

Friday September 25, 2026

Weekly Update

Hello Macaulay families!

Welcome to Fall! It's hard to believe that the first few weeks of school are behind us. Our week began with an engaging day of learning for our staff. Colleagues shared their knowledge about the Spirit of Alliances, an Indigenous education and wellness framework used in the Greater Victoria School District (SD61) to guide student success, well-being, and a sense of belonging. We also explored a program called Open Parachute which supports mental health skill development. Staff are looking forward to integrating these frameworks into school-wide learning throughout this school year. We closed our day with a drumming circle outdoors in the sunshine, led by our Indigenous Youth and Family Advocate, Carly Bird, and Madame Frédérique, Macaulay's drum steward.

Thank you to all our families who came out to "Meet the Staff" on Tuesday evening. We value your partnership, and it was wonderful to have our hallways filled with the joys of students sharing their school world with their loved ones. Thank you, staff for welcoming your families into your spaces, and thank you, PAC, for providing the delicious cookies at the social that followed.

The week's highlights with students include: individual photos, a student voice assembly where municipal candidates answered questions from our Gr. 3/4/5 classes, a cross-country information meeting for interested Gr. 3-5 students, and the start-up of Ukulele club. More information about our clubs will be shared in next week's newsletter!

Our week ended with silly sock day. As you can see from the picture below, our K teachers demonstrated much creativity with their socks today!



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Looking Ahead

Orange Shirt Day	September 29 th	
Truth and Reconciliation Day – NO SCHOOL	September 30 th	
PAC Costume Exchange	October 7 th	5:30 pm
Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL	October 12 th	
Photo retakes	October 15 th	
PAC Pizza Lunch	October 16 th	
PAC Meeting	October 21 st	
PRO-D Day	October 23 rd	

Information Items

Emergency Release Forms

If you haven't done so, please remember to return the completed Emergency Release form sent home with your child.

Student Photo's

Picture Day was this past Tuesday. If your child missed the opportunity to have their school photo taken, not to worry! Photo retakes will happen on October 15th.

Popsicle Sales – Fundraising

Our Grade 5 classes are selling popsicles to help raise funds for their upcoming Salish Sea trips. The funds raised will help reduce the cost of these trips for our families. Every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month of October, popsicles will be available for purchase outside Door 3 after school, from 2:37 to 2:55 p.m. Popsicles are \$1 each. Thank you for supporting our Grade 5 students and their upcoming adventures!

Breadsdays at Macaulay Needs Your Help!

Our Breadsdays Program is looking for volunteers to help bring donated bread and baked goods to Macaulay students and families. Volunteers can help in the following ways:

Drivers: The time commitment for this role is approximately 45-90 minutes a week. This requires a pickup from Cobs Eagle Creek on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM and deliver to Macaulay Elementary on Wednesday morning, around 8 AM.

Distribution helpers: The time commitment for this role is approximately 30-60 minutes a week. This includes set up the tables, organizing the bread, hand it out to students and families as they arrive including set-up, distribution, and clean-up.

No experience is necessary, and you can volunteer weekly, monthly, or just a few times throughout the school year. Every shift helps reduce food waste, improve access to food, and strengthen our school community.

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Interested in helping? Contact volunteer coordinator Madilyn at macaulaybreadsday@gmail.com or sign up online through [Macaulay Breadsday](#). Thank you for helping us support our community, one loaf at a time!

More community news on the next pages

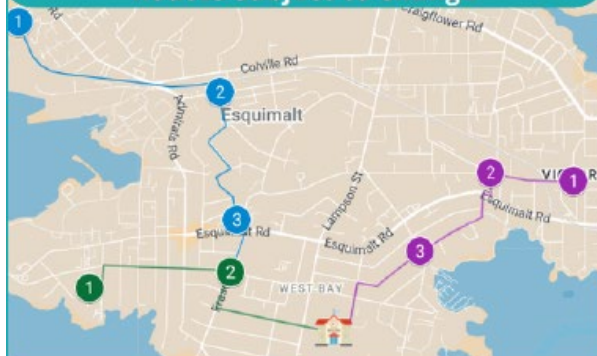
MACAULAY BIKE BUS!



A fun, active way for kids to get to school

Bike Bus Routes and Stops

Routes subject to change



Weekly on Thursdays

Blue Route (Northwest)

- 1) 8:10 - Maplewood @ E&N
- 2) 8:20 - Lockley @ Intervale
- 3) 8:25 - Memorial Park

Green Route (West)

- 1) 8:20 - Grafton
- 2) 8:30 - Fraser @ Lyall

Purple Route (East)

- 1) 8:20 Wilson @ Front
- 2) 8:30 Wilson @ Dominion
- 3) 8:35 Dunsmuir @ Head

Info Sheet

Learn more about how it works



<https://tinyurl.com/macbikeinfo>

WhatsApp Group

Join the group to participate



<https://tinyurl.com/macbikegroup>

**SAFETY FIRST,
ALWAYS**



Helmets
Required



Ride together
as a group



Follow the
road rules.
Be predictable.



Questions? Want to help? E-mail: macaulaybikebus@gmail.com

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VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED!

In partnership with
Cobs Eagle Creek,
Breadsdays is back at Macaulay,
but we need your support!



Our Breadsdays Program is looking for dedicated volunteers to help us get donated bread into the hands of local students and families. To learn how you can make a direct, tangible impact on food security in our community, please click the [button](#) below or message macaulaybreadsdays@gmail.com!

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

BREAD PICKUP
(Tuesday Evenings)

BREAD DISTRIBUTION
(Wednesday Mornings)

LEARN MORE

