



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): Jan. 26th - Jan. 30th

Hello McKay Families!

We had a wonderful week full of workshops and field trips and other awesome learning opportunities. We were all treated to a band concert by Mr. Sars and the Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 bands... they have worked hard to learn their instruments and songs, and sounded great!

In the week ahead, we highlight our focus on literacy! We will gather as a school to celebrate Family Literacy Week – something that you can do in your homes as well! This year's theme is "Make Mealtime Family Learning Time"- a reminder that at mealtimes we can build connection and learning by turning off screens, and engaging with each other. Lots of ideas here-> <https://decoda.ca/get-involved/family-literacy-week/>

We hope you have a great weekend!

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Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Jan. 26 th	
Tuesday Jan. 27 th	• School-wide Family Teams- Literacy Focus
Wednesday Jan. 28 th	• Girls' Home Basketball Game vs. Blair 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday Jan. 29 th	• Family Teams – Family Literacy Day 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Boys' Home Basketball Game vs. Blair – 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Spirit Day – Dress Like a Book Character Day
Friday Jan. 30 th	• School visit from our SD38 Superintendent, Mr. Usih • Deadline tonight at 11:59pm for next week's PAC Hot lunch Triple O's. Order on www.munchalunch.com

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:

Wed	Feb 4	Green Thumb Theatre "500 Words" theatre production
W-T	Feb 11+12	Informal Learning Update: Conferences
Fri	Feb 13	Professional Development Day No School in Session

Mon	Feb 16	Family Day Holiday No School in Session
Wed	Feb 25	Family Teams- Kindness
M-F	Mar 2-6	Jess Dance Pow Wow Dance workshops
Fri	Mar 13	Last Day of school before Spring Break

Significant Dates in our Community



International Holocaust Remembrance Day: Jan. 27
 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City
 Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia: Jan. 29



International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed annually on January 27th to honor the memory of the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, as well as millions of others persecuted by the Nazi regime during World War II. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in 1945. Established by the United Nations in 2005, this day serves to promote education, commemorate the victims, and reaffirm the commitment to prevent future acts of genocide. It is a time for reflection on the atrocities of the past and a call to action against hatred, discrimination, and antisemitism.

National Day of Remembrance and Action Against Islamophobia

The Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia in British Columbia, observed annually on January 29th, highlights the importance of addressing Islamophobia. This day reaffirms the province's commitment to fostering inclusivity, diversity, and respect for all communities while acknowledging the harmful impacts of anti-Muslim hatred. It serves as a call to action to combat discrimination and build a safer, more equitable society for everyone.



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 Jan - Mar 2026

Order Deadline	Food Vendor	Food Date
Fri Jan 9 at 11:59pm	Asian Menu by Bala Foods	Fri Jan 16
Fri Jan 30 at 11:59pm	Triple O	Fri Feb 6
Fri Feb 13 at 11:59pm	Sushi Lovers	Fri Feb 20



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*

Inclement Weather: School Closure Notifications

The district will try to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30 a.m.
Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites.

No radio or television announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only school closures will be announced by the media. To reach as many people as possible – as quickly as possible – we work closely with our local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get information about the impact of severe weather or emergencies in our schools.

If snowfall begins while school is in session, in most circumstances, schools will remain OPEN until the end of the school day.

If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let your school know of this decision. Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RichmondSD38/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RichmondSD38>

Stay Informed with SchoolMessenger Text Alerts (Opt-In)

Our District uses SchoolMessenger to share important school and district updates, including weather closures, emergency notifications, reminders, and time-sensitive announcements.

All families with a current cell phone number in our MyEdBC database will receive a text message from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338) in February 2026. To start receiving text alerts, you will need to opt in.

How to opt in:

1. Watch for a text from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338).
2. Reply with “Y” to 978338.
3. You will receive a confirmation message letting you know you’re successfully subscribed.

Want alerts on more than one device?

To receive text alerts on multiple phones, each phone number must opt in separately by replying “Y” to 978338.

主题：儿童发展与行为--浅谈自闭症和多动症
**Children with developmental and behavioural concerns-
Autism & ADHD**

- 我的孩子不一样？遗传像我？还是我的教养方式？先天还是后天？
- 什么是自闭症？可以早发现吗？父母如何自我检测？
- 我的孩子是多动还是好动？我需要担心吗？有什么行为指标父母需要注意？
- 父母有疑惑时该怎么办？
- 家里有特殊需要的孩子（自闭多动等）父母能使用的资源有哪些？

讲座嘉宾：**Christine Hung (Autism Support & Resource Specialist)**
BC省儿童厅 (BC Ministry of Children and Family Development)

时间：**2026年1月29日 周四 (10AM-12PM)**

方式：**ZOOM 线上**

语言：中文

报名链接：请点击这里

<https://forms.office.com/r/DOzyOENxtR>



CARE AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



Parenting when Anxiety shows up as Anger.

Parenting can become challenging when anxiety shows up as anger in our kids. Join us in a conversation with Karen Peters, Registered Clinical Counsellor, to learn about some strategies that can help us better understand and manage these hard moments.

当焦虑在孩子身上表现为愤怒时，为人父母就会面临挑战。欢迎收听我们与注册临床咨询师凯伦·彼得斯的对话，了解一些可以帮助我们在这些艰难时刻之前、之中和之后应对的策略

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026
10:00am to 11:30am online session**

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BABYSITTING COURSE

Course Content:

- How to be responsible and demonstrate leadership
- Strategies to create a safe environment
- Information on childhood characteristic and behavior
- First aid techniques
- The business of babysitting

Age: 11-15 (Grade 6-10)

****Non-Mckay Students are welcome**

Cost: \$90 per student (includes the Canadian Red Cross Babysitter's Completion certificate)

Date: February 13, 2026, Friday (Pro-D Day)

Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm

****Please bring your own lunch**

STAYSAFE (HOME ALONE) COURSE

Course Content:

- How to stay safe at home and within the community
- How to prepare for, recognize and response to unexpected situations
- Importance of responsibility and respect while being accountable for yourself
- Importance of setting and following rules around safety when staying on your own
- First aid techniques

Age: 9-13 (Grade 4-8)

****Non-Mckay Students are welcome**

Cost: \$90 per student (includes the Canadian Red Cross StaySafe's Completion certificate)

Date: February 13, 2026, Friday (Pro-D Day)

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

****Please bring your own lunch**

Location: McKay Elementary School

Registration/Payment Deadline: January 31, 2026 (**payment is non-refundable)

Please register online through MunchaLunch at <http://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay>
(Click on "Babysitting/StaySafe Course" tab)

****For inquiries, please contact Amelia Spinelli or Winnie Tam at mckayelementarypac@gmail.com**