



## McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): October 23rd – 27<sup>th</sup>



### Learning Update #1- Parent Teacher Conferences:

Thank you for joining us for Parent Teacher Conferences this week... as home and school work together to support the growth and learning of each child, these meetings are an important opportunity to connect with your child's teachers and support staff. We also appreciate all of the work our team of educators put in to prepare for these important discussions, as well as the extra hours they worked this week to make it happen.

### A very successful Book Fair:

Thanks, as well, to Ms. Mui for organizing another awesome Book Fair, and offering in-person shopping for families after school during our conference days. It is wonderful seeing our students so excited for new books!

### *Highlights For Next Week Include:*

<b>Monday</b> Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FSAs for Gr 4 and 7 students continuing: we have until Nov 3 to complete</li> <li>• Volleyball Game McKay @ Thompson Go Mustangs!</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Wednesday</b> Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Thursday</b> Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volleyball Game Blundell @ McKay Go Mustangs!</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b> Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sushi Lovers Lunch Day</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 Oct 30	Volleyball Game Thompson @ McKay
Tues Oct 31	School-wide gathering/ Costume Parade for Halloween!
Tues Oct 31	Art Truck after school for registered students
Wed Nov 1	Volleyball Game Brighthouse @ McKay
Thurs Nov 2	Photo Retakes
Tues Nov 7	PAC Meeting 7:15pm on Zoom
Mon Nov 13	Statutory Holiday for Remembrance Day <b>No School in Session</b>
Mon Nov 20	Professional Development Day <b>No School in Session</b>

## Significant Dates in our Community



October 15th-24th: Navaratri ॐ  
October 24th: Dussehra  
October 24th: Youth Climate Action Day



## Information Items for Families:

### Support Available

Recently, the provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to Mika Livingston at [mlivingston@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mlivingston@sd38.bc.ca). We are gathering information and look to provide ongoing support wherever possible. Implementation plans are underway, and we want to ensure families are aware, and as always, able to reach out if they require support. 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.

McKay students and families are also able to access the Student and Family Affordability Fund, intended to help offset some of the costs associated with school (such as school supplies and field trip fees). For support, please reach out to Mika Livingston [mlivingston@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mlivingston@sd38.bc.ca).

## Kindergarten Registration for next school year, 2023-2024:

We are excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration begins November 1, 2023.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 2, 2024.

Kindergarten 2024/25 Parent Information Night - Student with Disabilities and Diverse Abilities Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 6:30 PM (PST)

Please click the link below to join the webinar: <https://sd38.zoom.us/j/64703332548>

Webinar ID: 647 0333 2548 Passcode: 6000



**“Trick or Treat” Others with Respect:**

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events.

It’s good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

- RACE (black face/brown face)
- CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab)
- GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- TRAUMA (hangman’s noose/weapons)



<https://www.richmond.ca/parks-recreation/about/sports/grade5.htm>



# 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!



Rain gear



Boots



Extra clothes