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## June 25, 2026 – Weekly Update

Hello Macaulay families!

We would like to thank our families and staff at École Macaulay Elementary for a great year of learning. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to our new school year in September!

We wish our Grade 5 students all the best as they move to middle school—we are so proud of you!

### **Staff Leaving Acknowledgement**

It is that time of year when we have to say goodbye to many of our wonderful EAs, Teachers and other staff. On behalf of the Macaulay community, we would like to thank all our departing staff for their contributions to our school. Best wishes in your new chapter.

**Emmanuelle Henry** - Vice-Principal - Congratulations as you move to Quadra Elementary! Thank you for all you have done to support our staff, students and families in the last five years. You will be greatly missed!

**Rieko Hatakeyama** - Speech and Language Pathologist - After six years at Macaulay, we wish you all the best at George Jay!

**Sonja Myrhe** - Early Literacy Collaboration Teacher - You have greatly contributed to our improving literacy rates in the last five years and Doncaster will be lucky to have you!

**Hillary Hodgskiss** - Congratulations on your move to South Park. We wish you all the best there!

We would also like to thank all the staff we have with temporary contracts this year who have worked at Macaulay. We hope to see you back and wish you all the best!

**Krystal Gogarty, Joel Black, Kaitlyn Hutcheson, Beth Day, Kierstyn Butler, Kristin Maxwell, Lauren Ingbriestson, Ashley Giles, Cathie Lamont, Anna De Francesco, Carson Doyle, Tammy LeBlond, Rosalia Mancilla, Nassima Chekebkeb, Jenna Mandrik.**

### **September 2026 Start Up – Grade 1 to 5**

Our school team has decided to try something new in September! Instead of going to former classes, **students will be assigned to temporary classes for the first week of school** until we can confirm our new classes. This is because, over the summer, many families move in and out of our community. Temporary classes will give us time to confirm the number of students who will be attending Macaulay for the 2026-27 school year. As in previous years, once our new classes are confirmed, you will receive a welcome email from your child's new teacher.

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**You will receive an email with the door and temporary class for your child by Friday, September 4, 2026. Staff will be outside to help students find their door and class on September 8. See Week 1 schedule below.**

<b>Monday, September 7</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 8</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 9</b>	<b>Thursday, September 10</b>	<b>Friday, September 11</b>
Labour Day (no school)	First Day Grade 1 to 5	First Full Day Grade 1 to 5	Full Day Grade 1 to 5	Full Day Grade 1 to 5
	9:00 am – 11:30 am	8:45 am – 2:37 pm	8:45 am – 2:37 pm	8:45 am – 2:37 pm
	<i>Students in temporary classes</i>	<i>Students in temporary classes</i>	<i>Students in temporary classes</i>	<i>Students in temporary classes</i>

### **September 2026 Start Up–Kindergarten**

Please refer to the email you will receive for your child’s specific gradual entry schedule. Emails will be sent out before July 3, 2026.

### **Helpful Links**

-  **School Calendar:** View holidays, professional development days, and important dates. Here is a [one-page overview](#) of the school calendar.
-  **Bell Schedule:** Start and end times for each day.
-  **School Supplies:** 2026-2027 supply lists for each grade.

### **Information Items**

#### **Another incredible Macaulay Mini Golf Event!**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this evening such a success! From the classes that designed and built structures, to those who helped with setup, stayed to support the event, assisted with cleanup, stomped down cardboard in the dumpsters, coordinated pizza orders, and our custodians who worked tirelessly around the mountains of cardboard and managed the dumpsters; your contributions were invaluable. Thank you for everything you did behind the scenes and in between. Our students brought incredible creativity, imagination, and problem-solving skills to the challenge, and it was wonderful to see their ideas put to the test. Most importantly, people of all ages had fun! The evening was filled with connection, laughter, shared stories, and memorable moments. It was a wonderful reminder of the strength of our school community and the joy that comes from creating and celebrating together.

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### **GoByBike: And the Winners are....**

We had amazing participation from all of our classes for the GoByBike Week in early June. As promised our top 2 participating classes would win a Pizza lunch. Our winners were Div 2, Mme. Bartle - Grade 4/5, and Div 14 - Mme. Bouchard, Grade ½. Way to go!

### **Macaulay Elementary Art Exhibition at Splash! Gallery**

This summer, Macaulay Elementary students will have their artwork featured in a special exhibition at the Splash! Gallery in Esquimalt Town Square. The exhibition showcases collaborative collages created by Educational Assistant Holly Bygrove using student artwork from participating K-5 and French Immersion classes, as well as Indigenous Education and Rainbow Club. The gallery will also feature selected student artwork and some of Holly's own pieces. Most artwork will be available for purchase, with a portion of collage proceeds supporting arts programming at Macaulay. The exhibition runs from July 7th to September 1st at Splash! Gallery, 503 Park Place, Esquimalt Town Square. Families are invited to attend the reception on July 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Gallery hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. Please see the poster below for more information!

**More community news on the next pages**

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**GALLERY SPLASH!**  
503 Park Place, Esquimalt BC  
[www.townshiparts.org](http://www.townshiparts.org)

**Holly Bygrove**  
**Creative Collaboration:**  
**Macaulay Elementary**  
**July 7 - Sept 1, 2026**

To purchase art, please contact the artist directly:  
[hollybygrove@gmail.com](mailto:hollybygrove@gmail.com)  
 [@haxolotls](https://www.instagram.com/haxolotls)

**TCAC is proud of our policy that 100% of  
proceeds go to the artist**

Thank you to our partners and sponsors

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## Walking School Bus Survey

Please support the Walking School Bus (WSB) program evaluation by filling out this year's End-of-Year survey.

SCY would like to hear from all families, whether your child(ren) participated or not in the Walking School Bus.

This survey helps SCY and our funders better understand interest in the program, along with school equity and transportation-related needs -- invaluable information that helps maintain funding for the WSB programs.

To complete the survey, click on this link or use the QR code below.


<https://forms.office.com/r/t6YyvaExtU>



The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY)  
Walking School Bus

## Walking School Bus Survey

Take the Survey here!  
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Please support our WSB program evaluation by filling out this year's revised End-of-Year survey

Survey responses help SCY and our funders better understand school equity needs, and this invaluable information helps maintain funding for our programs

Want more information?  
[scyofbc.org/walking-school-bus](https://scyofbc.org/walking-school-bus)

Have questions?  
[walkingschoolbus@scyofbc.org](mailto:walkingschoolbus@scyofbc.org)

The poster features a yellow bus icon, a group of children walking with a volunteer, and a QR code in a yellow circle. The background is white with a purple gradient at the bottom.

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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 27<sup>th</sup>**

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**

