



SCHOOL NEWS #8

Week of May 4th, 2020

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

McKay ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MCKAY STAFF CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS

One of the most important things staff do is to attempt to connect and speak with all students each week. Please remember a ‘blocked caller’ may well be one of your child’s teachers calling to speak with your child. Teachers are connecting through classroom portfolios, blogs or Zoom for instructional purposes as well as for the kids to connect socially.

We know emotional connections children have with their peers and teachers at the school are far more meaningful, but given our present circumstances we hope this will be one piece of social/emotional support for your child. If your child is not doing well and would potentially benefit from additional contact from the McKay staff, please call Mr. Hoath at the school and we can have a confidential conversation and potentially provide additional school and District services.

As has been widely reported in the media, the social/emotional impacts of Covid-19 on children and families is significant and has resulted in higher levels of anxiety, stress and strain on children and their families. We hope the McKay school staff and community can be of support at this time.

MR. HOATH’S SEVEN DAY CHALLENGE - #1

As I indicated a few weeks ago, I really miss not seeing and talking to all the McKay students and parents. However, I do see some students and parents walking, riding bicycles or scooters around the school. Please come to my office window to say hello and I will come outside and we can connect from a distance for a few minutes.

Recently, Kai from Mrs. Milic’s class, was happily riding around the school with his little sister in tow and I asked him how many laps he had done and he said ‘lots’. This inspired me to create a weekly McKay student challenge.

My first seven day challenge is for our primary/intermediate students to come for some outside exercise at the school (with your parent!) and see how many laps you can scooter, cycle or walk/run. Send an email to mckay@sd38.bc.ca with the subject line # of laps and your name. All participants will be acknowledged in next week’s newsletter and let’s see if the total number of laps equals 210 (the school population). One participating student will be randomly drawn and can order a free school T’shirt in September.



EARTH DAY VIDEO POSTED ON SCHOOL WEBSITE

A big thank you to all the children who participated in the Earth day activity. There were some very creative pictures and videos showing how you are going green. The video, which Ms. Ting expertly prepared, (Thank you!) is on the school website.



WHAT’S BEEN GOING ON AT THE SCHOOL?

The school remains closed for the general public, but Mrs. Perry, Rob, Dominic and Taylor (school District painters and our day time custodian) and Mr. Hoath are at the school each day but we all work in separate rooms to ensure we are following the current health and safety guidelines. The entire school is being painted and the last of the classrooms are almost done which will be followed by the library, hallways and the gym.



Thanks to Rey, our evening custodian, the school is very clean and to Taylor who is cleaning and disinfecting surface areas throughout the school day.



A new sandbox play area has been installed at the back of the school and we look forward to having our younger students play with the new shovels, pails and other sand toys we plan to purchase shortly.



The school garden plots will be planted by some students, but we may have some space available for any families who would like to do some planting. Please call the school to let us know if your family would like to do some gardening, if space is available.



OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE TO THE RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN NEED

Richmond families are now able to donate funds through the Richmond School District Website to support children and families who maybe facing food security challenges due to the loss of employment as result of Covid-19. Currently the school is supporting 7 children by providing a weekly bag or two of grocery items.

More information is available on the School District website and parents do have the option to direct donated funds to particular schools.

<https://www.sd38.bc.ca/Pages/donations.aspx#/=>

Please contact Mr. Hoath if you have any further questions.

IMPORTANT DISTRICT COMMUNICATION ATTACHED

Please note there is important District communication about the following topics:

- Zoom expectations for the students and families
- Continuity of Learning reminders and opportunities for further student Learning

STUDENT WORK ON SCHOOL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

We would like to feature student writing in our weekly newsletters for the remainder of the school year. If your child would like to participate, please send 100-150 word (or less) suggested classroom assignments to mckay@sd38.bc.ca and call it newsletter student writing and your child’s name in the subject line. Alternatively, students can also send pictures of their creations or art and we will post it to the school website. Please send to the school email address and in the subject line call it website picture and your child’s name.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE BIRTHDAYS WHICH HAVE HAPPENED SINCE SPRING BREAK. ALL THE VERY BEST IN THE YEAR AHEAD!

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| Negar - Div 5 - Apr 1 | Aleesha - Div 10 - Apr 10 |
| Jenkin - Div 6 - Apr 14 | Nevan - Div 5 - Apr 14 |
| Yan - Div 7 - Apr 15 | Lincoln - Div 6 - Apr 17 |
| Vicky - Div 3 - Apr 17 | Amanda - Div 9 - Apr 18 |
| Mustafa - Div 5 - Apr 19 | Aoi - Div 5 - Apr 20 |
| Billy - Div 2 - Apr 21 | Vincent - Div 8 - Apr 23 |
| Mildred - Div 1 - Apr 26 | Athena - Div 8 - Apr 27 |
| Zeinab - Div 4 - May 2 | Oliver - Div 6 - May 5 |

An Optional Early Primary Writing Opportunity (K-Gr.2)

For children and families who may have the time you are welcome to participate in the following writing activity.

Please help Mr. Hoath understand why..... Orcie the orca from Ms. Chang’s classroom and Robbie the robin from Mrs. Milic’s classroom have escaped from their classrooms and have been spotted in different parts of the school each day for the past few weeks. See the pictures below of the missing animals for clues. Each day a new picture will be posted on the school website. Mr. Hoath is very confused and needs some K- Gr. 3 McKay student detectives to tell him about their adventures around the school.



If you would like to participate, please write to Mr. Hoath each week and he will write back to you. In your on-going story about the animal adventures around the school, try be creative and make Mr. Hoath laugh! You can send your story to mckay@sd38.bc.ca once per week and please call it Adventures and your first and last name in the subject line.

