



## McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>



Hello McKay Families!

McKay Families, our new school year is officially underway! Our school class organization was approved by the school district, and today students in grades 1-7 moved into their divisions for the year. Kindergartens will start in their new divisions on Monday.

### **A Note About Class Placements**

Our thoughtful and professional staff at McKay do our very best to place our students where we feel they have the best opportunity to meet their true potential in all areas of their learning.

If your child happens to be concerned about their placement, it can help to reassure them that their feelings around the change of a teacher and learning environment is normal and experienced by lots of students. With a bit of time, students will settle into their classrooms, and we know that everyone will have a great year. Talking with your child's new teacher about how your child is feeling can help create an opportunity where you can work together to help build connections and help your child settle into their new classroom.

### **Early Warning Phone Number:**

If your child will be absent or late for any reason, please call the McKay Early Warning Line: [604-668-6572](tel:604-668-6572).

### **Let's Keep Each Other Safe and Healthy!**

In order to keep each other safe and healthy, our Vancouver Coastal Health authority suggests the following:

#### **What to do when your child is sick**

Students who are exhibiting symptoms of illness, including respiratory and gastrointestinal illness, should stay home until they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Those who are vomiting or have diarrhea should be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

#### **Common childhood diseases**

The quick guide to common childhood diseases from the BCCDC provides schools, caregivers and parents information about communicable diseases commonly experienced by young children.

[Read the quick guide to common childhood diseases](#)

### **Parking Lot Safety:**

It is extremely important that we drive **SLOWLY** in the parking lot, and pull over to the drop-off lane to let your children out of your vehicle. Mornings and after school are busy times... everyone is trying to get somewhere important, but we need to keep our children and each other safe. For everyone's safety, please slow down.

**Staying informed:**

We hope that you will feel well informed and connected to what is happening at your child’s school. With that in mind...

- Check out our school web-site at [mckay.sd38.bc.ca](http://mckay.sd38.bc.ca), which provides a wealth of information about our school and the McKay community.
- To keep up to date, and to help with your planning, please look for regular emails featuring:
  - Our “Week-At-A-Glance” (WAAG) and Monthly Calendars that highlight upcoming / special events and important dates, and Photo Collages that show what has been happening around our school.
- All Mckay parents are welcome to join us for our regular monthly Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings. Stay tuned for more information regarding the date and format for the first PAC Meeting of this school year

**Highlights For Next Week Include:**

<b>Monday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Students are now in their classes for the 2024– 2025 school year</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Please use their new designated entrance/exit door for pick up and drop off</li><li>○ Please bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle each day!</li><li>○ We wish you an awesome year of learning with your classmates and teachers</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Kindergarten students continue Gradual Entry</b></li></ul>
<b>Tuesday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kindergarten students continue Gradual Entry</b></li><li>• <b>Welcoming Conversations for some K parents scheduled for this afternoon</b></li></ul>
<b>Wednesday Sept 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kindergarten students continue Gradual Entry</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Welcoming Conversations for K parents continue this afternoon</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Thursday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>First full day for Kindergarten students</b></li></ul>
<b>Friday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	

**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:

Thurs Sept 19	Student Photo Day
Thurs Sept 19	Meet the Teacher/ PAC Welcome Back Picnic (more info to come)
Fri Sept 20	Professional Development Day <b>No School in Session</b>
Fri Sept 27	Orange Shirt Day; Truth and Reconciliation Assembly
Mon Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day <b>No School in Session</b>

## Significant Dates in our Community

**September**

- Labour Day: Sept. 2
- Ganesh Chaturthi: Sept. 7
- International Literacy Day: Sept. 8
- Mennonite Heritage Week: Sept. 8 - 14
- Mawlid-al-Nabi: Sept. 15-16
- Gender Equality Week: Sept. 22-28
- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day: Sept. 30



# 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!



**Hats**  
Sunscreen (applied at home!)

**rain gear**

**Extra clothes /layers**

## Information Items for Families:

### District Code of Conduct: How We Learn and Work Together

The Board of Education recognizes and welcomes its obligation to all members of the district community to provide a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment. As we learn and work together, we will truly celebrate and support the rich diversity that is our district community.

It is our collective responsibility and expectation that all district community members (students, staff, parents, and guests) comply with and enact the purpose and spirit of the British Columbia Human Rights Code, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Human Rights Act including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age of that person or that group or class of persons.\* (BC Human Rights Code 2017).

To that end, we are committed to the expectation that all members of the district community will conduct themselves in an ethical and lawful manner that demonstrates respect for self, others, property and the environment.

**DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT**

# HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

**As we learn and work together, we will...**

- 1 Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2 Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3 Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4 Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5 Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6 Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct is available online at: [sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct](http://sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct)

**RICHMOND**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

# Student and Family Affordability Fund



**LAST SPRING, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A RENEWAL OF ONE TIME FUNDS FOR THE STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND. THIS FUND IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST FAMILIES WHO REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH SCHOOL-RELATED COSTS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- SCHOOL AND COURSE FEES**
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND COURSE MATERIALS**
- FIELD TRIPS**
- SCHOOL-RELATED EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES**
- CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR REQUIRED FOR SPORTS AND SPORT ACTIVITIES**

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO MS. LIVINGSTON ( [MLIVINGSTON@SD38.BC.CA](mailto:MLIVINGSTON@SD38.BC.CA)) IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. AS ALWAYS, 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.**



## PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 7, 2024

11:00am-3:00pm

City Operations Yard

5599 Lynas Lane

[richmond.ca/PWOpenHouse](http://richmond.ca/PWOpenHouse)

*Come out with your friends and family to enjoy the fun!*

