



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): October 30th – November 3rd

It has been a busy month at McKay, and we are looking forward to the festivities of Halloween! As we support our students in having fun and celebrating, we are always guiding them to be respectful and inclusive of others. We appreciate your support with this as well.

It is normal for students (and any humans!) to engage in conflict- disagreements and arguments. But we do ask for your support as we help students to navigate these conflicts appropriately. We encourage students to use phrases such as "Stop!" and "I" statements such as "I don't like it when..." And at school, there are always adults available to help. We ask that if students are not able to resolve a conflict appropriately on their own, that they ask an adult for help.

"Fighting back" escalates the problem and makes it worse. Many students who engage in conflict will say "_____ did it/said it first!"... but unkind words and physical engagement (hitting, pushing, kicking, etc.) are not appropriate ways to resolve conflicts. Please encourage your children to seek help from an adult if saying "No" or "Stop" is not effective. We also know that when children are supervised, they are better equipped to navigate conflicts appropriately. After school if your children wish to play on the playground or soccer areas etc. we ask that you please supervise them to support them through any potential disagreements with others. Thank you for your partnership in helping our students learn how to navigate conflict appropriately!

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Oct 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSAs for Gr 4 and 7 students continuing: we have until Nov 3 to complete • Volleyball Game McKay @ Thompson Go Mustangs! • Fruit and Veggie Program: Apples
Tuesday Oct 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween! School-appropriate costumes are welcome! Costumes cannot include weapons or full masks (we need to be able to identify students) and we ask you to support your child in choosing a respectful costume-more info below). • City of Richmond Art Truck after school program in the gym for registered students gr 4-7
Wednesday Nov 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo Retakes • Volleyball Game Brighthouse @ McKay Go Mustangs!
Thursday Nov 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volleyball Game Blundell @ McKay Go Mustangs!
Friday Nov 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders due at 11:59pm tonight for A&W lunch next Friday

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:

Tues Nov 7	PAC Meeting 7:15pm on Zoom
Tues Nov 7	City of Richmond Art Truck after school for registered students gr 4-7
Thurs Nov 9	Volleyball game Grauer @ McKay
Fri Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am Families welcome
Mon Nov 13	Statutory Holiday for Remembrance Day No School in Session
Wed Nov 15	Volleball Game McKay @ Brighthouse
Thurs Nov 16	Volleyball Game McKay @ Grauer
Mon Nov 20	Professional Development Day No School in Session

Significant Dates in our Community



November 1st: Musqueam Day

Information Items for Families:

Family Erase Sessions for Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities

Three free virtual *erase* learning sessions for families will be held on November 8, 28, and 30, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above. Families may register at this link: [📄 erase family sessions november 2023.pdf](#). Please contact erase@gov.bc.ca with any questions or for more information.

Grade Five Active Pass:



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

City of Richmond Halloween Events and Activities

Over 20 spook-tacular Halloween-inspired events and activities are now on through Tuesday, October 31 with the fang-tastic Halloween Fireworks Festival in Minoru Park on Halloween night. All the details about this year's 20+ events can be found at richmond.ca/halloween.

“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)

Richmond School District

Kindergarten Registration

November–January



  | [sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](https://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten)

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

The Richmond School District 38 is 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 opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from **November to January**, in order to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2, 2024.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Finally, there will be a **Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities** on Zoom held on November 8th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!



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



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 MS. LIVINGSTON (MLIVINGSTON@SD38.BC.CA). WE ARE GATHERING INFORMATION AND LOOKING 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.