



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): Sept. 22nd - Sept. 26th

Hello McKay Families!

We look forward to meeting lots of you in person on Thursday for our Meet the Staff event and PAC Welcome Back Picnic.

The intention of this event is to give families the opportunity to come into the school to see where your children are learning each day, meet your child(ren)'s teachers, and to connect with our McKay community. We hope that you will bring some chairs or a blanket and stay for a while with your family to enjoy the pizza you ordered, or a picnic dinner from home.

5pm: We will open the school for families to enter the building and head to classrooms. Please note that this is intended to be a short visit, and is not a time for specific conversations about your child's learning. You are always welcome to set up an appointment with your child's teacher for focused conversations, and we will have our Parent Conferences on October 22nd and 23rd when our staff will be able to share a learning update for your child.

After families have visited their child's class they may head to the gym to view a short "Meet the Staff" video, or can head outside to settle in for our picnic. Families who have more than one child attending our school can head to the next class (or classes) for a visit.

5:30pm: Teachers will close their classrooms, and everyone can head outside for our Picnic and Pizza. The outside picnic part of our evening does not have a formal agenda. We hope you will enjoy the opportunity to spend time with our community, connecting with other families and McKay staff who are able to attend. Some McKay staff will be able to stay and mingle informally, and some have other commitments for the evening. **Thank you to our PAC for organizing the pizza for our picnic!**

If you want to order pizza or smoothies for the PAC Welcome Back Picnic, please order by Sunday night at 11:59pm at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/>

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Sept. 22nd	• Pro D Day – NO School for students
Tuesday Sept. 23rd	
Wednesday Sept 24th	
Thursday Sept. 25th	• Meet the Staff 5pm and PAC Welcome Back Picnic
Friday Sept. 26th	

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE.....

If your child will be absent or late for school please inform the office directly by calling the early warning line as soon as possible at 604.668.6572.

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Mon Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day at School
Tues Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No school in session
Oct 8-10	Outdoor Education @ Camp Jubilee for gr 6&7s
Mon Oct 13	Thanksgiving Holiday No school in session
Wed Oct 22	Learning Update- Conferences- Early Dismissal @ 1:45
Thurs Oct 23	Learning Update- Conferences- Early Dismissal @ 1:45
Fri Oct 24	Provincial Pro D Day No school in session

Significant Dates in our Community



Gender Equality Week: Sept 21-27
Rosh Hashanah: Sept 23/24
Navratri: Sept 22 - Oct 1



HAPPY
Rosh Hashanah

ROSH HASHANAH, IS ONE OF JUDAISM'S HOLIEST DAYS. THE TWO-DAY CELEBRATION MARKS THE START OF THE JEWISH NEW YEAR AND IS FILLED WITH TRADITIONS, LIKE EATING A ROUND CHALLAH AND SAYING PRAYERS NEAR A BODY OF WATER.



NAVRATRI, IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FESTIVALS IN THE HINDU CALENDAR. IT SPANS NINE NIGHTS, AND DEPENDING ON WHERE IT IS CELEBRATED, MAY INCLUDE FASTING AND LOTS OF DANCING. IT ENDS WITH **DUSSEHRA** WHICH IS THE CELEBRATION OF GOOD OVER EVIL.



Information Items for Families:

Support our school by purchasing lunches from <https://libbyskitchen.ca/> and/or on PAC Hot lunch days via www.munchalunch.com/schools/mckay



McKay Hot Lunch Days Sep - Dec 2025

Order Deadline	Food Vendor	Food Date
Sun Sep 21 at 11:59pm	Fresh Slice Pizza	Thu Sep 25
Fri Oct 10 at 11:59pm	Asian Menu by Bala Foods	Fri Oct 17
Fri Oct 31 at 11:59pm	Sushi Lovers	Fri Nov 7
Fri Nov 14 at 11:59pm	Triple O	Fri Nov 21
Fri Dec 5 at 11:59pm	Fresh Slice Pizza	Fri Dec 12



Scan to Order

Or go to this website to order --> <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/>



*Interested in helping with hot lunch days? Sign-up by clicking the "Volunteer" tab in Munchalunch.
Have questions? Please send an email to mckayelementarypac@gmail.com*

Need dental insurance?

If your children don't have dental insurance, they may be eligible for dental benefits.



NEW

Canadian Dental Care Plan

Eligibility:

- ✓ Do not have access to dental insurance
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income of **less than \$90,000**
- ✓ Be a Canadian resident for tax purposes
- ✓ Have filed your tax return in the previous year
- ✓ Children must be **under 18 years old**

*If your child has dental insurance through a provincial, territorial or federal government social program, **they can still qualify** for the Canadian Dental Care Plan*



Scan here for more info and how to apply!

BC Healthy Kids Program

Eligibility:

- ✓ Must be eligible for Medical Services Plan (MSP) Supplementary Benefits
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income of **\$42,000 or less**
- ✓ Children must be **under 19 years old**



Scan here for more info and how to apply!

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- ✓ One-to-one tutor support
- ✓ Interactive activities
- ✓ Educational games
- ✓ Foster meaningful relationships



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