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May 1, 2026 - Weekly Update

What a wonderful week it has been at Macaulay!

Our Community Breakfast was such a lovely way to come together, and it was truly a joy to see so many families, students, and staff gathered in connection. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the morning so special.

This week also offered meaningful opportunities for learning and community through our student-led conferences, drumming, and the Lekwungen Dancers. We are deeply grateful to Carly Bird, our Indigenous Youth and Family Advocate, for her guidance and support, to our amazing staff that worked so hard to make this learning happen, and to our PAC for helping fund these experiences for our students.

We are also thrilled to share that our Walk-a-Thon has raised an incredible \$30,000 so far! Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm in supporting this important community effort.

With warmer days ahead, please remember to send your child to school with a hat and sunscreen so they can stay safe and comfortable while enjoying time outdoors.

Thank you for being such an important part of our Macaulay community. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Looking Ahead
May 4th, 5th, 6th Capital Bikes
May 5 - Red Dress Day
May 8 - Immunizations for KG (Consent required)
May 8 - Rugby Jamboree
May 11 - 17 - Rainbow Week
May 13 - Macaulay Families Day and PAC AGM at 6:30 pm (library)
May 15 - NO SCHOOL for students - professional development day
May 18 - NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day
May 20 - Class photos
May 22 - PAC fun lunch
May 25 - Track Meet at Uvic
May 28 - Track City Finals (6 pm)
June 1 - 5 - GoByBike/Scooter/Skateboard week
June 3 - Parent Appreciation Morning

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Information Items

Capital Bike

Capital Bikes will be visiting our school May 4-6 for Grades 4 &5. The focus of their visit is to teach young cyclists to master the skills and confidence to ride to and from school. They will review essential road rules, traffic safety, and bike handling techniques.

For further information on this, please read the emails that have been sent to you from our Vice Principal about this event.

Red Dress Day

May 5th is known as Red Dress Day in Canada. It is a national day to raise awareness about missing and Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit, transgender, and gender-diverse people (MMIWG2S+). On this day, people wear red or display red dresses to honour those who are missing or have lost their lives, and to support their families and communities. It is also a time to learn, remember, and stand up for safety, respect, and justice for Indigenous Peoples.

At the Elementary level the focus of the day will be on kindness, community, and caring for others.

Immunization Clinic for KG

The immunization clinic for kindergarten students will be held on Friday, May 8, for families who have been contacted. Your child will only participate if digital consent has been submitted to the Esquimalt Health Unit. For more information, please contact them directly at 250-519-5311.

Proposed School Calendar 2028/2029

We have been asked to share with you the [proposed calendar for the 2028/2029 school year](#). It has been posted to the district website.

Feedback can be submitted by email to community@sd61.bc.ca by Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at noon.

Rainbow Week

The week after next is Rainbow Week in the Victoria School District!

Keep an eye out for more rainbows around the school, a special chalk dance party one day at recess, and - for the first time ever - a mini parade around the school! On Wednesday, May 13th, we encourage everyone to wear rainbow or dress in bright colours. At lunch recess, anyone who wants to can join us to march around the school!

What is Rainbow Week, When Does it Take Place?

Rainbow week coincides with the [International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia](#) which takes place every year on May 17th. The purpose of the week is to celebrate gender diversity and inclusion in our schools, to acknowledge that we are

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working to create safe and welcoming spaces for all LGBTQTS+ and gender diverse students.

Special Performance

Come support and enjoy a free *French* choir concert featuring several talented Macaulay teachers performing with Les Décibels.

Friday, May 15

4:00 p.m. - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (924 Douglas Street)

5:00 p.m. - Royal BC Museum

Bring your family and friends and celebrate the joy of music with us. We would love to see you there!

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***Come for the science,
stay for the fun!***

Join us for a FREE day of exploration related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math - full of fun activities, exciting demos and interesting research. For K-12 students, educators and scientists of all ages.

Visit our website to discover how we're making our event accessible.

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10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**University of Victoria
Bob Wright Centre, Elliott and
Petch Buildings**

More community news on the next pages!

[Science Rendezvous](#), one of Canada's largest free one-day STEM festivals, returns to Victoria on Saturday, May 9. Hosted by the University of Victoria, the event offers K-

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12 students, families, and science enthusiasts the chance to explore 40+ hands-on activities alongside local scientists and experts.

From touring a greenhouse and using a university telescope to experimenting with lasers and renewable energy tech, there's something for everyone.

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (early access at 9:30 a.m. for a low-distraction environment)

Location: Bob Wright Centre, Elliott Building, and Petch Building, University of Victoria

Cost: Free!

BC Summer Reading Club 2026 is on its way!

Get ready for a summer of adventure ***Under the Sea!*** Launching in June 2026, the annual BC Summer Reading Club is a fun and engaging way to challenge yourself and keep reading over the summer. Visit your local library once school is out to learn more and dive into your next great read!



The Greater Victoria Public Library invites children ages 0–14 to join the [BC Summer Reading Club](#), running from June 19 to September 5. This free, inclusive program encourages kids to keep reading all summer, with this year's “Under the Sea” theme. Participants can track their reading, earn small prizes, and build a lifelong love of literacy. A variety of fun programs and activities will also be offered from July 6 to August 15.

The BC Summer Reading Club is supported by provincial organizations, public libraries, and local partners, with funding and contributions from across British Columbia, including groups in Greater Victoria.

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[Alliance Française de Victoria](#) is offering summer French classes and camps for children and teens in July and August, designed to support students in French immersion or with prior experience. Programs run in two-week sessions, Monday to Friday mornings, and focus on building speaking, writing, and grammar skills through engaging, age-appropriate methods.

KIDS (ages 8–11)

We use the Cap Sur method (Maison des Langues), a dynamic, three-level program designed specifically for this age group. It builds communication skills, both oral and written, through engaging content, structured grammar and vocabulary, and integrated preparation for the DELF Prim'.

Register here: [AF Victoria - 8 11 Years Old](#)

TEENS (ages 12+)

Our teen program follows the Podium method (Hachette FLE), tailored to encourage active participation and develop a full range of spoken and written skills for real-life communication.

Register here: [AF Victoria - 12 and older](#)

All programs: [AF Victoria - Kids & Teens French Classes](#)

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At BC Family French Camp, French Immersion and Francophone students bring their families along to camp!

Families camp in their own tents or trailers during the week. Together we form a tight community surrounded by the sounds of children playing and singing in French led by their energetic and engaging Francophone counsellors!

- * Parents don't need to be able to speak French!
- * Programs are available for children entering kindergarten all the way to teens completing high school
- * Dynamic and capable Francophone moniteurs (counsellors) keep children highly motivated all week
- * Parents enjoy a rewarding blend of leisure time and active participation in the camp
- * Evening activities are fun for the whole family!



Summer Dates

BC Family French Camp is offered in three different locations across the province. Activities at each location are unique and tailored to the local geography.

Okanagan (Summerland)

July 4 - 11, 2026

Gwillim Lake

(between Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge)

July 25 - August 1, 2026

Vancouver Island

(Nanaimo)

Week 1: August 15 - 22, 2026

Week 2: August 22 - 29, 2026

Camp Registration open now

BCFFC.com

BC Family French Camp is proudly supported by



All campers are required to be members of CPI in good standing. CPF memberships are now FREE! Sign up using your email address as proof of membership before registration opens: CPF.ca



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