



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): May 5th – May 9th



Hello McKay Families!

Our week ahead may look a little sparse below, but that doesn't reflect the busy-ness of this time of year! Staff are busy supporting transitions for our grade seven students heading to secondary school in the fall, and also preparing to welcome our newest kindergarten students. Our final term is full of field trips, hands-on learning experiences, and outdoor learning in the increasingly beautiful weather. Intermediate students have been learning track and field skills in anticipation of the District Zone Track Meet, and the band has been preparing for their performance at the Gateway Theatre on Thursday.

A few gentle reminders:

-If your child needs to be absent from school, please call the early warning line at 604-668-6572 or email the school at mckay@sd38.bc.ca You can also CC the teacher on the email, but the office needs to know about the absence.

-Students who receive hot lunches should bring their disposable containers and any leftover food home. There is too much garbage accumulating from these lunches for our school to process each day.

-The school does not provide daily snacks for students. Families are asked to pack a snack for students for recess, and a lunch each day. The school does have snacks and food available for students who are unable to bring food or who have forgotten on a certain day.

Thank you for your support!

Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday May 5 th	
Tuesday May 6 th	
Wednesday May 7 th	
Thursday May 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Band Performs at Gateway Theatre – 6:00 p.m.
Friday May 9 th	

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.

Important Dates and Special Events:

Thurs	May 8	Band performing @ Gateway Theatre evening
Fri	May 16	Professional Development Day No School in session
Mon	May 19	Victoria Day No School in session
Tues	May 20	District Zone Track Meet @ Minoru for grades 4-7
Wed	May 21	Welcome to Kindergarten
Wed	May 21	Immunization Clinic Gr 1, 6, 7
Wed	June 4	Evening Band Concert
Mon	June 9	Whole School Beach Field Trip- Centennial Beach- more info to come
Fri	June 13	Sports/Fun Day Early Dismissal @ 1:30
Tues	June 24	Grade 7 Farewell
Thurs	June 26	Year End Assembly and Last Day of Classes
Fri	June 27	Administrative Day No School in session

Significant Dates in our Community

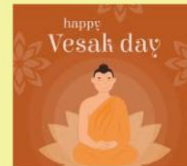
May is Asian Heritage Month, Dutch Heritage Month and Speech and Hearing Heritage Month



RED DRESS DAY



Red Dress Day: May 5
Dutch Heritage Day: May 5
Bear Witness Day: May
Wesak/Buddha Day: May 12



Red Dress Day

May 5th, 2025

Red Dress Day, observed annually on May 5th, is a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG2S) in Canada.



Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ People, is observed annually on May 5th in Canada. It serves as a day to remember and honor the missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, and to raise awareness about the crisis of gender-based violence against Indigenous peoples.

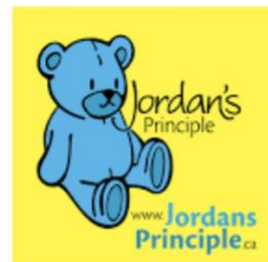


On May 5 we celebrate Dutch Heritage Day across Canada, an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many contributions that Canadians of Dutch Heritage have made to our country's social, cultural, and economic fabric. May 5 is also Liberation Day in the Netherlands, marking the end of Nazi Germany's occupation during the Second World War.

In the occupied Netherlands, the Dutch people experienced hardship, oppression and starvation. In 1945, their ordeal came to an end as the Allies advanced across the country. Canadians played a significant role in the liberation of the Netherlands.



Vesak, also known as Buddha Day or Buddha Purnima, is a significant Buddhist holiday celebrated annually on the first full moon of May. It commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha. Buddhists gather in temples to pray, chant, meditate, and offer flowers, incense, candles, and food as tributes to Buddha.



Bear Witness Day
May 10



Bear Witness Day, observed annually on May 10th, is a day dedicated to remembering Jordan River Anderson and his legacy, which led to the creation of Jordan's Principle. It's a day to "bear witness" to the principle, ensuring that First Nations children receive the services and supports they need, when they need them. This involves honoring the memory of Jordan River Anderson, a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation who was denied the chance to live with his family due to bureaucratic failures, and to advocate for the full implementation of Jordan's Principle.



Community Vigil

For the Lapu-Lapu Festival Tragedy

RICHMOND CULTURAL CENTRE PLAZA
7700 MINORU GATE

Sunday, May 4 , 2025
2pm - 4pm

A community gathering to share flowers,
candles, thoughts and presence to
commemorate those affected.

Please try to arrive by transit due to limited parking





Written Learning Updates (Report Cards) are now available for viewing on the MyEd Parent Portal.

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



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

JOIN US

A message from the Parent Advisory Council (PAC):

As parents and guardians of McKay students, we invite you to participate in the McKay Parent community. The parents of McKay aim to support a welcoming and thriving learning environment in which all students engage in positive educational and social experiences.

The PAC supports building a positive and inclusive school community through open communication, and we invite you to be a part of this process. Everyone is welcome to join our monthly PAC meetings!

If you wish to connect with McKay's PAC or if you would like to be involved in supporting McKay school, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at mckayelementarypac@gmail.com.

What is the PAC?

The purpose of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is to promote and support education and to contribute to the learning environment of McKay school.

PAC meetings give parents and school staff the opportunity to work cooperatively to make McKay's learning environment a positive and supportive place for children to learn.

All parents and guardians of students registered at McKay Elementary are automatically members of the PAC. It is up to you how much you choose to be involved.

McKay Elementary School

Thinking, Communicating and Caring

Be part of the PAC

We invite and encourage you to attend monthly PAC meetings. These are open to everyone and are a wonderful way to create new connections within the school. You can:

- learn more about what goes on in our school
- meet other parents
- find out some of the ways that you can get involved
- ask questions
- get to know our teachers and administrators

We can't wait to meet you!



PAC Goals

The P.A.C. makes recommendations regarding:

- School Growth Plans - GOALS
- Curriculum supports
- Learning Resources
- School spirit
- Hot Lunch Programs
- Money matters, including fundraising and school needs



Reminder:

E-scooters in BC are only permitted for people 16 years and older <https://www.richmond.ca/parks-recreation/parks-trails-cycling/cycling/e-scooter.htm>

Safety & Rules - Provincial & Municipal

Provincial Rules

Generally, the [rules of cycling in BC](#) apply to the use of an E-scooter on a permitted road in a pilot community.

City Bylaws

City bylaws identify the conditions of where and how E-scooter users may operate in Richmond during the pilot project. E-scooters are permitted to operate only on the following routes:

- Streets with cycling facilities such as bike lanes.
- Local streets without cycling facilities, defined as a street without lanes lines or a directional dividing line and a maximum speed limit of 50 km/h or less.
- Streets without cycling facilities that have a directional dividing line and a maximum speed limit of 30 km/hour.
- Off-street paved pathways next to the roadway or in parks that are signed and marked for shared use with pedestrians.

E-scooters are not permitted on sidewalks or on unpaved trails. Maximum speeds are:

- 20 km/h on roadways
- 15 km/h on paved pathways shared with pedestrians

Unsafe riding behavior can be reported to the Richmond RCMP non-emergency telephone number 604-278-1212.



PAC Spring Plant Fundraiser

Something *BEAUTIFUL* is coming your way! Help our school raise funds while bringing home gorgeous plants for your home and garden! We will be selling strawberry hanging baskets, patio planters and a rose planter in a 2-gallon pot!

For questions, please send an email to mckayelementarypac@gmail.com.

Click **HERE** to order --> <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/>

Order deadline: **Sunday, May 18 at 11:59pm**

Pick Up Dates: **June 4 at 2:45pm-3:30pm & June 5 at 2:45pm-3:30pm**

Pick Up Location: **Gym**

(additional pick up times can be arranged upon request)

NOTE: We require a minimum order of \$500 for this fundraiser to run, and the PAC will incur a \$50 delivery fee if the order is under \$1200.



12' PREMIUM HANGING BASKET

A popular Spring selection! These hanging baskets, blooming with gorgeous flowers & trailing plants, are perfect for sunny spots. With beautiful varieties & mixes, they're here to add a special touch to your space!



OUTDOOR PATIO PLANTER

See what's new! Our upgraded Outdoor Patio Planters feature a blend of our top-performing plant collections, all set to thrive in full sun. They're your ticket to springtime paradise right in your very own backyard!



2G PATIO ROSE PLANTER

Add a touch of elegance to your garden! Planted in a 2-gallon pot, these perennial Floribunda roses are bred to brave colder weather and bring back color year after year.

COLORS CANNOT BE SELECTED & MAY COME IN: LIGHT PINK, DARK PINK, WHITE, OR YELLOW.



11' STRAWBERRY HANGING BASKET

A treat for kids & strawberry lovers alike! Elevate snack time with homegrown strawberries all growing season long. With charming blossoms in white or pink, these everbearing varieties are as beautiful as they are delicious!

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MAY 1–7, 2025

7 DAYS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

richmond.ca/YouthWeek



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GAME2LIFE

FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

**FOR GRADE 6
AND GRADE 7**

**3:30 TO 5:00PM
EVERY TUESDAY
APR 29 - JUN 10**

**CREATIVITY LAB
CULTURAL
CENTRE ANNEX
7660 MINORU
GATE**

Scan QR code for
registration form:



**A 7-week program aimed to help
students learn how to self-regulate
their gaming and screen time habits.**

Learn about physical needs regarding
nutrition, sleep, exercise, and posture...

the importance of mental health,
navigating thoughts and emotions...

different types of communication and
having positive relationships...

how to find your "spark", the thing that
fuels your passion in life..

the ways our environments can effect
our overall wellbeing...

**.... and most importantly, how to
continue to game in a healthy way!**

TO REGISTER, CONTACT ALVIN AT

604-270-9220 ext. 118

alvin@rassrichmond.ca

*Registration form can be found at
rassrichmond.ca/service-request-forms/*

