



# SCHOOL NEWS #1

October, 2019

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

## McKay ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### **PARENT CONFERENCES**

We are having our parent conferences on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. On both days, **school will be dismissed at 1:45** so that teachers will have the time to meet with families. It is important to take the opportunity to attend these conferences as they are an important step in supporting your child through the strong home/school partnership for which we all strive. Classroom teachers will send home conference forms shortly. Please let your child's classroom know if you require Mandarin /Cantonese language translation support.

### **NEXT PAC MEETING ON OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:15 PM**

Child minding for school age children will be provided by our grade 7 students. Please call the school office to let us know if your child will be attending.

Our PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) had its first meeting of the year on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at McKay School. We had a good turnout of parents, and it was wonderful to see a number of new faces. We are fortunate at McKay to have a supportive parent group who helps fund so many things from wall mounted projectors to playground equipment.

A big thank you to Donna Hand and Andy Cheung for organizing the McKay clothing order!!

Our PAC can always use more help and support, so please try to come out to the meetings and assist in whatever way you are able. Remember, everything that they do, is for your children. When you help, we all benefit!

### **GR. 6/7 VOLLEYBALL BEGINS**

28 students have signed up and practices began this week. The team will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon hour. The students will play local schools and participate in a tournament in November. A game schedule and permission form will be sent home shortly. A big thank you to Mr. Ledesma and Ms. Wai for coaching the team this year. Player parents are asked to drive students to games at other schools. Please consider volunteering your time.

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE AND WEBSITE**

There is a schedule of school activities or parent information posted in the hallway. The school website is also updated on a regular basis.

### **STUDENT ID#**

Please see Mrs. Perry in the office if you need your child's ID# for School Cash Online sign-up.

### **NOON HOUR GYM FOR STUDENTS**

Mr. Hoath or our noon hour supervisors will try to open the gym on rainy days for students to play and get some physical exercise. This week grade 1/2 students had a gym time as well as grade 4/5 students.

### **INTERMEDIATE BADMINTON PROGRAM OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**

Al Laio, a former professional player and coach at Prosperous Badminton Education Foundation, will be teaching a number of lessons to all the Intermediate classes. There isn't a cost to this program. Students are encouraged to bring their racquets if they have one. Thank you to Mr. Laio for volunteering his time to teach the children.

### **TERRY FOX FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

All students and staff participated in our annual run on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The school raised \$300.00 for the Terry Fox foundation!!

*Thank you for your support!*

### **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

**IMPORTANT** - SCHOOL FEES/AGENDAS are due: To purchase school supplies and the agenda for your child/ren, please go to: [McKay.sd38.bc.ca](http://McKay.sd38.bc.ca) and click on "School Cash Online" located on the bottom of the right side of the page. The following screen will appear. If you previously signed up for the School Cash Online, click on "Sign In to Your Account", and follow each step as prompted.

### **View Items or Add Another Student**

If you have more children you would like to add, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. Once you have all desired students added, select "View Items for Students", which will list all available items or activities for purchase.

**NEED HELP REGISTERING?** Contact the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk:

Phone: 1-866-961-1803

[parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com)

All school related fees, fieldtrips, in school programs, etc., will be paid through the School Cash Online system as directed by the Richmond School District. PAC fundraising efforts will continue to be collected by PAC committee via payments sent to the school.

### **STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION**

A reminder of the importance of handing in the Verification Sheet and advising the office of any contact info. updates throughout the year.

## KINDERGARTEN 2020/2021

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten Registration Applications for children born in 2015, turning 5 in 2020. These children will begin kindergarten in September, 2020. Registration begins November 1, 2019. Please visit the website for more information:

<http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Families are encouraged to register any time during the **Priority 1** registration period (**November – January**) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the **Priority 1** registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2020.

Please join us at one of our parent information evenings specifically for kindergarten families. At these sessions we will provide information on how and when to register, as well as program options including French Immersion and Montessori.

**October 15** - McNeely Elementary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**October 16** - Anderson Elementary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**October 22** - Byng Elementary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**October 24** - Spulukwuks Elem. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Kindergarten evening for parents of students with special needs:

**November 13** - Brighthouse Elementary Library - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> is a District Wide Professional Development day. Students do not attend school. All staff has the opportunity to attend different workshops throughout the city according to their interests. It is a most worthwhile day for all.

## LOST & FOUND

We have already accumulated quite a few food containers and water bottles in the lost and found box. Please have a look and please take them home as we will be recycling any not claimed. It would be a good suggestion to label the containers with the student's name and Div.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> STUDENT INDIVIDUAL PHOTO DAY

Monday, October 28 – if you child was absent or you would like a re-take. Students will hear an announcement as to when to go for their photo.

## NEWSLETTERS

All newsletters will be numbered. If you discover that you have not received a certain newsletter, please come by the office and check out the “Extra Notices” tray by the office door. **They are also posted to our school website as well as the McKay PAC website! Check it out!**

## TRASHLESS LUNCHES

We will continue with this program again! Students, with their families, are challenged to pack their lunch in such a way that no trash is generated! Let's see if we can be even more successful this year. And please remember, if you child needs a spoon or fork for their lunch, please send one along as we are not able to supply them at the school.

## WHAT TO DO

What to do when your child is sick: Cold and Flu Season is upon us and we are asking for your support to maintain the health of all children by keeping your child home when they are ill. Their recovery will be sped up when they have the opportunity to rest at home. A proper sleep and breakfast are essential to ensure children function well at school. When should you keep your child home from school? If your child has ANY of the following symptoms, they should stay at home:

- Fever over 38° Centigrade
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting
- A rash that has not yet been diagnosed
- Blister like sores that have not been diagnosed
- Cough, runny nose and sore throat.

If your child is at school with these symptoms, we will call you to pick them up as they cannot work properly at school, and they are spreading their illness to others. Thank you so much for supporting McKay School in keeping everyone healthy!

### SICK DAY OR SCHOOL DAY?

Should she stay or should she go? This cold symptom guide from Zarbee's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Zak Zarbock, can help parents make the sick day judgment call.

<b>RED LIGHT</b>	<p>Keep kids home and consider seeing your pediatrician</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever of 101 degrees or higher</li> <li>• Wheezing or shortness of breath</li> <li>• Disruptive cough</li> <li>• Constant runny nose with a yellow/green tint</li> <li>• Excessive fatigue</li> </ul>
<b>YELLOW LIGHT</b>	<p>Kids can resume most regular activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever-free for 24 hrs.</li> <li>• Sporadic cough</li> <li>• Minimal green/yellow runny nose</li> </ul>
<b>GREEN LIGHT</b>	<p>Okay to send kids to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mild, infrequent cough</li> <li>• Clear runny nose</li> <li>• Active, playful, and rested</li> </ul>

## MCKAY SCHOOL STAFF

### School Administrators

Name	Position
Mr. M. Hoath	Principal
Mr. R. Ryan	Assistant Superintendent
Ms. D. Tablotney	School Liaison Trustee

### Counsellors

Name	Position
Mr. P. Sellitti	Counsellor
Ms. E. Thauberger	Psychologist

### Office Staff

Name	Position
Mrs. V. Perry	Admin. Assistant

### Support Staff

Name	Position
C. Berton	Hearing Resource
Ms. S. Caine	Educational Assistant
Ms. D. Ducharme	Speech/Language
Ms. A. Onrubia	Educational Assistant
Mrs. M. Schuette	Educational Assistant
Mrs. E. Snodgrass	E.C.S.W.
Ms. A. Sotoodeh	Noon-Hour Supervisor
Ms. T. Uy	Noon-Hour Supervisor
Mr. R. Velilla	Custodian
Ms. J. Xu	Educational Assistant

### Teachers

Name	Grade	Division
Ms. A. Buss	Grade 1, Grade 2	Div. 6
Ms. K. Chang	Kindergarten, Grade 1	Div. 9
Mrs. L. Goncalves	Grade 1, Grade 2	Div. 7
Mr. P. Johnson	Grade 6, Grade 7	Div. 1
Mr. L. Ledesma	Grade 4, Grade 5	Div. 4
Ms. S. Lee	Grade 5, Grade 6	Div. 3
Mrs. L. Macool	Grade 1, Grade 2	Div. 7
Mrs. F. McLeod		
Mrs. R. Milic	Kindergarten	Div. 10
Ms. M. Mui		
Ms. D. Tang	Grade 1, Grade 2	Div. 8
Ms. H. Ting		
Mrs. J. Trahey	Grade 3, Grade 4	Div. 5
Ms. A. Wai	Grade 6, Grade 7	Div. 2
Ms. S. Wong		

