



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG) for McKay Staff: September 6th – 9th



Welcome to the 2022 – 2023 School Year at McKay

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year at McKay. We hope that you have had a fun and memorable summer and are as excited as we are about the upcoming school year. Last year, I had the pleasure of experiencing daily life and learning in this awesome community. I am grateful to be here, and I look forward to another year with you all. A special welcome to those of you who are new to McKay to Mustangs team. We hope you will quickly feel like you are part of our family – and look forward to creating lots of great memories with you.

Welcome To The Mustangs! We are excited to welcome to McKay the following teachers:

- Mr. Tim Sars, who will be our Band and Music teacher for students in Grades 6 and 7.
- Ms. Vanessa Cheung, who joins us as an Early Primary teacher at McKay for this school year
- Ms. Charissa Ratum, who will be joining the Intermediate teaching team at McKay

Key Health and Safety Considerations Upon Our Return To School:

As we return to school, it should be noted that many of the Covid restrictions and guidelines that impacted daily life at schools have been lifted. However, in order to keep each other safe and healthy, our Provincial Health Authorities, the Ministry of Education and the Richmond School District are reminding us to consider the following:

1. To help prevent the spread of illness, please stay home when you are sick
2. Please wash your hands as frequently and thoroughly as possible
3. If you need to cough or sneeze, please cover your mouth with a tissue (or into your elbow)
4. McKay, like all schools in BC, is a “mask-friendly” learning community. This means that we respect the right of all individuals to wear, or not wear, a mask while at school.

The First Week of School:

For more details regarding this first week back to school, please see the daily schedule in the WAAG, as well as the attachments included in this email. Whether returning to McKay, or new to the Mustangs team, we hope everyone has an awesome first few days of this school year!

Early Warning Phone Number:

If your child is will be absent or late for any reason, please call the McKay Early Warning Line: [604-668-6572](tel:604-668-6572).

Staying informed:

We hope that you will feel well informed and connected to what is happening at your child's school. With that in mind...

- Check out our school web-site at mckay.sd38.bc.ca, which provides a wealth of information about our school and the McKay community.
- To keep up to date, and to help with your planning, please look for regular emails featuring:
 - Our “Week-At-A-Glance” (WAAG) and Monthly Calendars that highlight upcoming / special events and important dates
 - McKay Newsletters, with featured articles and stories about learning activities, and important information for our families
- All McKay parents are welcome to join us for our regular monthly Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings. Stay tuned for more information regarding the date and format for the first PAC Meeting of this school year



Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Sept 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY – No school today. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We hope you enjoy the Long Weekend and are feeling ready for the start of school
Tuesday Sept 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WELCOME TO THE 2022 – 2023 SCHOOL YEAR! • Grade 1 to 7 Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attending from 8:45 – 9:45 am (one hour only) ○ Returning Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will participate in learning activities with last year’s teacher ▪ Please wait outside at the same entrance doors as last year ○ New Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will be placed in temporary learning groups with students in their grade level ▪ Please wait at the front entrance to the school – Mr. Hurst and staff will welcome you and direct you to your learning group for the week • Kindergarten Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group A attending from 9:00 - 9:45 am ○ Group B attending from 1:00 – 1:45 pm ○ <i>Please refer to the Gradual Entry Schedule for Kindergarten (September 6 – 16th)</i>
Wednesday Sept 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 1 to 7 Students: First full day of school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attending from 8:45 am – 2:45 pm ○ <i>Please bring a recess snack and lunch everyday - beginning today</i> ○ Will be participating in a variety of learning activities and experiences. ○ Will be working in temporary learning groups with students at their grade level for the first week. • Kindergarten Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group A attending from 8:45 - 9:45 am ○ Group B attending from 10:15 – 11:15 pm ○ Please wait at the North Entrance to the school ○ Parents can sign up for next week’s “Welcoming Conversations” appointments beginning today
Thursday Sept 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 1 to 7 Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learning activities within temporary Learning Groups continuing today • Kindergarten Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group A attending from 8:45 - 11:15 am ○ Group B attending from 12:15 – 2:45 pm ○ <i>Please bring a recess snack</i>
Friday Sept 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We <u>hope</u> to have students placed in their classes by the end of this school day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you for your patience as we wait to hear from the District our final allotment of teaching staff / classes for this school year ○ <i>Stay tuned for more information regarding this process</i> • Kindergarten Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group A attending from 8:45 - 11:15 am ○ Group B attending from 12:15 – 2:45 pm

Thurs Sept 15
Fri Sept 23
Thurs Sept 29
Fri Sept 30

First full day of school for Kindergarten students
Professional Development (Pro-D) Day: No school in session
PAC Lunch Day (stay tuned for more info)
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day: No school in session