



SCHOOL NEWS

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRINCIPAL MS. MIKA LIVINGSTON

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Mika Livingston as Principal of McKay Elementary School, beginning on July 1, 2023. Ms. Livingston is a well-respected educator and outstanding educational leader who brings a wealth of experiences to the role at McKay – including previous work as a Grade 6/7 and ELL/Learning Resource Teacher at McKay. Her most recent experiences include Vice Principalships at Hamilton and Steves Elementary and currently, as the District Administrator for Inclusive Learning in our School District.



Welcome back to the Mustangs team, Ms. Livingston!

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO MR. HO

It is with mixed feelings that we announce the departure of Mr. Danny Ho from the McKay staff on June 9th. He has been an outstanding Educational Assistant and a tremendous support to many students for the past two years, and so, we are very sad to see him go. But we are also happy for him as he moves to part-time work and the chance to spend more time with friends and family in this new chapter in his life. He has built strong and positive relationships with our students, staff and families and we know that, while he will be missed, he will not be forgotten.

Thank you for everything - and all the best to you in your future endeavours, Mr. Ho!



GRADE 7 TOONIE FREEZIE SALES FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd AND 9th at 2:45 pm



Want to cool off on these hot summer days? If so – you are in luck! Our annual Grade 7 Toonie Freezie Sales will take place after school in the McKay gym on Friday, June and Friday, June 9th.

Students are asked to bring \$2 in cash to school for each freezie they wish to purchase on these days. *All funds raised will assist with the expenses for our Grade 7 Graduation Events and Celebrations.*

CLASS PLACEMENT DISCUSSIONS FOR NEXT YEAR TAKE PLACE FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER

Our staff care a great deal about the well-being of each of the learners at McKay. Our team is fully invested in a process designed to ensure that each student is placed in a class that provides them the best opportunity to be a successful learner each year. We spend countless hours talking as a team about the best possible placement for each child - with the goal of creating balanced and effective learning environments in each of our classrooms.

The first of many discussions for our staff regarding the placement of each of our students into classrooms will begin in mid-June. These collaborative conversations will continue until the end of June and resume during the first week in September. As we expect to receive many new student registrations over the summer, which impacts our overall plans, we will not be able to place students into their classes until Friday, September 8th at the earliest.

Because our team knows each child so well, it is usually not necessary, but, if you have do have some thoughts or suggestions regarding your child's placement, we will take your input as a parent into consideration. If you wish to have your input considered in the process, please send an email to Mr. Hurst at lhurst@sd38.bc.ca by Friday June 9th.

Please do not request specific teachers in your correspondence – we can not accommodate such requests. However, providing our team with information about your child from your perspective as their parent - their peer relations, learning style, grade level preferences, and other insights regarding your child as a learner - is certainly appropriate.

Reminder: Grade 7 Band Concert Thursday, June 1st at 6:30 pm

A reminder to the parents of our Grade 6/7 students of the Concert tomorrow evening. Our students will have the opportunity to see our Band perform tomorrow afternoon. We look forward to the chance to showcase their musical skills and progress made through the year at the Evening Concert for the parents of these Band students. Thanks to Mr. Tim Sars for his exceptional leadership as our Grade 6/7 Band Teacher at McKay, and for making this event possible.

Please Note: *Gym doors will open at 6:00 pm.*



Mark Your Calendar....

As outlined in the attached June Calendar, please see the following special events coming our way:

“UNDERWATER SEA CREATURES”



SPORTS DAY COMING FRIDAY JUNE 16th

We are looking forward to some wild and wet (and hopefully warm) adventures at McKay on Friday, June 16th at our 2023 Sports Underwater Sea Creatures Day! Our staff are busy planning some exciting activities for our students for the 16th, including the following:

Morning: 8:45 – 11:30 am

- Students start the day in their classrooms
- Meet In the Gym: Gather in K-7 Family Teams
- Bike / Vehicle Parade
- Rotations Through Wacky Stations Activities

Pizza Lunch (run by PAC): 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Afternoon: 12:00 – 1:25 pm

- Pre-School Races
- Grade Races
- Tug-O-War Challenges
- Grade 7 / Staff Water Balloon Toss

Early Dismissal: at 1:30 pm

We hope you can join us outside on this special day!
Stay tuned for more information next week...

GRADE 7 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY MONDAY, JUNE 26TH AT 9:00 am

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our Grade 7 students - the Class of 2023. They have matured into exceptional leaders and have been excellent role models for our younger students this year. We are going to miss them next year, but we know that they are ready to take on the challenges of high school in the coming years.

To honour these outstanding Mustangs, we will be hosting a Farewell Assembly and Graduation Luncheon on Monday, June 26th. The families and friends of our Grade 7 students are invited to join us for the Assembly at 9:00 am, followed by family photos, in the gym.

Plans for this special event and the annual Grade 7 Luncheon are underway – more details to come.



YEAR END RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH AT 9:00 am

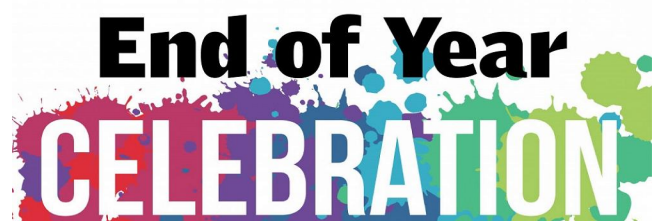
It has been a very exciting and positive school year at McKay. On the morning of our last day of school, we will gather in the gym to look back upon the 2022-2023 school year and to celebrate some of the highlights and special memories that we created together along the way.

We would also like to take the time to acknowledge and show our appreciation for the contributions of our student leaders and parent volunteers who, along with our amazing staff, helped make a difference in the lives of others at McKay, during this school year.

At this annual event, we will be also saying farewell and extending our best wishes to the students, families and staff members who will be leaving McKay – and moving on to new adventures at other schools or in their careers next year. As the saying goes...

“Once a Mustang, Always a Mustang”

McKay families are welcome to attend this special assembly.



School Hours at McKay September 2023 - June 2024 8:45 am – 2:45 pm

8:40 am:

Exterior doors open (for students only)

8:45 am:

Students met by classroom teachers at designated doors and escorted to class.

10:10-10:25:

Recess Break

11:50-12:42:

Lunch

2:45 pm:

Students dismissed at designated exterior doors.

This schedule provides the necessary instructional minutes as required by the Ministry of Education

