



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

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>

Hello McKay Families!

It was so lovely that some of you were able to attend Remembrance Day assembly on Monday. Our staff and students put together a beautiful and important assembly. It was a powerful reminder of the sacrifices veterans have made to ensure that Canada is a free and democratic country, and that we are all responsible for creating a safe, inclusive community.

Our PAC works so hard to support our school and activities for students. If you would like to lend your ideas, time, or just be part of the conversations, please join the PAC Meeting on Monday evening!

The PAC is also running two great fundraisers right now- the Winter Plant Fundraiser and Purdy's Chocolates. Check out the links below!

### *Highlights For Next Week Include:*

|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday<br>Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PAC Meeting @ 7:15pm online- link will be emailed</li><li>• PAC Winter Plant fundraiser deadline <a href="http://www.munchalunch.com">www.munchalunch.com</a></li></ul> |
| Tuesday<br>Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volleyball Home Game vs. Ferris 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m</li></ul>                                                                                                          |
| Wednesday<br>Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hold and Secure Drill – 12:50 p.m.</li><li>• Kindergarten Hearing Test – 9:00 a.m.</li></ul>                                                                            |
| Thursday<br>Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volleyball Away Game vs. Ferris- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</li></ul>                                                                                                        |
| Friday<br>Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PAC Hot Lunch – Triple O's for those who ordered</li></ul>                                                                                                              |

### **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   | Nov 24 | Richmond High Volleyball Jamboree                        |
| Tues  | Nov 25 | TCO2 Safer Space presentations Gr 4-7                    |
| Tues  | Nov 25 | PAC Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser Deadline               |
| Mon   | Dec 1  | Pro D Day <b>No School in Session</b>                    |
| Wed   | Dec 17 | Winter Concert- more information to come                 |
| Thurs | Dec 18 | Written Learning Updates Published to MyEd Parent Portal |
| Fri   | Dec 19 | Last Day of School before Winter Break                   |

# Significant Dates in our Community

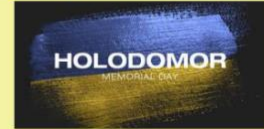


**Multi-Culturalism Week: Nov. 17 to Nov. 21**

**International Day for Tolerance: Nov. 16**

**Louis Riel Day: Nov. 16**

**Holodomor Memorial Day: Nov. 22**



Multiculturalism Week is an annual celebration in British Columbia, Canada, held during the third week of November to celebrate the province's diverse communities and their contributions. It is a time to appreciate how diversity enriches society and to promote inclusion and equality. The event also includes activities and events, and it coincides with the B.C. Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Awards ceremony, which is held on November 21st.



The International Day for Tolerance is observed annually on November 16 to promote understanding and respect for cultural diversity. Established by the UN in 1996, it follows UNESCO's 1995 Declaration of Principles on Tolerance and aims to combat intolerance through public awareness, education, and action.



Louis Riel Day is celebrated on November 16th in Métis homelands to commemorate the anniversary of Métis leader Louis Riel's execution in 1885. The day honors his legacy and celebrates Métis culture, traditions, and contributions to Canada. It is also observed as Family Day in other Canadian provinces, such as Manitoba, where it falls on the third Monday in February (February 17, 2025).



This day is a national annual commemoration in Canada and Ukraine, and observed by Ukrainian diaspora communities worldwide, to remember the millions of victims of the famine engineered by the Soviet communist regime in 1932-1933.





# Dress for the weather!

Students will go outside for recess and lunchtime play in all weather.  
Rain gear, layers, and extra clothing are helpful to stay comfortable!



**warm gear**



**rain gear**



**Extra clothes**



## 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](mailto:mckayelementarypac@gmail.com)*



Subject: PAC x Purdys Chocolatier Fundraising Sales (Order deadline is Tue Nov 25th)



## Calling ALL chocolate-lovers!

The McKay PAC is teaming up with Purdys Chocolatier for a special fundraiser to get ready for the Winter holidays and at the same time helping our school! From now until Nov 25, you can order Purdys holiday gifts from our **McKay Winter 2025 Campaign** and browsing the tastiest selection of Christmas chocolates online. Shop Purdys Chocolates for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself for the "sweetest" holidays!

Order deadline: **Tuesday, November 25 at 11:59pm**

Delivery Date: **Friday, December 5** to student's classrooms

1. To view the catalogue and to place an order, click the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1993981-132349>

2. Register online using your email address and click "Join Campaign".

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please use your child's name when registering and add **Division Number** in the "last name" box. For example,

First Name

Last Name

FirstName

LastName (Div 1)

3. Click "**SHOP ONLINE**" on top of the webpage.

4. Fill out your order form and click "Proceed to Checkout" and continue with payment.  
(Please make sure you pay via Purdys website)

All proceeds from this fundraising will go towards supporting activities and events for all students at McKay! Thank you for your support! For questions, please send an email to [mckayelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:mckayelementarypac@gmail.com).

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## 2025 PAC Holiday Plant Fundraiser

Brighten your home inside and out for the winter holiday season by purchasing one (or several!) greenery items below. There are wreaths, poinsettia, holiday planters and more....

New this year, cute holiday plushies Bloom Buds - the perfect gift!

|  | Items                                 | Price |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                   | Bloom Buds Plushies                   | \$35  |
|                                                                                   | 6.5" Premium Poinsettia               | \$15  |
|                                                                                   | Indoor Tropical Planter               | \$35  |
|                                                                                   | Holiday Wreath                        | \$40  |
|                                                                                   | Outdoor Greenery Arrangement (2 Feet) | \$45  |
|                                                                                   | Hanging Greenery Bough                | \$35  |
|                                                                                   | Succulent Bowl                        | \$40  |

All profits from this fundraiser will go towards our **Winter Wonderland Skating trip in December!** For questions, please send an email to [mckayelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:mckayelementarypac@gmail.com).

Click **HERE** to order --> <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/>

Order deadline: **Monday, November 17 at 11:59pm**

**Pick Up Dates:** Dec 3 at 2:45pm-3:30pm & Dec 4 at 2:45pm-3:30pm

Pick Up Location: **Gym**

*(additional pick up times can be arranged upon request)*

**NOTE:** We require a minimum order of \$500 for this fundraiser to run, and the PAC will incur a \$50 delivery fee if the order is under \$1200.



## Winter Fundraiser

2025



**Bloom Buds Plushies**  
(Set of 2)  
A huggable pair of plushies.  
- Moody Poinsettia plush  
- Jingleberry Tree plush



**6.5" Premium Poinsettia**  
A happy "smile" brighten up any room this winter with a vibrant poinsettia. Available in red and white. The poinsettia is perfect for your home, hotel, restaurant and events over the holidays.



**Indoor Tropical Planter**  
Add a festive look to your table with a shaped tropical planter. There are four different plant varieties planted in these rectangular holiday-themed pots. **Planter container designs do vary and cannot be requested.**



**Holiday Wreath**  
A holiday wreath is a classic (and upgrade). Fresh holly, cedar and juniper decorated with a large gold bow. Fresh pine cones and red berries are sure to give you and your guests a festive welcome feeling from the outside.



**Approximate Poinsettia Sizes:**  
6.5" pot  
14 in 14" tall pot 12 in 14" wide



**Outdoor Greenery Arrangement**  
Welcome your guests to home the old with this large, beautiful and fresh holiday greenery arrangement. Poinsettias, berries and a large red bow complete the festive look. Standing at 17" tall, this statement piece is sure to inspire the joyful spirit!



**Hanging Greenery Bough**  
Greenery that is amazing! A fun, vintage looking bag holds precious greens and red and berry branches. Completing the look are holiday picks like a toad and a pincushion. Turn it up against doors, benches or your home just hang from your tree.



**Succulent Bowl**  
A beautiful, ceramic, patterned bowl 6.5" in diameter. Perfect for your coffee table or as a holiday gift. An assortment of popular succulents are planted with a flowering Kalchoa in the center.

\*All items may not be exactly as shown. We have a variety of greenery, indoor, outdoor and holiday plants.



## Information for Parents and Caregivers

### Resources to support you and your child



#### Register for free training

Tips to protect children  
and youth online



#### Have a conversation

Talk with children and  
youth about things they  
may be experiencing

#### What kind of information can I find on [erase.gov.bc.ca](https://erase.gov.bc.ca)?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
  - Diversity and inclusion
  - Mental health and substance use
  - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

#### What is the Report It Tool?

**Report It** is an **anonymous online tool** for **students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at [erase.gov.bc.ca](https://erase.gov.bc.ca).

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



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