



## McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): May 19<sup>th</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Hello Everyone!

We know that you are already into your long weekend, but McKay staff were at work yesterday, alongside all staff in Richmond School district, engaging in professional learning, developing our cultural competency skills for better understanding Indigenous perspectives and supporting the diversity of all our learners.

Our PAC has two awesome fundraisers happening-

Plants: If you are looking for some beautiful plants , **the order deadline for the PAC Plant Fundraiser is tomorrow, Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>!** They still need one or two more orders to achieve their minimum <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/>

Charity Piano Recital: One of our students, Tyrion Lam, at just 10 years old, is a Steinway Youth Role Model Award winner and has already been a performer at Carnegie Hall, and has collaborated with a professional European orchestra in Italy! Now, he's using his talent to give back. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Tyrion will hold a special charity piano recital in Vancouver to support education and share love through music. All donations from the concert will go directly to McKay Elementary School and will be used to purchase technology to support learning- specifically, in-focus projectors. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-6:30pm, you can livestream the recital or register to watch live in person. How to Donate:

- Drop cash donations off at the McKay School Office
- Cheque donations
- Online via Munch-a-Lunch under the Fundraising tab
- Donation boxes will also be available at the event

See the poster below for more details!

Have a wonderful long weekend 😊

### 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.**



## Highlights For Next Week Include:

<b>Monday</b> <b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day Holiday – <b>No School in Session</b></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zone Track Meet for grades 4-7 *Please refer to emails and notices for information*</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>May 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immunization Clinic – Grades K, 1, 6 &amp; 7</li> <li>Welcome to Kindergarten- 9:15-10:30am in the gym</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
<b>Friday</b> <b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAC Hot Lunch for those who ordered – Sushi Lovers</li> </ul>

## Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

<b>Fri</b>	<b>May 30</b>	Diversity Day School Wide Teams
<b>Fri</b>	<b>May 30</b>	Tyrion Lam Charity Piano Recital
<b>Wed</b>	<b>June 4</b>	Band Concert 6:30pm
<b>Mon</b>	<b>June 9</b>	School Wide Beach Day
<b>Fri</b>	<b>June 13</b>	Sports/Fun Day <b>Early Dismissal @ 1:30</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>June 24</b>	Gr 7 Farewell
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>June 26</b>	Year End Assembly and Last Day of Classes
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>June 26</b>	Written Learning Updates published to MyEd
<b>Fri</b>	<b>June 27</b>	Administrative Day <b>No School in session for students</b>

## Significant Dates in our Community

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


International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and  
Biphobia: May 17

Anti-Racism Awareness Week: May 18-24

Victoria Day: May 19


World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue Development: May 21






**INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST  
HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA  
AND BIPHOBIA**  
**MAY 17**

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT) is observed annually on May 17th to raise awareness about and fight against discrimination and violence experienced by LGBTQIA+ individuals.




**ANTI-RACISM  
AWARENESS WEEK**

This week is dedicated to raising awareness about the harmful effects of racism, promoting understanding, and fostering a more inclusive environment. To educate the public about the history and impact of racism, encourage dialogue about diversity and inclusion, and inspire action towards dismantling systemic racism.



*Happy  
Victoria Day*

Victoria Day in Canada is celebrated to commemorate Queen Victoria, who reigned during Canada's Confederation and was the monarch when Canada became a country. It was initially a celebration of her birthday, which was on May 24. The holiday has evolved to mark the unofficial start of summer and is celebrated with family barbecues, parades, and fireworks.



**WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY**  
21<sup>ST</sup> MAY

Every year on 21 May, the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development celebrates not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

## Notes for Families:

- 1) To maintain the security of our school building, we ask that no one props open any of our exterior doors. If you arrive at school after 8:45am, please have your child go to the front doors of the school where they can sign in at the office before heading to class.

# McKay Charity Piano Concert by Tyrion Lam



**Date:** Friday, May 30th, 2025  
**Time:** 5pm to 6:30pm

**Attend In-Person (Admission by donation):** Tom Lee Music Vancouver (728 Granville St)

**Watch Online Link (Admission by donation):**

[https://tomleemusic-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mZ4H1ua5RbivNCMA2-x8IQ](https://tomleemusic-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mZ4H1ua5RbivNCMA2-x8IQ)

**Watch Online QR code (Admission by donation):**





# 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](mailto: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!



#### 26' 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!