



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): January 27th - January 31st



Hello McKay Families!

We had another fantastic week at McKay, with wonderful learning happening through all kinds of activities and field trips. Our basketball season is underway, with a Gr 6&7 Boys team and Gr 6&7 Girls team... thank you to our coaches, Ms. Dong, Mrs. Gale, Ms. Lam, and Ms. Stevenson. Outside at recess and lunchtime, students of all ages are gravitating towards our basketball hoops as well.

On Friday our staff engaged in professional learning around literacy and instructional design, supported by Brooke Douglas, our SD38 Director of Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment, as well as one of our Teacher Consultants, Carolyn Russo.

A highlight this week was our Winter Band Concert- our students have learned so much with Mr. Sars. Thanks to one of our McKay parents, Mr. Lawrence Lu, we have a recording so you can watch (or re-watch) the evening concert... as always, please do not share publicly or post on social media. Thank you, Mr. Lu!

And coming up on Wednesday, Feb 5th, our Div 1 and 2 band students will be playing during the second intermission at the Richmond Sockeyes hockey game. All McKay families are welcome to attend the game, and cheer on both the Sockeyes and our band students! All McKay students can attend the game for free... we hope to see some of you there!

Have a great weekend!

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday Jan. 27 th	
Tuesday Jan. 28 th	
Wednesday Jan. 29 th	
Thursday Jan. 30 th	
Friday Jan. 31 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Missy D Performance for the whole school https://www.missydmusic.com/bio

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:

Wed Feb 5	Band Performance at the Sockeyes game- see poster below
Fri Feb 14	Pro D Day No School in session
Mon Feb 17	Family Day Holiday No School in session
Wed Feb 19	Informal Learning Update (Conferences) Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm
Thurs Feb 20	Informal Learning Update (Conferences) Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm
Feb 18-24	Scholastic Book Fair
March 3-7	Dance Program for the whole school
Thurs March 13	BC Lions Energy Champions presentation @ 1pm
Fri Mar 14	Last Day Before Spring Break
Mon Mar 31	School Reopens after Spring Break
Wed Apr 2	Squash in Schools Divs 1-7
Fri Apr 18	Good Friday No School in session
Mon Apr 21	Easter Monday No School in session
Fri Apr 25	Term 2 Written Learning Updates published to MyEd

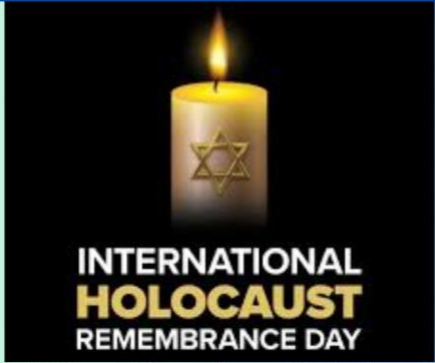
Significant Dates in our Community

January is Tamil Heritage Month

International Holocaust
Remembrance Day: Jan. 27
Lunar New Year: Jan. 29

National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City
Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia: Jan. 29
Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia (Province of B.C.): Jan. 29





INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed annually on January 27th to honor the memory of the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, as well as millions of others persecuted by the Nazi regime during World War II. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in 1945. Established by the United Nations in 2005, this day serves to promote education, commemorate the victims, and reaffirm the commitment to prevent future acts of genocide. It is a time for reflection on the atrocities of the past and a call to action against hatred, discrimination, and antisemitism.

National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia



The National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia, observed annually on January 29th, commemorates the tragic 2017 attack on the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec City, where six men lost their lives and many others were injured while at prayer. Established by the Canadian government in 2021, the day honors the victims, supports survivors, and acknowledges the lasting impact on their families and communities. It also serves as a call to action to combat Islamophobia, promote inclusion, and uphold the values of diversity and mutual respect in Canada.



Lunar New Year 2025, celebrated on Wednesday, January 29th, marks the transition into the Year of the Snake in the lunar calendar. It is a major holiday for many Asian cultures, including Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Mongolian, Tibetan, and others, each with unique customs and traditions. The festival symbolizes renewal, family unity, and the welcoming of prosperity and good fortune. Common practices include family reunions, honoring ancestors, festive meals and the preparation of special dishes, exchanging symbolic gifts like red envelopes or tokens of luck, and engaging in cultural performances such as dragon or lion dances. Across Asia and beyond, Lunar New Year promotes themes of hope, renewal, and harmony.

National Day of Remembrance and Action Against Islamophobia

The Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia in British Columbia, observed annually on January 29th, highlights the importance of addressing Islamophobia. This day reaffirms the province's commitment to fostering inclusivity, diversity, and respect for all communities while acknowledging the harmful impacts of anti-Muslim hatred. It serves as a call to action to combat discrimination and build a safer, more equitable society for everyone.

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



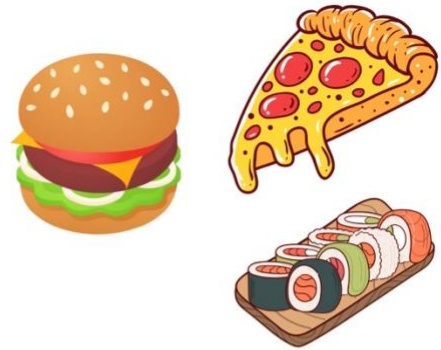
rain gear



Extra clothes



PAC Hot Lunch Days



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<https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/>

Hot Lunch Days

Order By	Vendor	Lunch Date
Fri Jan 10 at 11:59pm	Triple O	Fri Jan 17
Fri Feb 14 at 11:59pm	Fresh Slice Pizza	Fri Feb 21
Fri Apr 4 at 11:59pm	Taco Luis	Fri Apr 11
Fri May 16 at 11:59pm	Sushi Lovers	Fri May 23
Fri Jun 6 at 11:59pm	Fresh Slice Pizza	Fri Jun 13



McKay Night at Minoru Arena

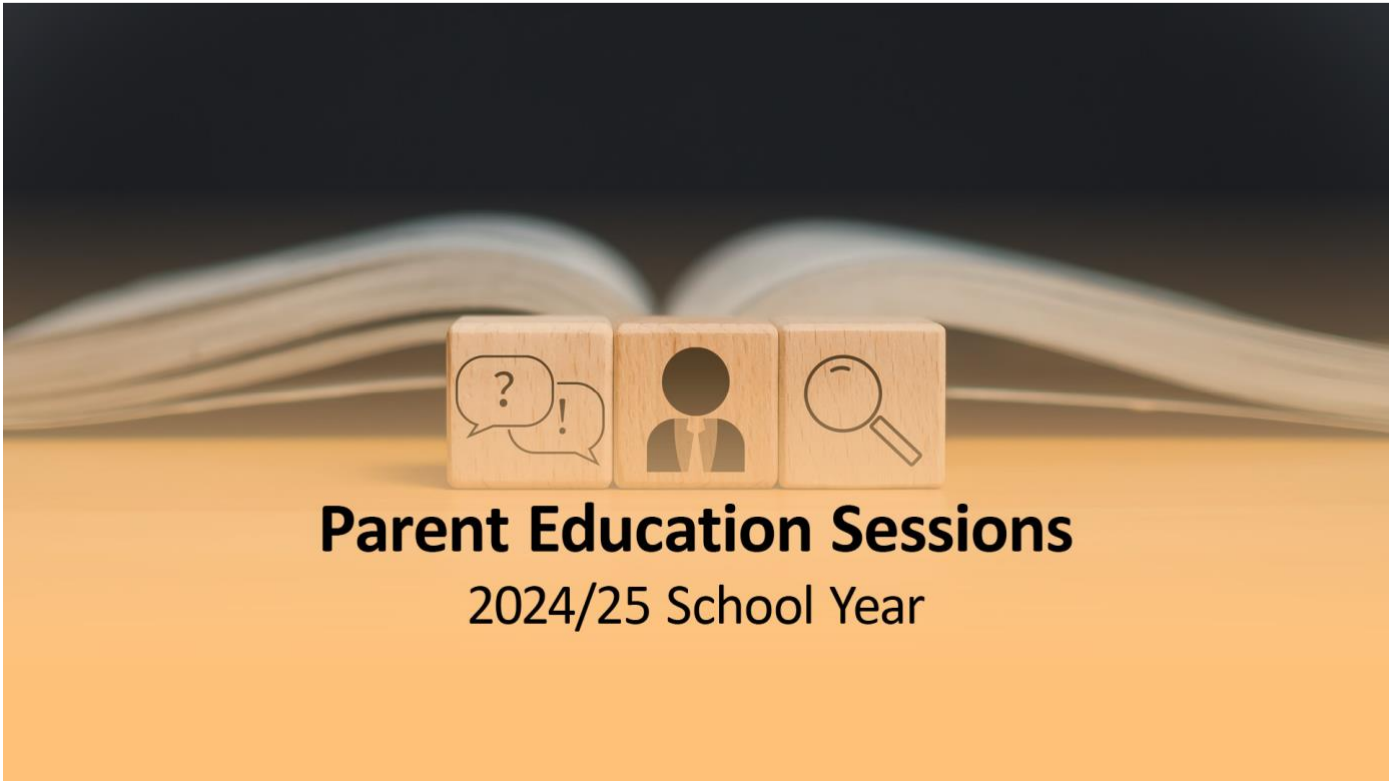
FREE ADMISSION FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

ADULTS - \$12 SENIORS - \$10

MINORU ARENA - 7551 MINORU GATE - RICHMOND

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025 @6:45PM

Let's fill the stands at Minoru to cheer on our very own **Mr. Sars and our McKay Band** who will be playing between periods as the **Richmond Sockeyes** Junior A Hockey Team takes on the Sunshine Coast Tsunami



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 year.



Snacks & Facts

Learn how to build financial security through tax filing, accessing benefit and tax credits and putting your money to work through saving and investing.



▶ Building Financial Security Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Presented by Family Services of Greater Vancouver

- learn about government benefit that can put money in your pockets
- find out about saving with FSAs, RESPs and RDSPs

▶ Income Tax Benefit and Credits Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Presented by Canada Revenue Agency

- find benefits and credits that you may be eligible for
- locate free tax clinics in Richmond

Workshops will be held:

- 2:00 – 4:00pm
- Ironwood Library
8200-11688 Steveston Hwy, Richmond
- Snacks provided, no registration needed



More information at:
richmond.ca/CommunityResources



LET'S PLAY HOCKEY



JOIN THE RICHMOND RAVENS!

The Richmond Ravens Female Hockey Association is dedicated to providing girls in our community with the opportunity to play hockey in a positive, supportive, and inclusive environment. We provide a comprehensive range of programs for girls aged U7 to U21, welcoming all skill levels—from beginners taking their first steps on the ice to players who wish to develop their game!

WHY PLAY ICE HOCKEY?



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CONFIDENCE



BOOST MOTOR
SKILLS



STAY
HEALTHY



MAKE NEW
FRIENDS



IT'S
FUN!

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RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRO-D DAYS SPECIAL

Guests can receive up to **3 complimentary child/youth tickets** with the purchase of 1 paid adult ticket

JAN
24

JAN
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FEB
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MAY
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COME AND TRY SOFTBALL!


 **McRoberts Secondary School**

February 19th, 2025

6–9 years old: 6:00–7:00

10–11 years old: 7:00–8:00

Register today! 

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