



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG) for McKay Families: October 10th – 14th



Thanksgiving Holiday:

We are very fortunate to live in a community and country that is largely safe and peaceful, and the staff at McKay are grateful for the feeling of togetherness and unity that makes our school such a special place to call home. Please accept our thanks for all of your kindness and support and our wishes for a wonderful the long weekend with your friends and family.

Preparing for Rainy and Cooler Days at McKay:

We have been so fortunate to have so many weeks of warm and sunny weather at the start of this school year. However, we know that we live in a rain forest, and rainy, cooler weather is coming our way. With this in mind, please ensure that your child comes to school with warm, winter clothing. As we did last year, students will be playing outside during all recess and lunch breaks. Thus, students are encouraged to bring outside boots, a waterproof and hooded rain jacket (or rain jacket and hat) to stay comfortable and dry. Last year, many students have brought umbrellas to help them stay dry on rainy days.

Parent Teacher Conferences / Learning Updates Coming October 17th to 20th:

Our teachers are looking forward to the chance to sit down with you to learn more about your child, to explore ways to help them to have a successful year of learning in their classrooms, and to share our first impressions of their learning so far this year. Please look for an invite from your child's teacher, and RSVP as soon as possible. A reminder that we have **Early Dismissals at 1:45 pm on Wednesday October 19th, and Thursday October 20th.**

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Oct 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Holiday: Hope you have a nice Long Weekend!
Tuesday Oct 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) for Grade 4 and 7 students continuing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading, Writing and Math assessments for all students in BC ○ Takes place from Oct 3th – Nov 7th • Volleyball Practice for Grade 6/7s: after school
Wednesday Oct 12 th	
Thursday Oct 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volleyball Practice for Grade 6/7s: after school
Friday Oct 14 th	

Upcoming Important Dates, and Special Events at McKay:

Oct 17	DARE program for students in Grade 5 and 6 begins today: Constable Kandola from RCMP will, once again, be providing lessons to help our Grade 5/6 students to make healthy decisions and to resist peer pressure as they head into their teenage years
Oct 17 – 20	Parent Teacher Conferences this week: Invites to parents from classroom teachers coming out soon
Oct 18 – 20	Scholastic Book Fair: Stay tuned for more info on this exciting event
Oct 19 - 20	Early Dismissal for Conferences on these days: 1:45 pm
Wed Oct 19	Immunizations for Grades 6s and 7s: VCH Health Professionals at McKay in the morning
Thurs Oct 20	Great BC Shake-out: Stop, Drop and Cover Drill for all students in the province
Fri Oct 21	Provincial Pro-D Day: No school in session
Mon Oct 24	Diwali Celebration: Festival of Lights for some McKay students, staff and families
Mon Oct 28	Photo Retake Day: for those wanting a retake, or any students who missed, or new students
Mon Oct 31	Hallowe'en At McKay: Stay tuned for more details about this fun, wacky and spooky day
Thurs Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly: Traditional annual ceremony for students and staff of McKay
Fri Nov 11	Remembrance Day Holiday: No school in session
Fri Nov 25	District-wide Pro-D Day

A Reminder: Please report lates and absences to our Early Warning Phone Number at 604-668-6470