



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG):

February 12th – February 16th

We are settled into the middle weeks of Term 2 at McKay, and students are deeply engaged in their learning across all curricular areas and core competencies. There are regular classroom activities, field trips, and school-wide special events planned, providing many engaging and enriching learning opportunities. Thank you to our staff, the PAC, and numerous volunteers for working together to help make it all happen! We appreciate the support of our McKay community! As many families prepare for Lunar New Year celebrations this weekend, we wish all families celebrating a very Happy New Year!

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Feb 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball practice @ lunch • Basketball game away @ Diefenbaker Go Mustangs!
Tuesday Feb 13th	
Wednesday Feb 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy Valentine's Day! • Basketball practice after school
Thursday Feb 15th	
Friday Feb 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development Day – No school in session. • PAC lunch orders for Feb 23rd Taco Luis due tonight @ 11:59pm Order here: https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/

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	Scholastic Book Fair in the library
Feb 28	Pink Shirt Day Everyone encouraged to wear pink 😊
Feb 28	Informal Learning Update (conferences) Early dismissal at 1:45pm

Feb 29	Informal Learning Update (conferences) Early dismissal at 1:45pm
March 7-14 th	Hip Hop Dance program
March 15 – April 1 st	Spring Break No school in session
April 1	Easter Monday No school in session

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.

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



Significant Dates in our Community



February 14th is:

- ♥ St. Valentine's Day - Happy Valentine's Day! ♥
- 🌸 Vasant Panchami: Preparation for the Arrival of Spring 🌸
- † Ash Wednesday: First Day of Lent †



February 15th is:

- ☸ Nirvana Day: Happy Nirvana Day! ☸









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



REAP – Richmond Education Assistant Program

We are happy to announce that this year we are running a REAP part time program which started January 6, 2024 and will run until February 2025.

Do you know anyone interested in a career in education?

Full Time REAP 2024

Do you enjoy supporting children and youth with disabilities and diverse abilities? Are you compassionate? Are you a life-long learner? Are you a team player? Are you passionate about inclusive learning communities?

Richmond Education Assistant Program (**REAP**) is rigorous, intense and rewarding. It is designed by the Richmond School District to prepare adults who have the passion to work with children and youth with diverse abilities and disabilities as an Education Assistant. Full Time REAP 2024 will start in July 2024 and end in November 2024.

For more information please register by clicking on the registration link below.

Information Session #1 February 10, 2024 – 9:30-11 am

https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/rmdcontinuingeducation/activity/search/detail/14364?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true

Information Session #2 February 13, 2024 – 6:30-8pm

https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/rmdcontinuingeducation/activity/search/detail/14363?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true

Visit www.RichmondCE.ca or phone 604.668.6123 for more information





**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



RICHMOND CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL
 PRESENTED BY **LANSDOWNE CENTRE**

FAMILY DAY
February 19
10am-4pm
 Richmond Cultural Centre

ChildrensArtsFestival.ca

Richmond Public Library

Richmond



Early Learning for Families Events

RICHMOND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

Early
Learning

Check out
the
schedule
below!

Do you have a 3 - 5 year old preschooler? The Richmond School District welcomes your family to the **Early Learning for Families (ELFF)** events. Join us for fun and engaging learning experiences while meeting new friends and building home to school connections. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions all about Early Learning.

Each ELFF event will include:

- hands on and collaborative activities
- music and movement experience by Ginalina
- opportunities to connect with families and Richmond Early Childhood Educators

Elementary School	Date	Time
Steves Elementary - 10111 Fourth Ave.	April 8	9:30 - 11:00 am
Thompson Elementary - 6211 Forsyth Cres.	April 8	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Tait Elementary - 10071 Finlayson Dr.	April 9	9:30 - 11:00 am
Cook Elementary - 8600 Cook Rd.	April 9	1:00 - 2:30 pm

Ginalina is a Juno-nominated Musician and Multidisciplinary Artist who uses music, stories, and movement to connect with audiences to celebrate nature, community, and the connections we share. Ginalina is featured on [BC Kids Knowledge Kids Network](#). Visit [Ginalina's website](#) to learn more.



'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

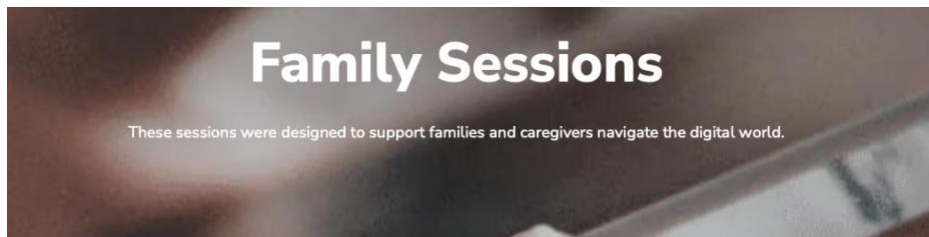
Join us to watch a video and talk with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers.

familysmart.ca/events



Social Media Awareness 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.



Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

Everyone Welcome!

Upcoming Training:

January 23

February 7

February 28

