



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): Oct. 7th - Oct. 11th



Hello McKay Families!

If you saw lots of bikes around our school this week, that was because four of our intermediate classes were learning bike-riding skills! Walking or riding a bike to school is healthy, and good for the environment. If your child is bike riding to school, or planning to bike ride to school, please make sure they have a helmet.

Saturday, October 5th is World Teachers' Day! We celebrated our staff at school on Friday. We have passionate, dedicated, caring teachers, and we appreciate their efforts and skills in supporting the learning and growth of our students each day.

As we are well into the variable weather of Fall, please make sure your child has a jacket every day, and is ready to go outside in any kind of weather 😊

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Oct. 7 th	
Tuesday Oct. 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Meeting 7:15pm on Zoom. (See yellow text box below for the meeting ID, and it has been emailed as well.)
Wednesday Oct. 9 th	
Thursday Oct. 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Volleyball Game vs. Grauer Go Mustangs!
Friday Oct. 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Hot Lunch for those who ordered (Takeya)

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	Oct 10	Volleyball Home Game vs. Grauer
Fri	Oct 11	PAC Hot Lunch- Takeya Sushi
Mon	Oct 14	Thanksgiving No School in Session
Tues	Oct 15	Volleyball Home Game vs. Brighthouse
Wed	Oct 16	VolleyballGr. 6 Home Game vs. Spul'u'kwuks
Thurs	Oct 17	Volleyball Away Game @ Brighthouse
Tues	Oct 22	Early dismissal @ 1:45pm for Conferences
Wed	Oct 23	Early dismissal @ 1:45pm for Conferences
Fri	Oct 25	Provincial Professional Development Day No School in Session

Dussehra, also known as Vijayadashami, is a major Hindu festival that celebrates the victory of good over evil. It marks the end of the Navaratri festival and the triumph of Lord Rama over the demon king Ravana, symbolizing the importance of righteousness and justice. The festival is observed with various cultural performances, including reenactments of the epic Ramayana, and the burning of large effigies of Ravana to represent the destruction of evil. It's a time for families to come together, share sweets, and enjoy festivities. Dussehra reminds us of the power of good and the importance of making positive choices in life.



Significant Dates in our Community



World Mental Health Day: Oct. 10
 International Day of the Girl: Oct. 11
 Kol Nidrei: Oct. 11
 Dussehra: Oct. 11-12
 Yom Kippur: Oct. 11-12



Kol Nidrei is the opening prayer and service of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Taking place on the evening before Yom Kippur, it is one of the most solemn moments in Jewish tradition. The name "Kol Nidrei" means "all vows," and the prayer asks for forgiveness for unkept promises made during the past year. The service sets a reflective and spiritual tone for Yom Kippur, as families gather in the synagogue to begin this day of repentance, forgiveness, and renewal. The moving melody of the Kol Nidrei prayer is often considered one of the most beautiful and emotional parts of the holiday.

Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. It takes place 10 days after Rosh Hashanah and is a day dedicated to seeking forgiveness for past mistakes and making amends. Many Jewish families observe this day with fasting, prayer, and reflection. Adults typically fast for 25 hours, while children may participate in age-appropriate ways. It is a time to pause, think about personal growth, and focus on being a better person in the coming year. Yom Kippur ends with a final prayer and the blowing of the shofar, signaling the close of this sacred day.



Information for Families:

1. Washrooms at school

Families, we are teaching our students how to demonstrate McKay CARES in the washroom spaces at our school... we are teaching and reminding them that these are shared spaces we want to keep clean and safe for everyone to use. Each person needs to make sure that body waste goes in the toilet and paper towel (and any other waste) goes in the garbage. If they have an accident or make a mess that they are unable to clean up themselves, they should tell an adult, so the adult can help.

If you could take a few minutes to check in with your child about how they use the washrooms at school, that would be helpful, thank you.

2. Parking Lot Safety:

It is extremely important to:

- use the CURB LANE to drop-off your children
- PULL all the way FORWARD when dropping-off/picking up... this helps traffic move smoothly, and helps avoid having to reverse your car in the parking lot, which can be dangerous
- drive SLOWLY in the parking lot

If you need to leave your car, please park in an actual parking spot, or on the street.



JOIN US

A message from the Parent Advisory Council (PAC):

On behalf of the McKay PAC...WELCOME to another exciting year! As parents/guardians of McKay child(ren) you are automatically members of our PAC 😊.

Please join us for our first meeting on Tuesday October 8th at 7:15pm by Zoom (ID 65533056670; Pwd 569562). Meet the PAC executive and find out what we do for our students, teachers and school. There are many opportunities to get involved with as much or as little commitment as you wish.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Warmly,
Jennifer Shabbits



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



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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.



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Get Involved with the Richmond Official Community Plan Update



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Richmond is updating its current Official Community Plan (OCP) and is encouraging residents and community members to learn more and provide input.

An OCP is a comprehensive document that outlines the long-term land use goals and objectives which enable the City to plan, coordinate and manage its environmental, social, and economic interests over the long term.



For more information on how to participate, visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca/ocp2050 or email communityplanning@richmond.ca

Join us in creating a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive community.

Opportunities to get involved from September through November:

- **Online:** Visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca/ocp2050
- **Get snapping:** Submit your photos and be entered into a draw to win one of multiple prizes
- **In-person pop-up booths:** Pop-up booths will be located around the City for you to learn more about the project
- **In-person open houses:** Drop by one of the three in-person open houses and take a survey in November

