



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): September 11th – 15th



Welcome to the 2023 – 2024 School Year at McKay

McKay Families, our new school year is officially underway! Our school class organization was approved by the school district, and today students in grades 1-7 moved into their divisions for the year. Kindergartens will start in their new divisions on Monday.

A Note About Class Placements

Our thoughtful and professional staff at McKay do our very best to place our students where we feel they have the best opportunity to meet their true potential in all areas of their learning.

If your child happens to be concerned about their placement, it can help to reassure them that their feelings around the change of a teacher and learning environment is normal and experienced by lots of students. With a bit of time, students will settle into their classrooms, and we know that everyone will have a great year. Talking with your child's new teacher about how your child is feeling can help create an opportunity where you can work together to help build connections and help your child settle into their new classroom.

Let's Keep Each Other Safe and Healthy!

In order to keep each other safe and healthy, our Provincial Health Authorities, the Ministry of Education and the Richmond School District are reminding us to consider the following:

1. To help prevent the spread of illness, please stay home when you are sick
2. Please wash your hands as frequently and thoroughly as possible
3. If you need to cough or sneeze, please cover your mouth with a tissue (or into your elbow)
4. McKay, like all schools in BC, is a "mask-friendly" learning community. This means that we respect the right of all individuals to wear, or not wear, a mask while at school.

Early Warning Phone Number:

If your child will be absent or late for any reason, please call the McKay Early Warning Line: [604-668-6572](tel:604-668-6572).

Parking Lot Safety:

It is extremely important that we drive SLOWLY in the parking lot, and pull over to the drop-off lane to let your children out of your vehicle. Mornings and after school are busy times... everyone is trying to get somewhere important, but we need to keep our children and each other safe. For everyone's safety, please slow down.

Staying informed:

We hope that you will feel well informed and connected to what is happening at your child's school. With that in mind...

- Check out our school web-site at mckay.sd38.bc.ca, which provides a wealth of information about our school and the McKay community.

- To keep up to date, and to help with your planning, please look for regular emails featuring:
 - Our “Week-At-A-Glance” (WAAG) and Monthly Calendars that highlight upcoming / special events and important dates
 - McKay Newsletters, with featured articles and stories about learning activities, and important information for our families
- All McKay parents are welcome to join us for our regular monthly Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings. Stay tuned for more information regarding the date and format for the first PAC Meeting of this school year

Highlights For Next Week Include:

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| <p>Monday Sept 11th</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are now in their classes for the 2023– 2024 school year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please use the entrance / exit doors provided on the attached map ○ We wish you an awesome year of learning with your classmates and teachers • Kindergarten students attend from 8:45 – 11:15 am |
| <p>Tuesday Sept 12th</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten students attend from 8:45 – 11:15 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcoming Conversations for some K parents scheduled for this afternoon |
| <p>Wednesday Sept 13th</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten students attend from 8:45 am – 12:15 pm with their teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcoming Conversations for K parents continue this afternoon |
| <p>Thursday Sept 14th</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First full day for Kindergarten students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please bring a recess snack and lunch |
| <p>Friday Sept 15th</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting Late Arrivals and Absences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please use the Early Warning Phone Line at 604-668-6572 |

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

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| Monday Sept 18 | McKay’s 2023 Terry Fox Run |
| Thurs Sept 21 | Welcome Back (Meet the Staff) Event: More info to come |
| Fri Sept 22 | Professional Development (Pro-D) Day: No school in session |
| Tues Sept 26 | Individual Photo Day |
| Fri Sept 29 | Orange Shirt Day; Truth and Reconciliation Assembly |
| Sat Sept 30 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day |
| Mon Oct 2 | Statutory Holiday for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation No school in session |

District Code of Conduct: How We Learn and Work Together

The Board of Education recognizes and welcomes its obligation to all members of the district community to provide a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment. As we learn and work together, we will truly celebrate and support the rich diversity that is our district community.

It is our collective responsibility and expectation that all district community members (students, staff, parents, and guests) comply with and enact the purpose and spirit of the British Columbia Human Rights Code, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Human Rights Act including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age of that person or that group or class of persons.* (BC Human Rights Code 2017).

To that end, we are committed to the expectation that all members of the district community will conduct themselves in an ethical and lawful manner that demonstrates respect for self, others, property and the environment.

DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1 Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2 Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3 Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4 Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5 Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6 Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct is available online at:
sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct



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