a COVID test. There may be a delay to complete a test due to scheduling and availability
- Test result turnaround time. This is dependent on the test access point. Once VCH has confirmation of the individual, the notifications and contact tracing starts.

This information was shared at the PAC meeting in February.

For information, please consult:

[BCCDC website](#)

[VCH COVID 19 website](#)

[VSB COVID 19 Updates webpage](#)

[BC Government COVID 19 website](#)

[Government of Canada COVID 19 website](#)

PARENTS AVAILABILITY BY PHONE



In the recent weeks, the office has had a lot of difficulty reaching parents by phone when their child is ill or injured. Please make sure that someone on your phone list is available at all times to take a call.

PLEASE FILL OUT PARENT SURVEY !!!! WE NEED YOUR INPUT for our
SCHOOL ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN @ MCBRIDE



Dear Sir Richard McBride Elementary Parent:

Sir Richard McBride Elementary is participating in the City of Vancouver's School Active Travel Planning program to encourage and promote walking and cycling to school. The program takes place over two years and includes several types of projects to address barriers to active travel:

- ☐ Gathering information from students and families about their travel choices
- ☐ Creating a school travel action plan
- ☐ Upgrading transportation infrastructure near the school
- ☐ Promoting active travel education and awareness

Every family's feedback is important to the success of the program.

Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey found here:

<https://survey.vancouver.ca/s3/Year-1-McBride-Elementary>

This information will help us create a school travel plan that considers the needs of the school's students and families.

Please complete ONE survey per child by May 14th, 2021.

If you have any questions about the survey or the School Active Travel Planning program, please contact our team at schoolactivetravel@vancouver.ca.

Thank you,

Liliana Quintero

Senior Transportation Engineer Engineering Services

City of Vancouver

schoolactivetravel@vancouver.ca

UPDATED MASK PROTOCOLS IN SCHOOLS



All students in Grades 4 – 12 must wear a mask in all indoor areas including when they are at their desks and within and outside learning groups. Students in Kindergarten – Grade 3 are encouraged to wear a mask when indoors as well.

There are circumstances where a student would not be required to wear a mask:

- Where there is a health, medical or other reason the student cannot tolerate wearing a mask
- Where the student is unable to put on or take off their mask independently

Students may remove their masks in certain circumstances:

- When wearing a mask does not allow the action to be performed (eating, drinking, playing a recorder, etc.)
- When asked to remove the mask for the purpose of identification
- When talking to someone who needs to see facial expression or lip movements to understand
- Playing outside

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!!!



McBride Staff and students would like to extend a huge thank you to Lydia Cheng, a parent at our school. She works with a Charity called '**Working Gears**', who kindly donated hand sanitizer and face shields for all the staff and students at the school! A wonderful help to us!

OPTION 4 LEARN FROM HOME TRANSITION SUPPORT



Some Option 4 students have indicated their return dates. If this has changed, please notify the school office or the classroom teacher. Any students who are currently in Option 4 are welcome to return to in person instruction on any following Monday going forward. Please let the school know the Thursday prior to the Monday your child will return.

For the next 9 weeks of school, students Learning from Home will receive check-ins from a remote teacher. This may be in addition to or may replace the current check-ins by the classroom teacher. This change in service delivery model makes the Learn at Home check-ins more sustainable as the number of students returning to in-person instruction have dropped. Students will be grouped according to grade levels rather than classes. Please contact me if you have any questions about the service delivery model change. Lindsay Thompson lthompson@vsb.bc.ca.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY DIVISION 10



I'm attaching the 2 versions of our "Balafon" class performance on Orff instruments (many purchased with PAC \$).

One is with a stick beat throughout, and the other is without.

There are 3 parts plus 2 shaker parts.

Students worked very diligently, with loads of concentration and effort

And did a terrific job of creating this piece.

I was very proud of them all.....

Ms. Chester



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PAC News



PAC MEETING

The next meeting date is: April 28th @ 6:00pm. All meetings will be at 6pm and for now they will be held on Zoom. The Zoom link will be shared prior to the meeting to all parents. We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten and new to the school families to our PAC.

Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 880 0442 2215. **Passcode:** 474067

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The PAC organizes and runs McBride's hot lunch program but is postponed at this time.

PAC QUESTIONS Any questions regarding PAC events please email the PAC at mcbridelementary@gmail.com

Growing Smiles Fundraiser

ORDER DEADLINE - MAY 11, 2021

The McBride PAC has partnered with Growing Smiles Fundraising for our spring fundraiser. Choose from a variety of plant options - hanging baskets, 10-pack petunias, outdoor patio planters and more. There is something for every gardener and every type of garden - with partial proceeds supporting the students of McBride.

Please visit <https://sirrichard.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home> to place your order. The order deadline is May 11th **and items are selling out fast**. Orders will be available on Tuesday, May 25th. The PAC will be in touch to organize delivery or pick up.

PAC fundraisers like this one support a variety of school-based activities throughout the year as well as additional funding for classroom supplies and enrichment. We can not do this without you. Thank you for your continued support.

IMPORTANT DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF



May 24- Victoria Day

May 26- PAC Meeting @ 6:00 via Zoom

LITTLE MOUNTAIN SUMMER PROGRAMS



LMOSC Summer Adventure Day Camp: K – GR7

1300 East 29th Ave, Van BC. V5V2T3 / 604-713-5565 / christie_akhurst@lmnhs.bc.ca

Summer Registration: **EMAIL** form or dates to: christie_akhurst@lmnhs.bc.ca

Current LMOSC Families: Apr 12TH to Apr 30TH 7am

Returning Families: Mon May 3RD 7am

Public: Tue May 4TH 7am

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Child Name: _____

Age: _____ Going into grade in Sept: _____ Birth date: _____

Dates of Sessions	Cost	Attending
1. July 5-9	\$275	
2. July 12-16	\$275	
3. July 19-23	\$275	
4. July 26-30	\$275	
5. Aug 3-6 *	\$275	
6. Aug 9-13	\$275	
7. Aug 16-20	\$275	
8. Aug 23-27	\$275	

Total Cost: _____

* Please Note, LMOSC is closed on August 2ND due to a Stat Holiday.

PAYMENT: CHEQUE - PLEASE LEAVE NAME BLANK FOR LMNHS STAMP.

DATE PAYMENT: JULY 1 & AUG 1 2021

(YOU CAN PUT MULTIPLE CHILDREN PAYMENTS ONTO ONE CHEQUE IF EASIEST)

LMOSC Summer Camp Information:

For Registration:

Camp registration will be done via email: **christie_akhurst@lmnhs.bc.ca** to keep things safe with covid. If you cannot print and fwd the form- not a problem! Just please email me the info needed/listed on the registration form and I will send you back a confirmation. Forms & Daily Itineraries will be given to you near the end of June.

Please keep in mind... It is very difficult to plan for a camp when we have no idea how things may be in the summer with restrictions etc. I have planned the summer with activities and trips while being hopeful that by the summer- things may ease up some. If this is not the case- we will adjust the trips/numbers accordingly.

Included in Cost:

- Care hours open: 7.30am-6pm
- Breakfast available before 9am
- Afternoon snack at 3.30pm
- All trips, workshops, transportation

Lunch Program:

- Your child is required to bring a morning snack & lunch (unless special treat day)
- You can order a lunch through Bittersweet Kitchen online: **www.bittersweetkitchen.ca**

Covid and Camp:

- We will be sanitizing regularly, and we recently received some static sprayers to help with sanitizing the toys and surfaces.
- Though we will be running at 68 children per week – we will be keeping the groups small on trips and activities. For example:
- The Leaders (gr.4-7) will be breaking into gr.4-5 & 6-7 for some trips to keep the numbers lower.
- The K-1 & gr.2 & gr.3 will likely be the groups.
- We will adjust bus sizes, group sizes, trips and food to meet the safety at the time for covid measures. This information will be provided closer to the date.
- Meals/snacks will be served in the individual rooms.

Refund?

- Please be sure of your dates when registering, we cannot accommodate changes at the last minute. Only emergencies or covid will grant a refund for camp.

LMOSC JULY CAMP SCHEDULE: going into K-GR.2

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	LMOSC HAWAIIAN LUAO	CREEKSIDE PARK PICNIC	CERAMICS & BIKE DAY	KITS BEACH	LMOSC NEIGHBOURHOOD AMAZING RACE	10
11	PYJAMA DAY	LASER DOME	EARNEST ICE CREAM & BIKE DAY	CENTENNIAL BEACH & PLAYGROUND	SPORTS DAY!	17
18	LMOSC IMAGINATION STATION	PLAY LAND	BOWLING & BIKES	JERICO BEACH	BUILD A BOX CAR DRIVE IN MOVIE	24
25	AROUND THE WORLD DAY	CLIP N CLIMB	RADIANT HOOPS & BIKE DAY	SPANISH BANKS	LEADER RUN: GAME SHOW DAY	31

LMOSC AUG CAMP SCHEDULE: going into K-GR.2

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 SUPER SOAKER DAY!	4 ALDOR ACRES FARM	5 LUMBERMAN'S ARCH	6 LEADER RUN: CANDY LAND DAY	7
8	9 SCIENCE & BIKE DAY	10 DOUGLAS PARK & ICECREAM TACO	11 BUNTZEN LAKE	12 STEVESTON ADVENTURES	13 LMOSC OLYMPICS	14
15	16 CAMP LMOSC DAY	17 BIG SPASH WATER PARK	18 IRON CHEF	19 LMOSC SUMMER CARNIVAL	20 MIKE'S CRITTERS & BIKE DAY	21
22	23 BRICKS & KIDZ	24 CLIP N CLIMB	25 LMOSC SURVIVOR	26 KITS BEACH	27 LA CASA GELATO & PARK TRIP	28
29	30	31				

LMOSC JULY CAMP SCHEDULE: going into GR.3

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	LMOSC HAWAIIAN LUAO	CERAMICS & BIKE DAY	CREEKSIDE PARK PICNIC	KITS BEACH	LMOSC NEIGHBOURHOOD AMAZING RACE	10
11	PYJAMA DAY	LASER DOME	CENTENNIAL BEACH & PLAYGROUND	EARNEST ICE CREAM & BIKE DAY	SPORTS DAY!	17
18	LMOSC IMAGINATION STATION	PLAY LAND	JERICO BEACH	BOWLING & BIKES	BUILD A BOX CAR DRIVE IN MOVIE	24
25	AROUND THE WORLD DAY	CLIP N CLIMB	RADIANT HOOPS & BIKE DAY	SPANISH BANKS	LEADER RUN: GAME SHOW DAY	31

LMOSC AUG CAMP SCHEDULE: going into GR.3

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 SUPER SOAKER DAY!	4 ALDOR ACRES FARM	5 LUMBERMAN'S ARCH	6 LEADER RUN: CANDY LAND DAY	7
8	9 SCIENCE & BIKE DAY	10 BUNTZEN LAKE	11 STEVESTON ADVENTURES	12 DOUGLAS PARK & ICECREAM TACO	13 PUPPET MAKING & SHOW	14
15	16 CAMP LMOSC DAY	17 BIG SPLASH WATER PARK	18 IRON CHEF	19 LMOSC SUMMER CARNIVAL	20 MIKE'S CRITTERS & BIKE DAY	21
22	23 BRICKS & KIDZ	24 KITS BEACH	25 LMOSC SURVIVOR	26 CLIP N CLIMB	27 LA CASA GELATO & PARK TRIP	28
29	30	31				

LMOSC JULY CAMP SCHEDULE: going into GR.4-7

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 LMOSC HAWAIIAN LUAU	6 CULTUS LAKE WATERSLIDES	7 CLIP N CLIMB	8 KITS BEACH	9 LMOSC AMAZING RACE	10
11	12 PYJAMA DAY	13 PLAY LAND	14 CENTENNIAL BEACH BBQ	15 SUP & JERICHO BEACH	16 LASER TAG	17
18	19 BUILD A PIZZA DAY	20 RAIN OR SHINE BIKE TRIP	21 LYNN CANYON ADVENTURES	22 GLOW N BOWL	23 ARCHERY	24
25	26 AROUND THE WORLD DAY	27 WHITE PINE BEACH	28 DRIEDIGER BERRY PICK	29 SUP & LOCARNO BEACH	30 LEADER RUN: GAME SHOW DAY	31

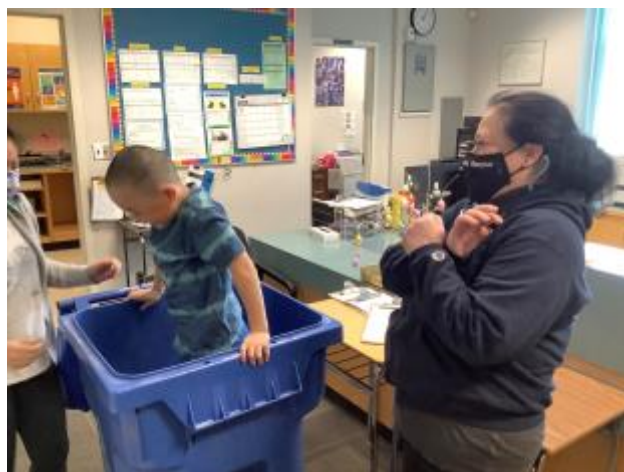
LMOSC AUG CAMP SCHEDULE: going into GR.4-7

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 BIKE TO FALSE CREEK	4 ALDOR ACRES FARM	5 DEEP COVE KAYAK	6 LEADER RUN: CANDY LAND DAY	7
8	9 BIKE TO TROUT LAKE	10 STEVESON ADVENTURES	11 IRON CHEF	12 WHITE ROCK BEACH	13 ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE	14
15	16 INLINE SKATE TRIP	17 CASTLE FUN PARK	18 BUNTZEN LAKE	19 LEADER RUN: SUMMER CARNIVAL	20 SUP & SLURPEE	21
22	23 PITCH N PUTT	24 PENZER PARKOUR & FORT LANGLEY	25 LMOSC SURVIVOR	26 BIG SPLASH WATER PARK	27 LA CASA GELATO & PARK TRIP	28
29	30	31				

McBride Students present....



1 - DIV 11- APRIL FOOLS!!!





2 - DIVISION 7 SPRING ART













3 - DIVISION 6 ARTWORK

Students used the grid method to draw a portrait of themselves from a photograph. Then used shading and blending techniques to finish it off, finally creating a reflection of something they would like to see in their future.









4 - **DIVISION 5** ARTWORK AND PROJECTS



5 - **DIVISION 3** POP CULTURE PROJECTS