



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG):

Oct. 6th - Oct. 10th

Hello McKay Families!

This week began with us gathering for Orange Shirt Day on Monday. It was impactful to hear the voices of students and staff, helping us to learn, reflect, remember, and honour those who have been, and continue to be impacted by Canada's Residential School System.

Sunday is World Teachers' Day... Thank you to our amazing teachers who are highly skilled, dedicated, and caring professionals!

Did you see the PAC's exciting new fundraiser? Check out the flyer below for more information about the Family Photo Night on October 17th! Click the flyer to sign up, or [here](#). If there is demand, more time slots might be added.

Have a great weekend ☺

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Oct. 6 th	
Tuesday Oct. 7 th	
Wednesday Oct. 8 th	• Outdoor Education for Gr 6 & 7 students
Thursday Oct. 9 th	• Outdoor Education for Gr 6 & 7 students
Friday Oct. 10 th	• Outdoor Education for Gr 6 & 7 students • Hot Lunch orders due at 11:59pm for next week's Oct 17th Hot Lunch. Order here: https://www.munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/

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 Oct 13	Thanksgiving Holiday No school in session
Fri Oct 17	Photo Retakes
Fri Oct 17	Family Photo Night
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
Mon Oct 27	Gr 6 & 7 Immunizations
Mon Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Tues Nov 11	Remembrance Day No school in session

Significant Dates in our Community

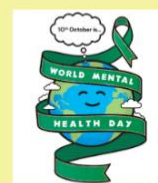


Sukkot: Oct 8-13

World Inclusion Day: Oct 10

World Mental Health Day: Oct 10

International Day of the Girl: Oct 11



Sukkot (also known as the Feast of Booths) is a Jewish holiday that is a combination of a thanksgiving festival and a commemoration of the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the desert after their Exodus from Egypt. During the week-long holiday, which occurs in the autumn, Jews build and dwell in temporary huts called sukkot (singular: sukkah), a practice that symbolizes the fragile, temporary shelters the Israelites lived in. It also celebrates the fall harvest and is known as the "Season of Our Rejoicing" (Z'man Simchateinu).



World Inclusion Day is an annual event celebrated on October 10th to promote the acceptance, fair treatment, and inclusion of all people, regardless of their abilities, backgrounds, or characteristics. Founded by The Garden Foundation, the day encourages understanding and acceptance of differences, aims to remove societal barriers, and supports creating a more diverse and innovative society



WORLD
MENTAL
HEALTH
DAY

World Mental Health Day is an annual, internationally observed event on October 10th dedicated to raising awareness about mental health issues and mobilizing support for mental well-being worldwide. It serves as an opportunity to learn about mental health, reduce stigma surrounding mental illness, and promote efforts to improve access to mental health services for everyone.



International

DAY OF THE GIRL

Observed annually on 11 October, International Day of the Girl is a key global moment on which to celebrate girls everywhere, amplifying their voices, actions and leadership.

Information Items for Families:



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

Message from PAC

Mountain West Family Photo Night

Hello McKay Families:

We are proud to be partnering with Mountain West Studios for a "Family Photo Night Sessions". All interested families are welcome to be dressed in their favourite outfit to enjoy a professional photo shooting at the gym.

This is a PAC fundraiser for McKay! 100% of the sitting fee goes directly back to our school and each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 print from Mountain West!

Date	Friday, Oct 17th, 2025
Time	4pm - 9pm
Where	Gym (Pets are NOT permitted)
Sitting Fee	\$30
To book your Family portrait sitting, please visit this link: McKay Elementary Family Sittings	

If you have any questions after reviewing our sign up page, please contact *Mountain West Studios* at 1.888.644.4494 or by Email: help@mountainwest.ca



Creative poses



FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Each family receives one complimentary 8x10 print!

Mountain West Studios is pleased to offer our "Family Photo Night Sessions", a great way to support your school and provide precious memories for those you care about.

Your PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) works hard to raise funds for the school...why not let us help? Our mobile studio can come to your school or your local park, set up an easy-to-implement, professional photo shoot for your families. This event is especially popular for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Winter holiday gift-giving.



PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Your \$30 sit fee includes:

- Evening or Weekend Sessions
- 10 Minutes per family



2025/2026 Grade 5 Active! Pass



It's time to register for a school year of free, active fun!

All Richmond kids in grade 5, including those home-schooled or attending private schools, can pick up a pass today.

Student and Family Affordability Fund



LAST SPRING, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A RENEWAL OF ONE TIME FUNDS FOR THE STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND. THIS FUND IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST FAMILIES WHO REQUIRE FINIANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH SCHOOL-RELATED COSTS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- SCHOOL AND COURSE FEES**
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND COURSE MATERIALS**
- FIELD TRIPS**
- SCHOOL-RELATED EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES**
- CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR REQUIRED FOR SPORTS AND SPORT ACTIVITIES**

PLEASE REACH OUT TO MS. LIVINGSTON (MLIVINGSTON@SD38.BC.CA) IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. AS ALWAYS, ALL REQUESTS WILL BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND YOUR PRIVACY WILL BE RESPECTED. WE WANT TO WORK WITH FAMILIES TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILDREN HAVE EVERYTHING THEY NEED IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT SCHOOL. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT IF WE CAN HELP.



GENERATIONS HOMEWORK CLUB

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FREE TUTORING FOR GRADE 5-8 STUDENTS!

EVERY THURS
3:30-5:00PM

OCT 2025 - MAY 2026

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WHO ARE WE

The Generations Homework Club is a **mentorship program** that builds up students' **social skills, self-esteem, and confidence** while helping with their homework.

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



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