



## McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): February 3<sup>rd</sup> - February 7<sup>th</sup>

Hello McKay Families!

It was a festive week with many classes learning about Lunar New Year, and many McKay families celebrating! May the Year of the Snake be healthful, happy, and prosperous for all 😊

Both of our basketball teams had their debut games... it is great to see so many of our grade 6 & 7 students participating!

This week we have cold, wintry weather heading our way... it is very important to make sure your children are dressed warmly for their activities outside. We do go outside in all weather conditions (unless a safety advisory is issued from our district, which is very rare.)

We hope to have a good turnout for Wednesday evening's Sockeyes game! It should be a fun experience for our students... and also fun for anyone attending the game to support! McKay students are free, but must be accompanied by a supervising adult... there is no school staff supervision for this fun evening event.

We hope you have a warm and cozy weekend!

### *Highlights For Next Week Include:*

<b>Monday</b> Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls' Basketball Game vs Spul'u'kwuks</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Wednesday</b> Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls' Basketball Game vs Blair</li> <li>Evening Band Performance at the Sockeye's Game- 6:45pm... All are welcome...McKay students are free!</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boys' Basketball Game vs Spul'u'kwuks</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b> Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	

### Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Wed Feb 5	Band Performance at the Sockeyes game- see poster below
Fri Feb 14	Pro D Day <b>No School in session</b>
Mon Feb 17	Family Day Holiday <b>No School in session</b>
Wed Feb 19	Informal Learning Update (Conferences) <b>Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm</b>
Thurs Feb 20	Informal Learning Update (Conferences) <b>Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm</b>

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 <b>No School in session</b>
Mon Apr 21	Easter Monday <b>No School in session</b>
Fri Apr 25	Term 2 Written Learning Updates published to MyEd

## 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.



# 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**

# Significant Dates in our Community



## February is Black History Month

UN World Interfaith Harmony Week: Feb. 1 - 7

Vasant Panchami: Feb. 2

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 5



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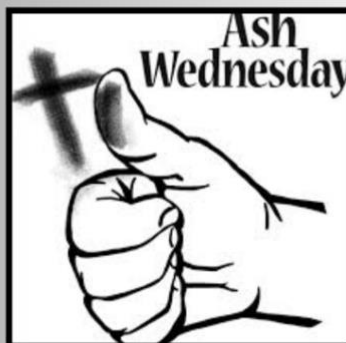


World Interfaith Harmony Week

World Interfaith Harmony Week, observed each February's first week, promotes mutual understanding, respect, and peace among people of all faiths. Established by the UN in 2010, it fosters unity through interfaith dialogue, cultural exchanges, and acts of service.



Vasant Panchami, also known as Saraswati Puja, is a Hindu festival celebrated on the fifth day of Magha (January-February). It marks the arrival of spring and honors Goddess Saraswati, the deity of wisdom, learning, and arts. Devotees wear yellow, offer prayers, and participate in cultural activities, symbolizing knowledge and prosperity.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and reflection for Christians leading up to Easter. Observed by receiving ashes on the forehead in the shape of a cross, it symbolizes repentance and mortality. It is a day of reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal.



# PAC Hot Lunch Days



Order here:

<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

**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.





# 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



# 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 TFSA, RESP 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](http://richmond.ca/CommunityResources)



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 27
- FEB 14
- MAY 16

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
6111 River Road, Richmond BC  
778.296.1400 | [olympicexperience.ca](http://olympicexperience.ca)



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# Monthly Newsletter

**SWIS** RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Settlement Workers  
In Schools

[sd38.bc.ca /swis](https://sd38.bc.ca/swis)



Welcome to the Richmond School District and to the 2024-2025 School Year! The Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) program provides settlement support and services for immigrants, refugees, and newcomer families in the Richmond School District. Our team works in schools and offer services such as:

- One-to-one and Family Orientations
- Online and in-person Information Workshops
- Referrals and Connections to Community Resources
- Community Connection Activities and Experiences
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Each month, families will receive a newsletter listing upcoming events and/or activities that they can participate in. These workshops and group activities are wonderful ways to connect with community resources, meet new people and learn useful information.

We look forward to meeting and working with you!

## SWIS February Activities

Every Friday	<b>Adult Conversation Circle – ACC</b> English conversation for adults every Friday morning <b>Time:</b> 10:00AM – 11:30AM <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/yRSPG1HxUn">https://forms.office.com/r/yRSPG1HxUn</a>	Online via <b>Zoom</b>
Every Tuesday	<b>Youth Connections Cafe</b> A space for youth to hang out with peers and have fun. Snacks and games will be provided. <b>Time:</b> 4PM– 6:00PM  <b>Feb. 4 Board Game Night</b> <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/WZkErL9QnH">https://forms.office.com/r/WZkErL9QnH</a>  <b>Feb. 11 Origami Workshop</b> <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/iq4JN4hrYy">https://forms.office.com/r/iq4JN4hrYy</a>  <b>Feb. 18 Movie Night</b> <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/GxeC4CG1by">https://forms.office.com/r/GxeC4CG1by</a>	<b>General Currie Elementary</b>  8220 General Currie Rd



	<p><b>Feb. 25 TBA</b>  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/UhSuQQvynG">https://forms.office.com/r/UhSuQQvynG</a></p>	
<b>Every Thursday</b>	<p><b>Youth Conversation Circle</b>  English conversation for high school students.  <b>Time:</b> 4:15PM – 5:30PM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/aE8qeNPgKk">https://forms.office.com/r/aE8qeNPgKk</a></p>	<p><b>Brighthouse Library</b>  2nd Floor,  7700 Minoru Gate</p>
<b>Feb 1</b>	<p><b>Youth Field Trip -UBC Campus Tour (RESCHEDULED)</b>  Join us on a guided walking tour of UBC. An advisor will be on-site to answer questions regarding undergraduate programs, admissions, and scholarship opportunities.  <b>Time:</b> 9:00AM – 2:00PM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/AbS9VP31HE">https://forms.office.com/r/AbS9VP31HE</a></p>	<p><b>Meeting Point:</b>  Scotia Bank at Brighthouse Skytrain Station at 8:45AM</p>
<b>Feb. 5</b>	<p><b>Tax Preparation for Newcomers</b>  Learn how to prepare your taxes with the help of a CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) Outreach Officer.  <b>Time:</b> 9:30AM – 11:00AM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/gkihTmnrJk">https://forms.office.com/r/gkihTmnrJk</a></p>	<p><b>Richmond School Board</b>  (Boardroom)  7811 Granville Avenue</p>
<b>Feb. 5</b>	<p><b>Financial Workshop (Savings and Investments)</b>  In partnership with FSGV, learn about the Dos and Don'ts of investments and learn about Government benefits.  <b>Time:</b> 10:30AM – 12:00PM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/Q6C9LHg2SW">https://forms.office.com/r/Q6C9LHg2SW</a></p>	<p><b>Richmond Caring Place</b>  340-7000 Minoru Blvd</p>
<b>Feb. 11</b>	<p><b>Connect The Dots - Parenting Support For Children With Special Need</b>  This group helps families of children with special needs by connecting them to local resources and service providers.  <b>Time:</b> 9:30AM – 11:00AM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/bkaaJbHwf9">https://forms.office.com/r/bkaaJbHwf9</a></p>	<p><b>City Centre Community Centre</b>  105-5900 Minoru Blvd</p>
<p><b>Feb. 13</b>  English (with Chinese Translation)  英文及中文翻译</p>	<p><b>Tax Preparation for Newcomers</b>  Learn how to prepare your taxes with the help of a CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) Outreach Officer.  <b>Time:</b> 10:00AM – 12:00PM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/5B9Wfww6VJ">https://forms.office.com/r/5B9Wfww6VJ</a></p>	<p><b>Brighthouse Library</b>  1st Floor (Kid's Program Room)  7700 Minoru Gate  (列治文公立图书馆 1楼 Kids' Program Room)</p>

<b>Feb. 18</b>	<p><b>Single Moms</b>  Meet other single moms in Richmond and learn about helpful services available to you.  <b>Time:</b> 9:30AM – 11:30AM  <b>Registration:</b> Email <a href="mailto:mdadural@sd38.bc.ca">mdadural@sd38.bc.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:mbharaj@sd38.bc.ca">mbharaj@sd38.bc.ca</a></p>	<p><b>City Centre Community Centre</b>  105-5900  Minoru Blvd</p>
<b>Feb. 19</b>	<p><b>Field Trip Nutrition Tour</b>  Join us for a nutrition tour with an experienced dietitian who will explain how to make balanced and nutritious choices, as well as how to read and understand food labels.  与经验丰富的营养师一起在超市进行营养之旅，她将解释如何做出均衡和营养的选择，以及如何阅读和理解食品标签。与经验丰富的营养师一起在超市进行营养之旅。  <b>Time:</b> 10:00AM – 12:00PM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/S6sLa1ui9y">https://forms.office.com/r/S6sLa1ui9y</a></p>	<p><b>PriceSmart Foods</b>  8200  Ackroyd Road</p>
<b>Feb. 27</b>	<p><b>Snack &amp; Talk – Travel Smart</b>  This workshop by BC TransLink offers a variety of tools and resources to help you explore Metro Vancouver using eco-friendly, flexible, and efficient travel options.  <b>Time:</b> 9:30AM – 11:00AM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/Qsui6w9qcr">https://forms.office.com/r/Qsui6w9qcr</a></p>	<p><b>Cambie Community Centre</b>  Board Room  12800  Cambie Rd</p>
<b>Feb. 27</b>	<p><b>Inclusive Education</b>  This session provides parents with an overview of what the Richmond School District does to create vibrant learning communities that foster all students' engagement and well-being in inclusive learning environments.  <b>Time:</b> 10:00AM – 12:00PM  <b>Registration:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/MdFEw0NE5r">https://forms.office.com/r/MdFEw0NE5r</a></p>	<p><b>Brighthouse Library</b>  2nd Floor,  7700 Minoru Gate</p>

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**SIGN UP NOW** FOR ONE OF THESE **FREE** SESSIONS!

**NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

**AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 2013 AND 2020**

**JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2-3 PM**

**FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 10-11 AM**

**FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 10-11 AM**

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 10-11 AM**

**TOMSETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Gym Entrance at the back side of the school

**REGISTER  
HERE**

