



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): December 16th - December 20th

Hello McKay Families!

We have made it to the last week of Term 1, and we have lots planned for fun and learning before we head off for Winter Break!

We will kick off the week with a skating field trip for the whole school.... Thank you so much to our PAC for sponsoring this event we all enjoy so much each year. Parents are welcome to join us at the rink to help tie skate laces, and watch the fun... Please do not buy items for students from the vending machines at the rink, and if you take photos at this event, please remember not to share them on social media.

On Thursday, Written Learning Updates will be posted on the MyEd Parent Portal- these are what we also refer to as term 1 report cards. Please refer to the attached Parent Portal Instructions if you need support accessing your child's Written Learning Update online.

Thursday is also the day of our Winter Concert! Ms. Allesia wrote all the lyrics to the songs, and students have been learning and rehearsing, and are excited to share it all with you. We hope to see you at either the matinee, or evening performance!

On Friday, we will be cozy again- students are welcome to wear whatever is soft, warm, and comfortable. This might be pajamas, or sweatsuits, wearable blankets, etc. and we will gather in the gym to watch a movie as a nice way to end our term before the break.

Have a good weekend!

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Dec. 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Wonderland Skate @ Minoru Arenas Thank you to our PAC!! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1 (Skate time 9:15-10:15) Divs 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13 • Group 2 (Skate time 10:30-11:30) Divs 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11
Tuesday Dec. 17 th	
Wednesday Dec. 18 th	
Thursday Dec. 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Updates Posted to MyEd Parent Portal • Winter Concert – Day Performance 1:30 p.m. & Evening Performance 6:30 p.m.
Friday Dec. 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cozy PJ Day Everyone is welcome to dress cozy in pajamas, wearable blankets, sweaters, etc. • Movie in the gym (My Neighbour Totoro for primary, The Wild Robot for intermediate) • Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

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	Jan 6	School reopens after Winter Break
Wed	Jan 15	Black Excellence Day- Krystle Dos Santos performance
Wed	Jan 22	Band Concert 6:30pm for families
Fri	Jan 24	Pro D Day No School in session
Fri	Feb 14	Pro D Day No School in session
Mon	Feb 17	Family Day Holiday No School in session
Fri	Mar 14	Last Day Before Spring Break
Mon	Mar 31	School Reopens after Spring Break

Significant Dates in our Community



Winter Solstice: Dec. 21
 Quviasukvik Begins: Dec. 24
 Christmas Eve: Dec. 24
 Christmas: Dec. 25
 Hannukah: Dec. 25 to Jan. 2
 Kwanzaa Begins: Dec. 26



Quviasukvik is a traditional celebration in Inuit culture, marking the midwinter festival. It is a time of feasting, socializing, and giving thanks, often involving games, music, and rituals to honor the community and the renewal of the sun. It is a joyful occasion, symbolizing hope and the return of light after the long winter.



Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that lasts for eight days and nights, usually in December. It celebrates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem and the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days despite only having enough for one. Traditions include lighting the menorah, playing dreidel, eating special foods, and giving gifts.

Celebrating
KWANZAA



Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration held from December 26 to January 1, honoring African culture and heritage. It was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga and is based on seven principles known as the "Nguzo Saba." These principles focus on values like unity, self-determination, collective work, and faith. Each day of Kwanzaa emphasizes one of these principles, and families celebrate with rituals, including lighting candles on a special candle holder called a kinara, sharing meals, and exchanging gifts. Kwanzaa is a time for reflection, community building, and cultural pride.



Christmas is a Christian holiday celebrated on December 25th, marking the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time for family gatherings, gift-giving, festive meals, and decorations. Many people also observe the holiday with traditions like singing carols, attending church services, and spreading goodwill.

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!



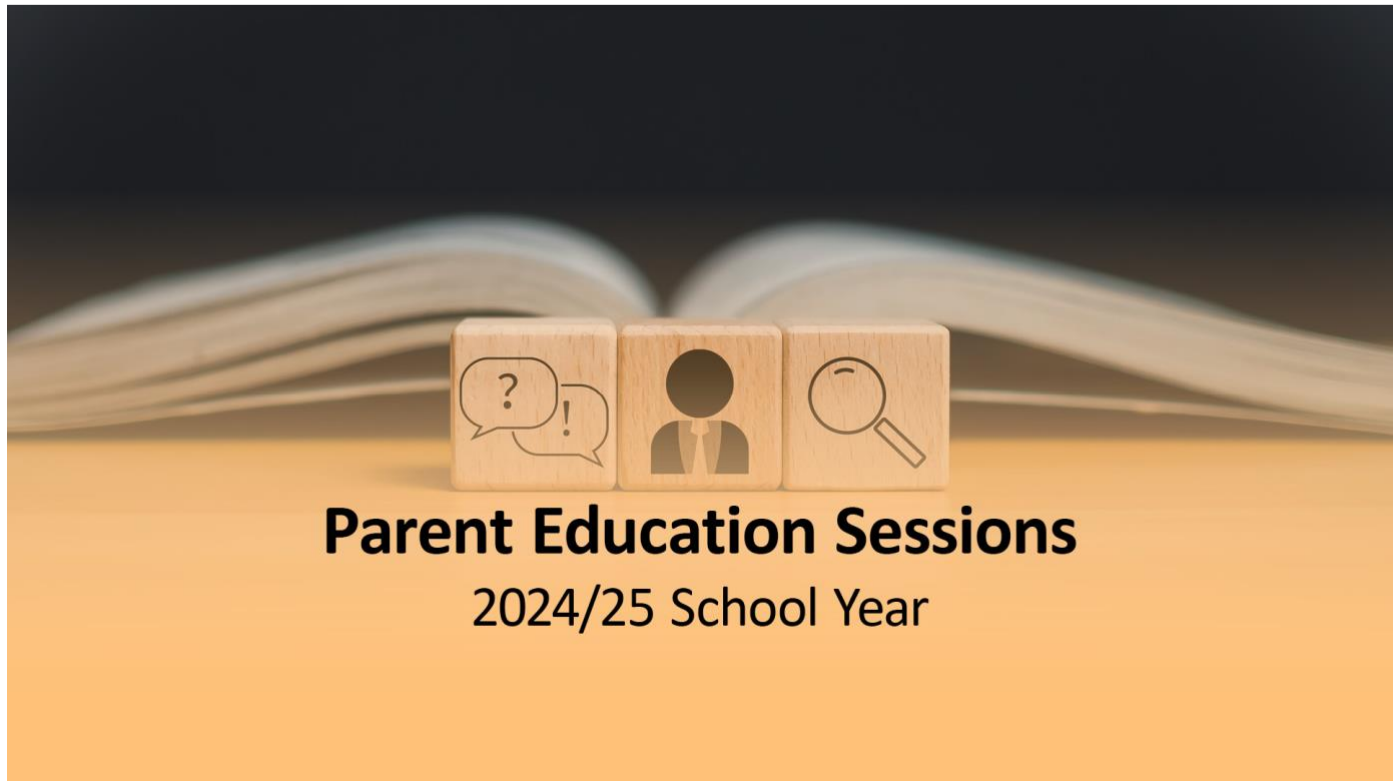
warm gear



rain gear



Extra clothes

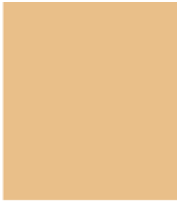


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Written Learning Updates (Report Cards) will be available for viewing online on December 19th @ 3pm.

Please refer to the MyEd Parent Portal Information guide if you need support accessing your child's Written Learning Update



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THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/MID-MARCH!

The Richmond School District has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 5 and 8 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between:
January 14th and March 14th, 2025.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/>

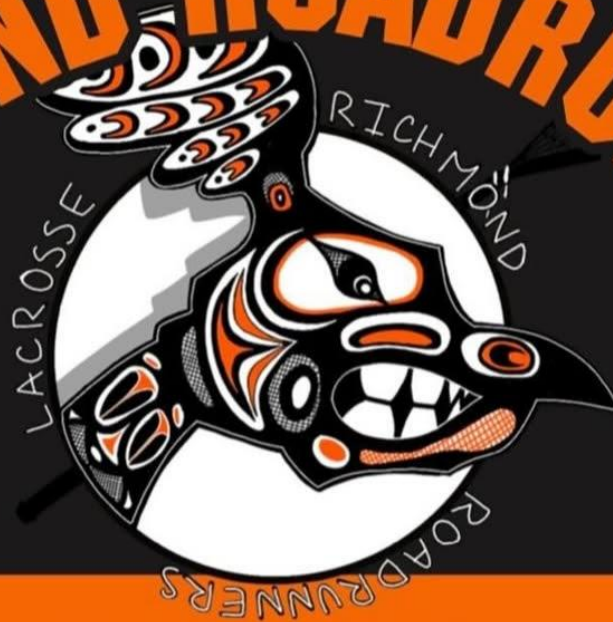
Parent FAQs:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>

If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.



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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

Register Now!



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

Intake Session



Woodward StrongStart



Tuesday, January 7, 2025



9:00am - 11:30am



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