



## McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): November 11<sup>th</sup> - November 15<sup>th</sup>

Hello McKay Families!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday. Our staff and students presented a very thoughtful and lovely formal assembly to honour both Remembrance Day and National Indigenous Veterans Day. The assembly was a culmination of learning about Canada's history of military and peacekeeping efforts, and also illustrated our hopes for a peaceful future.

Families, we have been noticing that many of our students have been engaging with online platforms and social media outside of school in ways that could be exposing them to risk, and getting into online conflicts that sometimes find their way back to school. Our Richmond School District is offering some parent sessions about how to support our children as they navigate the online world, and advice about our children's cell phone and technology use. As a parent, I plan to attend these sessions, and I encourage you to as well. Info below.

Enjoy the long weekend,

-Ms. Livingston

### *Highlights For Next Week Include:*

<b>Monday</b> Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remembrance Day – <b>School Closed</b></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gr 6&amp;7 Immunization</li> <li>• PAC Meeting 7:15 pm on Zoom- link will be emailed ahead</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Away Volleyball Game vs. Thompson – Go Mustangs!</li> <li>• Parent Session: Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Online Bullying 6:30-8:30pm register <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 6 Volleyball Game vs. Spul'u'kwuks – Go Mustangs!</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b> Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convention Centre – Divs. 4, 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>• PAC Holiday Plant fundraiser orders due tonight on Munchalunch</li> <li>• PAC orders for Sushi Lovers hot lunch next Fri- due tonight on Munchalunch</li> </ul>

## 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:

Fri	Nov 22	PAC Hot Lunch – Sushi Lovers
Mon	Nov 25	Professional Development Day <b>No School in Session</b>
Tues	Nov 26	TCO2 Presentations for Gr 4-7
Tues	Nov 26	Richmond Secondary Colts Volleyball Event
Fri	Dec 13	PAC Hot Lunch FreshSlice
Mon	Dec 16	Winter Wonderland Skating School Field Trip
Thurs	Dec 19	Written Learning Updates published to MyEd Parent Portal
Thurs	Dec 19	Winter Concert Day and Evening performances <b>More info to come</b>
Fri	Dec 20	Last day of school before Winter Break
Mon	Jan 6	School reopens after Winter Break




### Significant Dates in our Community

November is Adoption Awareness and Lebanese Heritage Month

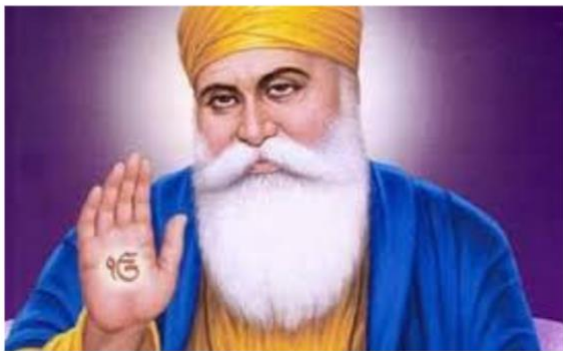
**Remembrance Day: Nov. 11**

**Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib: Nov. 15**

**Louis Riel Day: Nov. 16**

**International Day for Tolerance: Nov. 16**



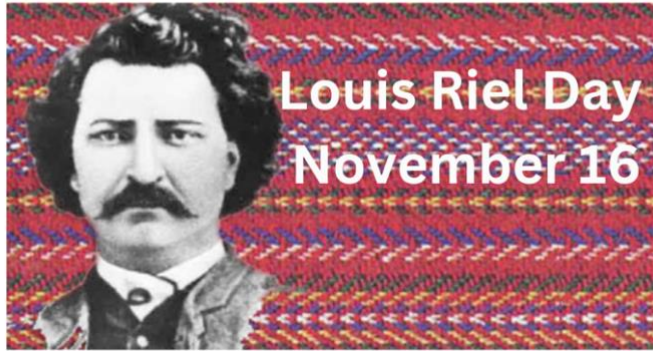



Guru Nanak Dev Sahib, the founder of Sikhism, was born on April 15, 1469, in Nankana Sahib, Punjab (now in Pakistan). His birth is celebrated as Guru Nanak Jayanti or Gurbpurab, a significant festival for Sikhs worldwide. Guru Nanak's teachings emphasized equality, compassion, and devotion to one God. His life and message continue to inspire millions, promoting values of peace and harmony. Celebrations typically include prayers, community gatherings, and processions at gurdwaras, highlighting his legacy and the principles of Sikhism.



**INTERNATIONAL  
TOLERANCE DAY  
16 NOVEMBER**

The International Day of Tolerance is observed on November 16 each year. Established by the United Nations in 1996, this day promotes respect, appreciation, and recognition of cultural diversity and human rights. It encourages individuals and communities to foster understanding and dialogue among different cultures and beliefs. The day serves as a reminder of the importance of tolerance in creating peaceful societies and aims to combat discrimination, violence, and prejudice. Various events and activities are held globally to raise awareness and promote the values of tolerance and acceptance.



Louis Riel Day, observed on November 16, commemorates the legacy of Louis Riel, a key figure in Canadian history and a leader of the Métis people. Riel is best known for his role in the Red River and North-West Rebellions, where he advocated for Métis rights and cultural preservation. This day serves to recognize his contributions and the ongoing struggle for Indigenous rights in Canada. It is an opportunity for reflection, education, and celebration of Métis culture and heritage. Various events, ceremonies, and discussions are held across Canada to honor Riel's memory and his impact on the nation's history.

# 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

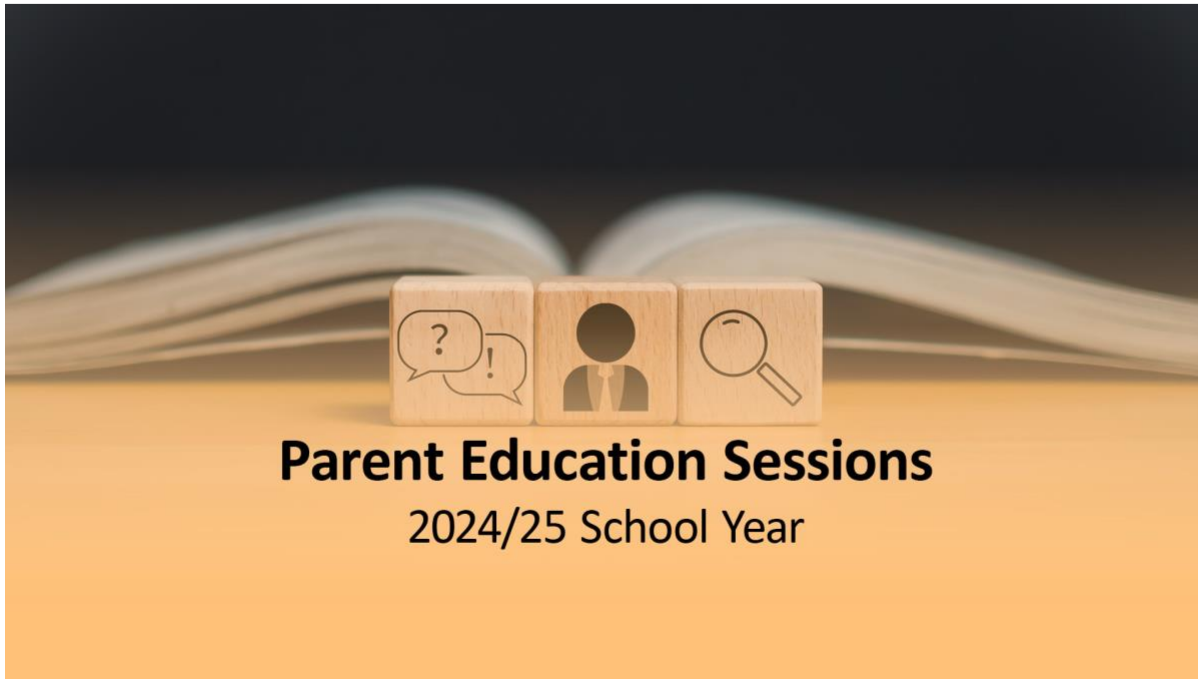
Sunscreen (applied at home!)



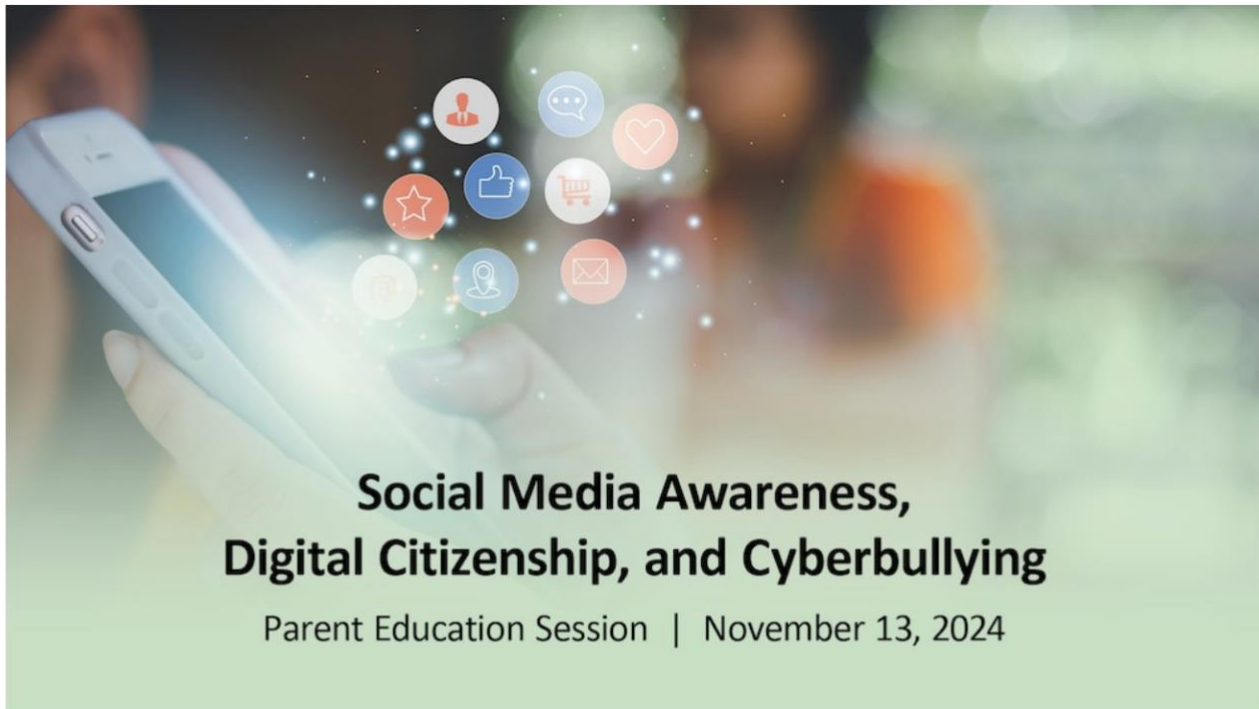
rain gear



Extra clothes  
/layers



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



## **Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyberbullying**

Parent Education Session | November 13, 2024

**Presented by Tyler Lum**

**November 13, 2024 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

As a parent/guardian, you lead the charge as a digital role model. Help your child develop a strong digital citizenship foundation while reminding them that their digital tattoo reflects their real and online selves. Parents/guardians have an important role to play in providing support and guidance during critical periods. A snapshot of current trends and concerning apps will be provided to equip you in your digital parenting strategy.

[Click here to register](#)

# Creating Healthy Attachment & Boundaries



**Parents & Caregivers**



**Brighthouse Library  
Registration Required**

**Wednesday,  
November 6  
6:00-7:30pm**

Learn how to create healthy attachment with your child and take home practical strategies to use right away.

**Wednesday,  
November 13  
6:00-7:30pm**

Learn about how to set boundaries with your child, when to say “no” and how to address big emotions.

**yourlibrary.ca**





# McKay PAC Holiday Plant Fundraiser

Brighten your home inside and out for the winter holiday season by purchasing one (or several!) greenery items below.

All profits from this fundraiser will go towards supporting activities and events for all students at McKay!

Order deadline: Friday, November 15 at 11:59pm

Delivery Date: Dec 3 at 2:45pm-3:30pm & Dec 4 at 2:45pm-3:30pm in the Gym



## Winter Fundraiser

Growing Smiles  
FUNDRAISING  
2024



**Approximate Poinsettia Sizes:**

6.5" pot:  
14 to 16" tall and 13 to 16" wide



**6.5" Premium Poinsettia**

*A Holiday Favourite!* Brighten up any room this winter with a vibrant poinsettia. Available in red and white, the poinsettia is perfect for your home, hotels, restaurants and banks over the holidays.



**Indoor Tropical Planter**

*Add a festive look to your table with a mixed tropical planter. There are four different plant varieties planted in these rectangular holiday themed tins. **Planter container designs do vary and cannot be requested.***



**Holiday Wreath**

*A Holiday Wreath is a classic door upgrade. Fresh noble, cedar and juniper decorated with a large plaid bow, frosted pine cones and red berries are sure to give you and your guests a homey warm feeling from the outside.*



**Outdoor Greenery Arrangement**

*Welcome your guests in from the cold with this large, beautiful and fresh holiday greenery arrangement. Pinecones, berries and a large red bow complete the festive look. Standing at 2 feet tall this statement piece is sure to inspire the joyful spirit!*



**Hanging Greenery Bough**

*Greenery that is versatile!* A fun, vintage burlap bag holds premium greens and red ilex berry branches. Completing the look are holiday picks like a bow and a pinecone. Lean it up against stairs, benches or your home and hang from your door.



**Succulent Bowl**

*A beautiful, ceramic, patterned bowl is 9" in diameter. Perfect for your coffee table or as a holiday gift. An assortment of popular succulents are planted with a flowering Kalanchoe in the center.*

\*All items may not be exactly as shown. We have a variety of plant/greenery mixes, containers and holiday features.\*

# Kindergarten Registration

**Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2025.**

**Online registration opens on November 1, 2024.**

Please visit our website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November 1, 2024 to January 17, 2024, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school.

All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2025.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 6th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>.





# Parent Education Session: District Program Options for Kindergarten

The Richmond School District provides two district program options for students entering Kindergarten. We invite families with children registering for the 2025-2026 school year to join district staff to learn more about Early French Immersion and Montessori programs.

Join us for an informative session focused on District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori) for Kindergarten learners.

Topics will include:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) Program
- Montessori Program
- Registration Information
- Important Dates to Note
- Frequently Asked Questions



**Virtual on Microsoft Teams**  
(meeting link will be sent after registration is submitted)



**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**



**6:00pm**



**Hosts: Brooke Douglas, Gordon Fitt,  
Linda Chau, Catherine Jule**





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IPALS Sessions for 2025

For Families New to Canada with Preschoolers

SD38's IPALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters in Immigrant Communities) program provides strategies for families to support preschool aged children's learning in fun and interactive ways.

Sessions focus on learning through play and includes adult learning time with a facilitator with time for children to learn, play and have fun together. This program aims to support the development of language and literacy skills to prepare for school. Caregivers learn to support their children's learning and benefit from building social networks with each other.



**Woodward StrongStart: 10300 Seacote Rd, Richmond (Room 104)**



**Every Tuesday from January 14, 2025 - March 11, 2025**



**9:00am - 11:30am**

If you have any questions, please contact  
Megan Zeni at [mzeni@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mzeni@sd38.bc.ca)

**Register Now!**



<https://forms.office.com/r/bhg7D1BIC2>

**Intake Session**



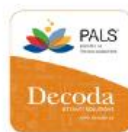
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Tuesday, January 7, 2025



9:00am - 11:30am



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