



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): Oct. 21st - Oct. 25th

Hello McKay Families!

We are heading into parent teacher conferences, and we have been piloting a new online booking system. While it has been mostly smooth, there have been a few hiccups, and we hope that you haven't experienced too much difficulty with your booking. This Fall conference is the first learning update for your child, and an important opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, and learn about how they are doing so far both in academic areas, and in terms of their social emotional engagement.

We also noticed an error on our calendar this week- Individual Photo retakes will take place on October 29th, and if you wish to have a photo retake for your child, you will need to sign up through the email sent by the photographers, or use this link [Click Here](#) by October 27th.

Finally- with all of this rain, it is important to remember that we go outside everyday in all kinds of weather. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and an extra change of clothing if they especially tend to get wet playing outside on rainy days.

Have a great weekend!

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Oct. 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
Tuesday Oct. 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Book Fair in the Library • Coyote Presentations for all students by Stanley Park Ecology Centre • Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal 1:45 p.m.
Wednesday Oct. 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Book Fair in the Library • Parent Teacher Conferences – Ealy Dismissal 1:45 p.m.
Thursday Oct. 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Book Fair in the Library •
Friday Oct. 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development Day – 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.

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Mon	Oct 28	Home Volleyball Game vs Blair
Tues	Oct 29	Individual Photo Retakes
Wed	Oct 30	Away Volleyball Game vs Spul'u'kwuks
Thurs	Oct 31	Halloween
Fri	Nov 1	Cozy Day
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
Fri	Nov 25	Professional Development Day No School in Session

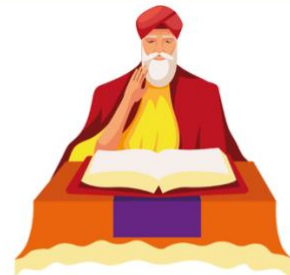
Significant Dates in our Community



Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth: Oct. 20
Simchat Torah: Oct. 24-25



Simchat Torah is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the completion and the restarting of the annual reading cycle of the Torah, the Jewish holy text. It follows the festival of Sukkot and is a joyous occasion marked by dancing, singing, and processions with the Torah scrolls in synagogues. On Simchat Torah, the final portion of the Torah is read, and immediately afterward, the beginning is read again to symbolize the continuous cycle of study and learning. It is a time of celebration and gratitude for the Torah in Jewish life.



The Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth refers to the significant event in Sikh history when Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Sikh Guru, declared the Guru Granth Sahib—the holy scripture of Sikhism—as the eternal and final Guru of the Sikhs in 1708. This marked the end of the line of human Gurus in Sikhism. The Guru Granth Sahib is a collection of hymns and spiritual teachings by Sikh Gurus and other saints, guiding Sikhs on how to live a life of truth, compassion, and devotion. The event emphasizes the centrality of the Guru Granth Sahib in Sikh worship and spiritual practice.

Information for Families:



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



“Trick or Treat” Others with Respect:

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events.

It’s good to keep in mind that the following are **NOT** Costumes:

- RACE** (black face/brown face)
- CULTURE** (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH** (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab)
- GENDER** (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- TRAUMA** (hangman’s noose/weapons)

Come see
samples in
the school!



Order
deadline
is
November 1st!

GO MUSTANGS! The McKay PAC is pleased to announce that we will be offering a line of McKay Spirit Wear to students. T-shirts, hoodies, full-zip hoodies, caps and toques with McKay logos are available for sale. The deadline to order is Friday, Nov 1, 2024 at 11:59pm. Delivery is expected to be around beginning to mid of December.

Click [HERE](https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/) to order your Spirit Wear --> <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/>

All proceeds from this event will be used to enrich the students' education inside and outside of the classroom including projectors and audio systems, sports equipment, stationery supplies and other needs.

Thank you for your support! For questions, please send an email to mckayelementarypac@gmail.com.

The McKay PAC



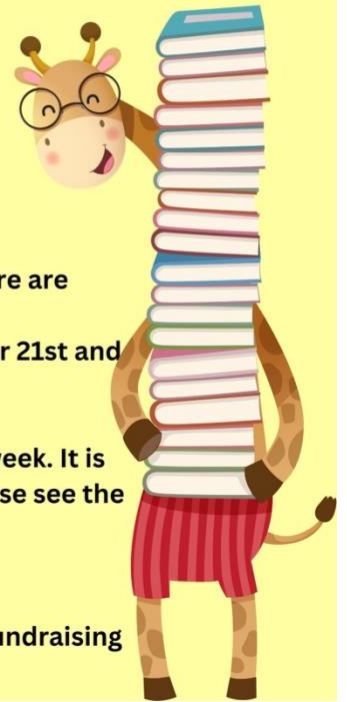
THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS BACK AT MCKAY!

Monday, October 21st to Thursday, October 24th, 2024

We invite families to participate by purchasing the latest in popular children's books. There are hundreds of quality books for a wide range of levels and interests to choose from. Book Fair flyers and notices were sent home this week. Each book purchased between October 21st and October 23rd will get a lucky draw ticket to win up to \$20 to spend at the fair.

Every purchase helps raise funds for the school, and the fair is in the school library all next week. It is open at recess and lunch for students and afterschool including conferences for parents. Please see the flyer and notice sent home for the schedule.

Thank you for helping to promote reading at McKay Elementary and for your support of this fundraising event. Looking forward to seeing students and families at the book fair!





RDPA PAC 101

Please RSVP with your name, the workshop you're interested in, and the school you represent by Friday, October 25th at <https://forms.gle/yQBmJ8Kgm6LEb32y8>

Who? Richmond District Parents Association (RDPA) invites representatives from all of the Elementary and High school PACs in SD#38

When? Tuesday, November 5th (6:30pm-8:30pm),
6:30 to 7:00 Pizza Dinner, 7:00 to 8:30 Discussions

Where? JN Burnett Secondary School (5011 Granville Ave.)

Why? This workshop is an excellent opportunity to engage with executives from other PACs. You will walk away with a renewed sense of your value to your school and an expanded repertoire of ideas and network connections.

What?

PAC Chair Workshop

This workshop will focus on the challenging and rewarding role of PAC Chair. We recommend that you bring a copy of your PAC Constitutions and Bylaws - it can be a surprisingly useful tool for you and your PAC!

Fundraising Workshop

This is a great place to share your successes and gain access to new ideas. Topics discussed can also include personal donations and tax receipts, applying for lottery licenses, and the who/what/where/why we fundraise.

Treasurer's Workshop

Learn how to manage the books and keep necessary documents. This years discussion will be on best practices around financial controls and include some information on liability, risks and insurance coverage related to PAC activities. This will be facilitated by School District 38.

2025 District Dry After Grad (DAG)

Meet DAG Chairs from other high schools. Brainstorm fundraising ideas, themes, budgets, volunteers, sponsorships and thank you ad.

