



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): January 15th – 19th



Happy New Year, McKay Families! For our first week back to school we experienced a couple of days of very cold weather! It was beautiful outside, and our students had lots of fun. Through the winter, please ensure your children have appropriate cold-weather gear so that they can be safe and comfortable going outside. With very rare exceptions (such as the extremely cold weather on Friday- we stayed inside at lunch time) we play outside in all weather.

Please note that our parking lots are to be used for STAFF ONLY, with NO PARKING for drop off or pick up. This is to increase the safety of our parking lots for our students.

Please use the drop off/pick up lane, and PULL FORWARD all the way forward as space opens up!

Families are encouraged to park in the neighbourhood (there are access points around our school yard) and walk to school if needed.

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Jan 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball Meeting for Gr 6 & 7s @ 12:10pm in the Gym
Tuesday Jan 16 th	
Wednesday Jan 17 th	
Thursday Jan 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza orders due by 11:59pm for next week's PAC Fresh Slice pizza lunch on Jan 25th. https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/
Friday Jan 19 th	

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:

Fri Jan 26	Professional Development Day No school in session
Fri Feb 16	Professional Development Day No school in session
Mon Feb 19	Family Day Holiday No school in session
Feb 28	Informal Learning Update (conferences) Early dismissal at 1:45pm
Feb 29	Informal Learning Update (conferences) Early dismissal at 1:45pm
March 15 – April 1 st	Spring Break No school in session
March 29	Good Friday No school in session
March 31	Easter Sunday No school in session
April 1	Easter Monday No school in session

Significant Dates in our Community



January 14th: Maghi ॐ
January 15th: Black Excellence Day
January 17th: Raoul Wallenberg Day
January 17th: Guru Gobindh Singh Jayant/Prakash ॐ



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

Information Items for Families:

Get REDI

Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with Richmond School District

A webinar series on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging.

This initial 60-minute session is designed to help you understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. The facilitator, Destine Lord, will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression. By building the language, you can help support your learner as they move between home and school and back again. There will be opportunities with future sessions to further explore REDI concepts.



Destine Lord (she/her) is a consultant and facilitator actively working towards the elimination of racism in Canada. For the last 15 years, she has worked in both the private and public sectors, facilitating workshops and training sessions related to anti-racism,

change management, and reconciliation. As a Black Canadian, Destine can draw on her lived experiences to inform conversations about racism. She is excited to be supporting the Richmond School District and our work to build equity and inclusion and a sense belonging for all students and staff.

Registration

These repeated webinar sessions are intended for Richmond School District parents and caregivers only. **As space is limited, please register in advance for one session using one of the QR codes below.**

**January 25, 2024
at 7 p.m.**



**January 30, 2024
at 11 a.m.**





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