



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): Oct. 14th - Oct. 18th



Hello McKay Families!

Heading into Thanksgiving weekend, we are thankful for the wonderful community we have at McKay. Thank you for supporting our school, and for being partners with us in helping your children learn and grow. We hope that you enjoy some time together on this long weekend.

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Oct. 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Day – School Closed
Tuesday Oct. 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Volleyball Game vs. Brighthouse
Wednesday Oct. 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 Home Volleyball Game vs. Spul'u'kwuks
Thursday Oct. 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Away Volleyball Game vs. Brighthouse
Friday Oct. 18 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:

- M-Th Oct 21 – 24 Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- Tues Oct 22 **Early Dismissal at 1:45pm for Conferences**
- Wed Oct 23 **Early Dismissal at 1:45pm for Conferences**
- Wed Oct 23 Stanley Park Ecology Centre Coyote Presentations Primary & Intermediate
- Fri Oct 25 Provincial Professional Development Day **No School in Session**
- Mon Oct 28 Home Volleyball Game vs Blair
- Wed Oct 30 Away Volleyball Game vs Spul'u'kwuks
- Thurs Oct 31 **Halloween**

Mon Nov 4 Individual Student Photo Retakes
 Tues Nov 5 Volleyball Game Away @ Grauer
 Thurs Nov 7 Volleyball Game Ferris @ Home
 Fri Nov 8 Remembrance Day Assembly
 Mon Nov 11 Remembrance Day **No School in Session**

Significant Dates in our Community



Thanksgiving Day: Oct. 14
 International Pronouns Day: Oct. 16
 World Food Day: Oct. 16
 Sukkot Begins: Oct. 16-23
 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: Oct. 17
 Spirit Day: Oct. 17
 Persons Day: Oct. 18



Sukkot is a week-long Jewish festival that celebrates the harvest and commemorates the Israelites' 40-year journey in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. It usually falls in the autumn, beginning five days after Yom Kippur. During Sukkot, families build temporary huts called "sukkahs" to symbolize the fragile dwellings the Israelites lived in. People eat and sometimes sleep in the sukkah to remind themselves of the journey. It's also a time to give thanks for the harvest and is one of the three major pilgrimage festivals in Judaism.



Yes, Women are Persons!

Persons Day | October 18 #PersonsDay

Persons Day is a Canadian holiday celebrated on October 18th each year, marking a significant legal victory for women's rights. On this day in 1929, the "Famous Five"—a group of Canadian women—won a case that allowed women to be legally recognized as "persons" under Canadian law. This victory meant that women could be appointed to the Senate and participate fully in political life. Persons Day honors their fight for gender equality and is an important milestone in the women's rights movement in Canada.



Spirit Day is an annual event observed on the third Thursday of October to support LGBTQ+ youth and take a stand against bullying. On this day, people wear purple to show solidarity with young people who face harassment or bullying due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. The event aims to raise awareness of the issues LGBTQ+ youth face and promote a message of acceptance, inclusion, and kindness. Spirit Day was started in 2010 by a high school student and has since grown into a widespread movement.

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 for Families:

1. Families, when your children are sick, please keep them at home until their symptoms resolve and they are ready to fully participate in all school activities, both indoors and outdoors. This will help all of us to stay healthy during the cold and flu season ahead! We also teach and encourage our students to wash hands frequently, and to cover their coughs and sneezes.

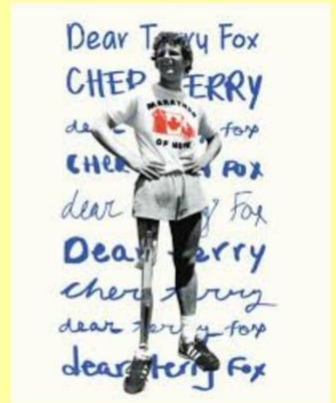
Here is a handy resource book from Vancouver Coastal Health about many common childhood illnesses:

https://sneezesdiseases.com/assets/uploads/Sneezes+Diseases_ResourceBook.pdf



Our McKay Community raised **\$743.10** for the Terry Fox Foundation!

These funds support cancer research, striving to enhance diagnosis, treatment options, and the quality of life for those battling cancer.



McKay Hot Lunch Days Sep - Dec 2024

Order with MunchaLunch by	Food Vendor	Food Date
Fri Oct 4 at 11:59pm	Takeya Sushi	Fri Oct 11
Fri Nov 1 at 11:59pm	Triple O	Fri Nov 8
Fri Nov 15 at 11:59pm	Sushi Lovers	Fri Nov 22
Fri Dec 6 at 11:59pm	Fresh Slice Pizza	Fri Dec 13



Scan to Order

Or go to this website to order --> <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/>



Interested in helping with hot lunch days? Sign-up by clicking the "Volunteer" tab in MunchaLunch.
Have questions? Please send an email to mckayelementarypac@gmail.com



Early Learning for Families Events

Do you have a 0-5 year old child?

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.

Event Date & Time	Theme	Elementary School	Address	Special Guest
November 22, 2024 9:30am - 11:00am	Arts: Create & Imagine	Tomsett Elementary	9671 Odlin Rd, Richmond BC	Kellie Haines
January 22, 2025 9:30am - 11:00am	Early Learning Event	Hamilton Elementary	5180 Smith Dr, Richmond BC	Will's Jams
February 12, 2025 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Literacy & Numeracy: Play & Learn	Garden City Elementary	8311 Garden City Rd, Richmond BC	Will's Jams
April 8, 2025 4:00pm - 5:30pm	Outdoor Event: Build & Grow	Homma Elementary	5100 Brunswick Dr, Richmond BC	Sand Northrup

Special Guests



Kellie Haines
Ventriloquist



Will's Jams
Musician



Sand Northrup
One Woman Circus





Caregiver Info Sessions

Join us for a series of virtual Caregiver Information Sessions designed specifically for parents of children aged 0-5. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights, practical tips, and supportive resources to help you navigate the early years of parenting in the areas of supporting literacy, numeracy, the importance of play and in preparing for kindergarten. Our SD38 Early Learning Program is committed to supporting you in creating nurturing and enriching environments for your child’s growth and development.

Early Literacy at Home

October 17, 2024
(6:00pm - 7:00pm)



Lisa Schwartz
Early Learning Administrator &
DeBeck Elementary Principal
SD38 Presenter

Early Numeracy at Home

January 29, 2025
(6:00pm - 7:00pm)



Janice Novakowski
Teacher Consultant
(Mathematics & Numeracy)
SD38 Presenter

The Importance of Outdoor Play

March 4, 2025
(6:00pm - 7:00pm)



Megan Zeni
Teacher Consultant (Early Learning
& K-7 Curriculum Implementation)
SD38 Presenter

[Register now!](#)



Starting Kindergarten

June 10, 2025 (1:00pm)
June 10, 2025 (6:00pm)

SD38 Early Learning Team

Registration for this event will be communicated at a later date.

