



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): Sept. 30th - Oct. 4th

Hello McKay Families!

This week leading up to Orange Shirt Day, classes spent time learning about the history of Canada's Residential Schools, and ways we can engage in Truth and Reconciliation. Today we gathered for an assembly in the gym, and then went outside for a silent, reflective walk. On Monday, September 30th, all schools are closed for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, to honour the children who never came home, and Survivors of residential schools. We invite you to talk to your child about Truth and Reconciliation, to learn together, be curious, and be open to a positive way forward together. Below are some weblinks to continue learning:

What is Reconciliation: <https://www.cbc.ca/kids/watch/video/1.6972894>

Orange Shirt Society; donate and support reconciliation: <https://orangeshirtday.org>

Government of Canada National Day for Truth and Reconciliation webpage:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>

Local Richmond Events:

<https://www.richmond.ca/culture/calendar/special-events/NationalDayForTruthAndReconciliation.htm>

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Sept. 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School in Session
Tuesday Oct. 1 st	
Wednesday Oct. 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Volleyball Game vs. Thompson National Custodian Day... thank you, Mr. Ilagan!
Thursday Oct. 3 rd	
Friday Oct. 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Munchalunch orders due at 11:59pm for PAC Takeya Sushi lunch day Friday Oct 11th https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/

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:

Sat	Oct 5	World Teacher's Day
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	Volleyball Gr. 6 Home Game vs. Spul'u'kwuks
Thurs	Oct 17	Volleball 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

Significant Dates in our Community



National Day of Truth and Reconciliation/Orange

Shirt Day: Sept. 30

National Seniors Day: Oct. 1

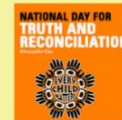
Rosh Hashana: Oct. 2-4

Navaratri: Oct. 3-12

National Day of Action to Honour

Missing Murdered Indigenous

Women, Girls, Trans and 2-Spirited: Oct. 4



ROSH HASHANAH, IS ONE OF JUDAISM'S HOLIEST DAYS. THE TWO-DAY CELEBRATION MARKS THE START OF THE JEWISH NEW YEAR AND IS FILLED WITH TRADITIONS, LIKE EATING A ROUND CHALLAH AND SAYING PRAYERS NEAR A BODY OF WATER.



NAVRATRI, IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FESTIVALS IN THE HINDU CALENDAR. IT SPANS NINE NIGHTS, AND DEPENDING ON WHERE IT IS CELEBRATED, MAY INCLUDE FASTING AND LOTS OF DANCING. IT ENDS WITH **DUSSEHRA** WHICH IS THE CELEBRATION OF GOOD OVER EVIL.





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 for Families:

1. School Flag Half-Masting Notice

In observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, please be advised that all Richmond schools and district sites will lower the Canadian and BC flags to half-mast. As this day falls on a holiday, the flags will be lowered on the evening of September 27 and be raised again on the morning of October 1.



McKay Hot Lunch Days Sep - Dec 2024

Date	Food Vendor	Order with MunchaLunch by
Thu Sep 19 5:30pm	Fresh Slice Pizza	Mon Sep 16 at 11:59pm
Fri Sep 27	Fresh Slice Pizza	Fri Sep 20 at 11:59pm
Fri Oct 11	Takeya Sushi	Fri Oct 4 at 11:59pm
Fri Nov 8	Triple O	Fri Nov 1 at 11:59pm
Fri Nov 22	Sushi Lovers	Fri Nov 15 at 11:59pm
Fri Dec 13	Fresh Slice Pizza	Fri Dec 6 at 11:59pm



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

ANNEX A

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

DESCRIPTION OF VISUAL ELEMENTS

Among the various visual elements illustrating Indigenous cultures, the circle is at the centre, which represents being together in spirit of reconciliation. The orange colour represents truth-telling and healing. The pathway represents the road to reconciliation. First Nations, Inuit and Métis are represented by the eagle, narwhal and beaded flower in the image. The stars represent the children who never made it home from residential schools.

***Smoke** is used in different ways by all three Indigenous groups in Canada. Whether it is to smoke fish and meat, to burn sage and tobacco or for sacred ceremonies, it is a significant symbol in Indigenous culture.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THREE ICONS



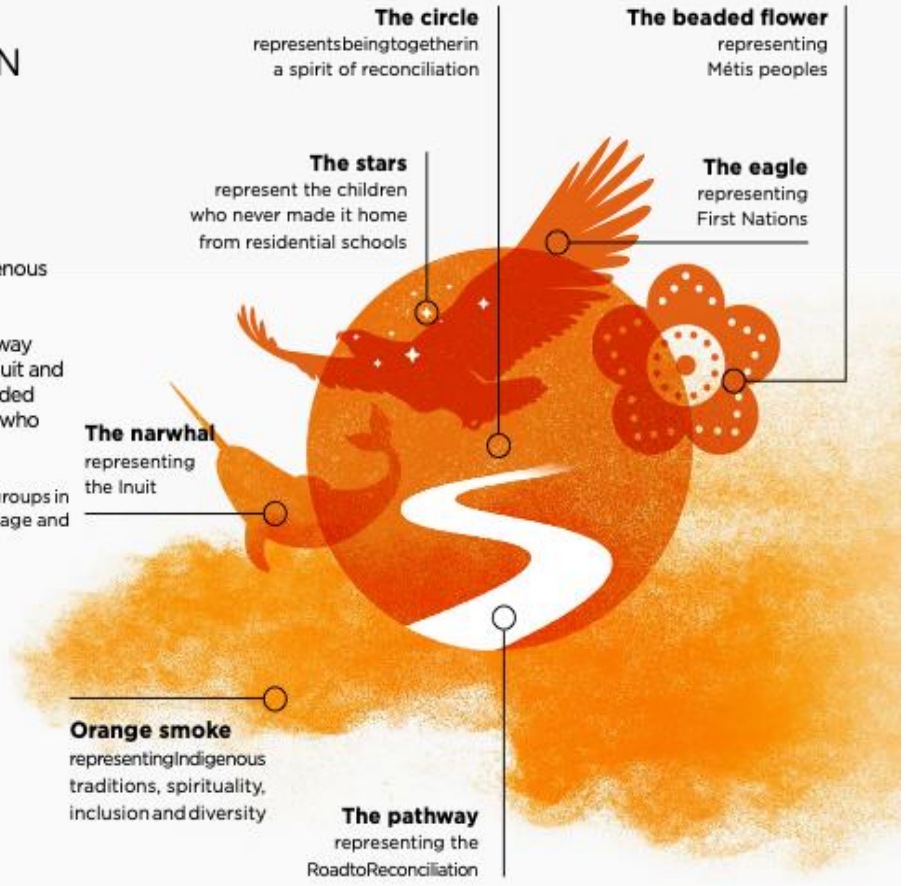
The eagle to represent the First Nations



The narwhal to represent the Inuit



The beaded flower to represent the Métis peoples



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Get Involved with the Richmond Official Community Plan Update



richmond 2050
planning together



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





Free Fall Program for Families!

Learn about healthy eating, physical activity, and building long-lasting habits as a family in Generation Health Community. This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is FUN and interactive!

Delivered through YMCA BC starting October 2024 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

Families who join this program will receive a complimentary YMCA membership.

Register
today!



gv.ymca.ca/generation-health-community
generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca



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