



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): Oct. 28th - Nov. 1st

Hello McKay Families!

This is sure to be an exciting week ahead with many students planning to celebrate Halloween on Thursday. Students are welcome to come to school in costumes, but please be mindful that costumes are appropriate for school. There are some costume guidelines below to ensure that everyone has a safe and fun time celebrating... and please do not send fake weapons to school.

On Friday November 1st, the day after Halloween, we will try a new Spirit Day hatched by our grade 6 & 7 student leaders- Cozy Day! Students are encouraged to come to school wearing things that are soft and cozy... pajamas are welcome, but really, whatever is easy and comfortable!

Individual Photo Retakes are on Tuesday the 29th... [Click Here](#) to please sign up by Sunday Oct 27th if you wish for your child to have their photo retake, or if they missed our original photo day.

Also a reminder that the PAC has organized a Bubble Tea Fundraiser... <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/> Order deadline is Sunday, Oct 27 at 11:59 pm

Have a great weekend!

Highlights For Next Week Include:

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| Monday Oct. 28 th | |
| Tuesday Oct. 29 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Photo Retakes • Home Volleyball Game vs. Blair |
| Wednesday Oct. 30 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Away Volleyball Game vs. Ferris |
| Thursday Oct. 31 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween! Students may come to school in costumes. |
| Friday Nov. 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cozy Day! Everyone encouraged to wear comfy, cozy items. • Bubble Tea PAC Fundraiser –orders may be picked up in the gym after school |

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.

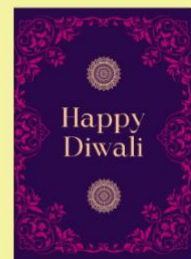
Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

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| Tues | Nov 5 | Volleyball Game Away @ Grauer |
| Thurs | Nov 7 | Volleyball Game Ferris @ Home |
| Fri | Nov 8 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Fri | Nov 8 | PAC Hot Lunch- Triple O's |
| Mon | Nov 11 | Remembrance Day No School in Session |
| Tues | Nov 12 | Gr 6&7 Immunization |
| Wed | Nov 13 | Volleyball Game Away @ Thompson |
| Thurs | Nov 14 | Gr 6 Volleyball Game Away @ Spul'u'kwuks |
| Fri | Nov 22 | PAC Hot Lunch – Sushi Lovers |
| Mon | Nov 25 | Professional Development Day No School in Session |
| Tues | Nov 26 | TCO2 Presentations for Gr 4-7 |
| Thurs | Dec 19 | Written Learning Updates published to MyEd Parent Portal |
| Fri | Dec 20 | Last day of school before Winter Break |
| Mon | Jan 6 | School reopens after Winter Break |

Significant Dates in our Community



Halloween: Oct. 31
 Musqueam Day: Nov. 1
 Diwali: Oct. 31 - Nov. 1



Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a major Hindu festival celebrated in India and by many around the world. It symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. During Diwali, people light oil lamps, decorate their homes, exchange gifts, and enjoy festive meals. The festival usually lasts five days and includes prayers to goddess Lakshmi for prosperity and wealth. It's a time of joy, family gatherings, and celebration!



Halloween originated from ancient Celtic festivals, particularly Samhain, which marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. People believed that on this night, the boundary between the living and the dead was blurred, allowing spirits to roam the earth. Over time, it evolved into a more community-centered celebration with costumes, trick-or-treating, and festive gatherings, blending various cultural traditions. Today, Halloween is a fun holiday focused on spooky themes, costumes, and candy!



Musqueam Day is a celebration of the Musqueam First Nation. It recognizes their culture, history, and contributions to the community. The day often includes events like traditional music, dancing, storytelling, and sharing of traditional foods, fostering pride and awareness of Musqueam heritage among both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. It's a way to honor their rich traditions and promote cultural understanding.

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)



NOVEMBER 1ST IS COZY DAY AT MCKAY!

The day after Halloween can be a little tricky after all of the excitement and sugar (and maybe late bedtime) of the previous day.

Our Grade 6 & 7 student leaders have come up with a Spirit Day to help everyone feel comfy and cozy on November 1st... Cozy Day!

Everyone is encouraged to wear whatever makes them feel comfy and cozy... pajamas, sweat pants, onesies, toques and slippers... the emphasis is on easy, soft, comfy, and cozy!



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



Parent Education Sessions

2024/25 School Year

Click [here](#) or on the above banner for information about the free, virtual Parent Education Sessions offered by the Richmond School District this school year.



Mckay Bubble Tea Fundraiser

Friday November 1, 2024

Pick up time is 2:45pm - 3:30pm at gym

(Order in Munch-A-Lunch on or before Oct 27 at 11:59pm)

Support McKay by buying *BUBBLE TEAsssss!!!* 學校籌款日

Click Here to order --> <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/>

****Important:** Please provide your cell phone number under My Family\My Profile in case we need to contact you on that day.**



McKay Hot Lunch Days Sep - Dec 2024

| Order with Munchalunch by | Food Vendor | Food Date |
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| 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



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.

