



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): February 5th – February 9th



We have lots going on at McKay in February! Please check the upcoming dates to plan ahead for everything that is planned for the next several weeks!

We understand that some of our families may choose to have their children carry cell phones. Please note that cell phones and other devices may not be used during school hours, and will need to stay in your child's backpack between 8:45am and 2:45pm, unless invited to be used by a teacher for a specific purpose. Smart watches should also only be used as a watch during school hours, and not as a communication device or for accessing the internet. If you ever need to get ahold of your child, you may call the school. If your child ever needs to contact you, they will be able to call from the school. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Feb 5 th	
Tuesday Feb 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball game McKay away @ Steves Go Mustangs!• PAC Meeting 7:15pm on Zoom
Wednesday Feb 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Divisions 1, 2, and 3 Band Concert 6:30pm (students to be dropped off at 6pm, parents may enter beginning at 6:15pm)• Social Media Awareness Family Session 6:30-7:30pm Register here: https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session
Thursday Feb 8 th	
Friday Feb 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball game McKay away @ Quilchena 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:

Fri Feb 16	Professional Development Day No school in session
Mon Feb 19	Family Day Holiday No school in session
Feb 27- March 1	Book Fair in the Library
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	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



February 10th is Lunar New Year:
Happy New Year!



February is Black History Month: Black Excellence:
A Heritage to Celebrate; A Future to Build

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:



Sensory Friendly Swims

NEW!

at Minoru Centre for Active Living
Last Sunday of the month
8:00-9:30am

richmond.ca/aquatics

Richmond



Do you live, work or play in Richmond?

Take a short 10 minute survey

Share your thoughts. Help shape the future of City of Richmond's parks, recreation, arts, culture, heritage and library facilities, services and programs.

For more information, visit:
www.LetsTalkRichmond.ca/NeedsAssessment



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

These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world.



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