



## McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): April 14<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>

### Hello McKay Families!

We are certainly experiencing the extremes of spring weather these days- from pouring rain, to warm sunny afternoons... we always go outside in all weather, so students will need to please bring jackets and layers to adjust and be comfortable outside.

Families- please remember that at all times, but especially during drop-off and pick-up times, we must follow traffic and parking lot safety rules to keep our students safe. Also, please be reminded that the apartment and townhouse complexes around McKay are private property and are not to be used for parking, drop-off, or pick-up. Thank you for being respectful of our McKay Community neighbours.

Have a great weekend everyone!

### **Highlights For Next Week Include:**

<b>Monday</b> Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Tuesday</b> Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richmond School District Strategic Plan Open House at Burnett Secondary 6pm-7:30pm. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> Apr. 16 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Thursday</b> Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Friday</b> Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good Friday <b>No School in session</b></li> </ul>

### **Important Dates and Special Events:**

Mon	Apr 21	Easter Monday <b>No School in session</b>
Mon	April 21	SD38 Summer Learning Elementary Enrichment registration opens 7pm
Fri	Apr 25	Term 2 Written Learning Updates published to MyEd
Thurs	May 8	Band performing @ Gateway Theatre evening
Fri	May 16	Professional Development Day <b>No School in session</b>
Mon	May 19	Victoria Day <b>No School in session</b>
Tues	May 20	Zone Track Meet @ Minoru for grades 4-7
Wed	May 21	Welcome to Kindergarten
Wed	May 21	Immunization Clinic Gr 1, 6, 7
Fri	June 13	Sports/Fun Day <b>Early Dismissal @ 1:30</b>
Tues	June 24	Grade 7 Farewell
Thurs	June 26	Year End Assembly and Last Day of Classes
Fri	June 27	Administrative Day <b>No School in session</b>

# Significant Dates in our Community



**Vaisakhi: April 13**

**International Day of Pink: April 14**

**Bangla Heritage Week: April 14-20**

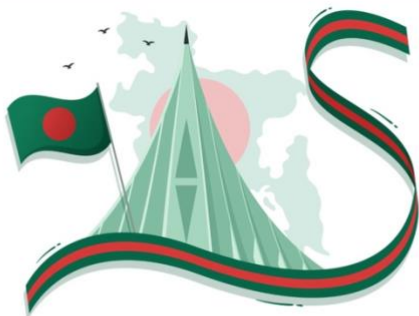
**Good Friday: April 18**



**Vaisakhi** is a joyful Sikh festival celebrated every April. It marks the birth of the Khalsa and is also a harvest festival in Punjab. People visit Gurdwaras, enjoy music, dancing, and share food in langar. It's a time for community, kindness, and giving thanks.

**EVERYONE IS**  
*welcome here*

The **International Day of Pink** is a day to stand up against bullying, and in particular, bullying because of someone's identity. People wear pink to show support for kindness, inclusion, and respect for everyone. It's a reminder to treat others with love and stand up for what's right.



**Bangla Heritage Week** celebrates the culture, language, and traditions of the Bangladeshi community. It's a time to enjoy music, dance, food, art, and stories that reflect Bangladeshi heritage. The week helps people learn, share, and feel proud of their roots while building understanding and friendship with others.



**Good Friday** is a special day for many Christians. It is a quiet, thoughtful day to remember the importance of love, kindness, and sacrifice. People often go to church, pray, or spend time with family. It comes just before Easter, a joyful celebration of hope and new beginnings.

# 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



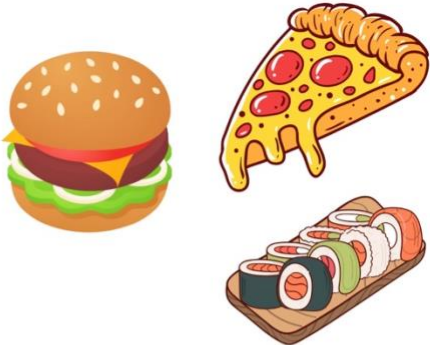
Rain gear



Extra clothes



## PAC Hot Lunch Days



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

Richmond Board of Education  
**Strategic Plan  
2025–2030**

*Shaping the Future, Together.*

***In-person and  
virtual open houses  
scheduled in April***

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The Richmond School District is hosting a series of open houses in April to engage parents and caregivers in the **2025-2030 Strategic Plan** process. These sessions will provide an opportunity to learn more about the plan, ask questions, and share feedback that will help shape the district's priorities for the next five years.

### **Upcoming Open Houses**

- **April 8, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** at McMath Secondary
- **April 14, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** at Palmer Secondary
- **April 15, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** at Burnett Secondary
- **April 24, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** at Cambie Secondary
- **April 28, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** Online session ([Click here to register](#))

For more details and ongoing updates on the strategic planning process, please visit [sd38.bc.ca/strategicplan](https://sd38.bc.ca/strategicplan).

# Free Spring Program for Families!

Learn about healthy eating, smarter screen time management, physical activity, and building long-lasting healthy habits as a family in Generation Health Community.

This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is  & interactive!

- ✓ Delivered through YMCA BC starting April 2025 on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons.
- ✓ Families who join this program will receive a complimentary YMCA membership.

**Register today!**



To learn more, visit [gv.ymca.ca/generation-health-community](http://gv.ymca.ca/generation-health-community) or email at [generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca](mailto:generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca)



**CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK**

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



The City of Richmond's 2025 Earth Week celebrations are April 22 to 29! They will be a fun and educational way for families to engage in sustainable environmental practices, learn about nature and local ecology, and beautify the community.



Consider how you are disposing of waste - what can you recycle and compost instead?



City of Richmond has a resource: How Do I Recycle This Property?



For more activities about what to do with waste, visit:



**EARTHDAY.ORG**

Earthday.org invites individuals to sustainably shop for clothes by considering the following:

1. Shop secondhand first
2. Buy fewer clothes
3. Invest only in clothes you really like and need
4. Shop locally
5. Go natural

<https://www.earthday.org/toolkit-how-to-shop-for-your-clothes/>

# EARTH DAY

## APRIL 22, 2025

Engage with nature through some fun biodiversity scavenger hunts from Sierra Club BC.



Kindergarten



Grade 1 and 2



Grade 3 - 5



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