



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): January 29th – February 2nd

The snow was all washed away, and McKay now has many puddles and wet areas that our students love to explore during outside play times! Along with rain gear and boots, please send extra clothes so that your children can be comfortable after playing outside. Children who especially love playing in the wet areas may need a couple of changes of pants and socks while the weather remains so rainy!

Important Reminder Regarding Parking, Pick up, and Drop Off: When parking, picking up, and dropping off in the neighbourhood around our school, please do not use private driveways or the private parking areas that belong to the apartment and townhouse complexes around our school. We want to be considerate of our neighbours, and mindful of their safety and private property. Thank you.

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Jan 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball practice at lunch
Tuesday Jan 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Truck after school in the gym for registered students 11am GET REDI with Destine Lord Register here Information below
Wednesday Jan 31 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball practice after school
Thursday Feb 1 st	
Friday Feb 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball game vs Quilchena @ McKay – Go Mustangs!

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:

Wed Feb 7	Band Concert for Div 1, 2, 3
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 27th: International Holocaust Remembrance Day



January 29th: National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

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

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.**



Social Media Awareness Family Sessions

Safer Schools Together, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, is offering “Social Media Awareness” family sessions. These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Dates, times and information to register can be found in this [link](#) and flyer below.

Family Sessions

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Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

Everyone Welcome!

Upcoming Training:

January 23

February 7

February 28

‘intheknow’

Connect and Learn

MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS WINTER 2024

Every month, we host events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/ or substance use challenge called “in the know.”

JANUARY

Supporting a Crisis at Home
Speaker: Lu Ripley, BC Crisis Centre and Tammy Music, Parent Peer Support Worker, Surrey Memorial’s CAPSU

FEBRUARY

For Families: A Conversation about Eating Disorders
Speakers: Carmen Kauffman, Eating Disorders Therapist & Educator with Jessie’s Legacy, Rylee McKinlay, Young Adult with Lived Experience, Terri McKinlay, Parent with Lived Experience

MARCH

Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What it Looks Like in Ages 13–18
Speaker: Karen Peters, RCC ThriveLife Counselling and Wellness

Join us to watch a video and talk with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers.

familysmart.ca/events





Community Services Connectors Program



Are you a Richmond resident with a lower income looking for services or support?

Drop by the Living Room at **Ironwood Library**, enjoy a drink and a snack, and chat with a Community Services Connector.

When:

Every Sunday
From January 28 - May 26
2:00 - 4:00pm

Where:

Ironwood Library
8200-11688 Steveston Hwy,
Richmond, BC



For more information, visit: richmond.ca/CommunityResources