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June 5, 2026 – Weekly Update

Hello Macaulay families!

Welcome to this week's newsletter as we count down the final 14 school days until a well-deserved summer break! It has been an incredibly vibrant week at Macaulay. We had a great turnout for our Parent Appreciation gathering on Wednesday morning, and it was wonderful to see so many Macaulay families join us for coffee, baked goods, and music. Thanks to everyone who participated in Go-By-Bike week—stay tuned, as the top participating classes will be announced soon! Lastly, we were treated to a spectacular performance by FancoOrale from Central Middle School, who were thoroughly impressed by our fantastic audience. Have a restful weekend!

Looking Ahead
June - Pride Month
June 10 - PAC meeting (6:30 pm in the library)
June 11 & 12 - Science Venture Visit to Macaulay
June 12 - Last PAC Fun Lunch of the School Year
June 15 - Grade 5 Fun Day at Bullen Park
June 16 – Firetruck Visit – Kindergarten Classes
June 18 – Mini Golf Event (4:30 – 7:30 pm)
June 23 – K-4 Fun Day
June 24 – Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony (9:00 – 10:15 am)
June 25 – Last day of school for students. Learning Summaries released at 3 pm.

Information Items

Looking ahead – September 2026

We are busy looking ahead to next year and are working hard to build classes. If you know that your child **will not** be returning to Macaulay in September 2026 (and they are currently enrolled to do so) please send an email to macaulay@sd61.bc.ca to let us know as soon as possible.

Cardboard – No Longer Needed

Thank you to everyone who generously dropped off your cardboard for our Mini Golf event. We are at capacity for large pieces and no longer require anymore. If smaller pieces are required, the teachers will ask their students to bring some in. We appreciate all the help in making this a great event for all to enjoy!

Thank you Parents!

We had a great turnout on at our Parent Appreciation gathering Wednesday morning. It was so nice to see our Macaulay families come out and enjoy this event. An abundance of baked goods, coffee (and even some

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music from our strings group!) was enjoyed by all. We are grateful to all the families who could join us for this celebration and thank you to all the staff for helping make this event a success!



Victoria Police Visit...from "Constable Sniff"?

On Thursday, our Kindergarten classes were treated to a visit by the Victoria Police as part of their Social Studies Unit on communities. Of course, the highlight...getting to check out the Police Car, seeing the lights flash and a chance to sit on the motorcycle. Even, our neighborhood cat "Sniff" made an appearance and showed off their motorcycle skills.



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Macaulay Masterbuilders



We are excited to be offering a Robotics Team at Macaulay again next year! As we hope to get started earlier in the school year, we are collecting expressions of interest now so that we can begin organizing over the summer. Students on the Robotics Team will work together to design, build, program, and present a robot. Along the way, participants will engage in research, LEGO construction, coding, problem-solving, and creative thinking. The program also emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, and gracious professionalism; important values that help teams succeed both on and off the competition field.

We are fortunate to once again have the support of the Esquimalt Atom Smashers, who will be helping guide and mentor our students throughout the season. The team will meet at school during lunch recess and on Fridays after school until 4:00 p.m., from September through January. Parents/guardians will be responsible for arranging pick-up after Friday practices. If your child is interested in this exciting opportunity, please complete [this Google Form](#) to indicate their interest.

The deadline to apply is June 19.

Please contact Mme. Elizabeth (echow@sd61.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

FancoOrale Performance

Grade 8 students from Central performed a ½ hour set of French songs for us! Francorale is a French pop music band made up of Grade 8 students from Central Middle School that travels around Victoria performing for French Immersion elementary school audiences. The band is part of a Grade 8 Applied Learning program at Central that starts in March and culminates in a dozen performances across the city. The group loves singing in French and sharing francophone culture with younger students, and word has it, they were very impressed by the great audience at Macaulay!



Mini Golf & Grade 5 Mini- Market

Thursday, June 18th from 4:30- 7:30pm

We look forward to seeing many of you and, most importantly, what your children have created for mini-golf structures this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and enjoy a summer evening outdoors! Please [sign up here](#) if you would like to play a course or two. If your child(ren) are NOT participating in the building of structures, please come and enjoy a wonderful evening. In addition, this year, Hazel's ice cream will be onsite!

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SAVE THE DATE: Macaulay Grade 5-Leaving Ceremony

Our Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 24, from 9:00-10:15 a.m. in the gymnasium. To ensure we have enough space for everyone, we ask that each student be accompanied by a maximum of two family members. We understand that some families may wish to have additional guests attend, and we will do our best to accommodate these requests where possible.

If you would like more than two family members to attend, please contact the school by email at Macaulay@sd61.bc.ca or by phone at 250-385-3441 so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation as we work to make this a special celebration for our graduating Grade 5 students and their families!

Summer Reading



We are once again teaming up with the Greater Victoria Public Library to encourage Macaulay students to participate in the **BC Summer Reading Club**. Starting on June 19th, visit any GVPL branch and pick up your reading record booklet. Complete seven weeks of reading and receive 7 weeks of prizes including a rec center pass, book, and medal!

Bonus! With thanks to our grant for the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation, students can show their reading record or medal to Ms. Mangan in the library when we come back in September to win another awesome prize (any book of their choice!)

Dive into a summer of reading, learning and discovery with Macaulay and the GVPL!

More community news on the next pages!

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Forrest T. McMullen Memorial Children's
**Bicycle Education
Program**

Learn to ride safely & have fun with a free bike
education day!

Fun Activities

- Bike Safety Lessons
- Prizes
- Food & Drink Provided
- Completion Certificates

Saturday, June 27th

12:30pm - 4:00pm

Central Middle
School

1280 Fort St, Victoria,
V8V 3L4

Who Can Come?

Children in elementary & middle School
Places are limited
Sign up now to secure your spot

Bring your bike, helmet and water bottle

Scan to fill in form to register for this free
event and for more details



RIDE IT FORWARD

