



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): **June 23rd – June 27th**



Hello McKay Families!

We are now approaching our final week of school, and we would like to recognize the exceptional growth and success of our students! After reading the Summary of Learning Report Cards for our McKay students (that are being published on Thursday on MyEd parent portal), it is clear that your children have demonstrated tremendous growth since September, thanks to their own effort and hard work, as well as the endless support from their home and school adults. We value the partnership in education between school and home and thank our families for your support!

At this time of year, we have some upcoming staffing changes that we would like to share with you. The current plan for McKay for 2025-26 is to be organized into 12 divisions. As such, we need to say goodbye to one of our enrolling classroom teachers, and that is Mrs. Sasha Gale. Mrs. Gale was an outstanding addition to our McKay staff team this year, and we are very sad to see her go. We know that another school in Richmond will be very lucky to have her join their staff team.

Our school counsellor, Ms. Susan Austin, will be moving into another position in the district as well. Ms. Austin has supported our students and school for the past two years, and we are very thankful for the time we had with her. We wish her well in her new position!

We also will bid farewell to our temporary contract teachers, Ms. Kelsey Chang, and Ms. Dipti Arora. We greatly appreciate Ms. Chang and Ms. Arora for stepping in to teach our students part way through the year, and wish them well on their next teaching adventures!

Finally, our senior administrative assistant, Mrs. Veronica Perry, is retiring. You all know Mrs. Perry because she has been the heart of the McKay office for over 15 years! Mrs. Perry has been the main person that you have contacted at the office, welcoming everyone to our school, and has been the key person keeping our school organized, and running smoothly. We are going to miss Mrs. Perry immensely, but wish her a wonderful retirement!

Our McKay staff would also like to say a huge thank you to Jennifer Shabbits, who has been the PAC Chair at McKay for as long as we can all remember- 15 years! Jennifer has been a huge support of our school, and during her time as McKay PAC Chair, has helped to nurture that integral partnership between school and families, as we all work to support the growth and learning of our students. Thank you, Jennifer! We will miss you!

Let's have a great last week of the 2024-25 school year together!



Highlights For Next Week Include:

Monday June 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cargo to Canvas- painting of our shipping container continues and concludes
Tuesday June 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 7 Farewell
Wednesday June 25 th	
Thursday June 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year-End Assembly for students• Last day of Classes• Reports Published to MyEd Parent Portal – 3:00 p.m.
Friday June 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administration Day – No School in Session

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:

Fri June 27 Administrative Day **No School in session**
Tues Sept 2 First Day of School for 2025-26



Recognize anything?

☐ LOST
☒ FOUND

Please check the Lost and Found near the Main Office for any items your child may have left at school!
All items left after June 27th will be donated.

Significant Dates in our Community

June is Filipino Heritage Month, Italian Heritage Month,
National Indigenous Heritage Month,
Portuguese Heritage Month, Pride Season Begins



National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism: June 23

St. Jean-Baptiste Day: June 24

The Islamic New Year (Arabic New Year or Hijri New Year): June 26

Canadian Multiculturalism Day: June 27



The National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism is dedicated to honoring and remembering the victims of terrorism, both in Canada and around the world. The day was established in 2005 and is observed annually, coinciding with the anniversary of the Air India Flight 182 tragedy. It serves as a reminder of the impact of terrorism on individuals, families, and communities. The day is recognized by the Canadian government and is observed through various events and ceremonies across the country.



Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, also known as St. John the Baptist Day or the Fête nationale du Québec, is a major national holiday in Quebec, Canada, celebrated annually on June 24th. It honors the patron saint of Quebec, Saint John the Baptist, and marks the start of the summer season with lively festivities, parades, and cultural celebrations. It's a time for Québécois to showcase their pride in their language and traditions.



The Islamic New Year, also known as Hijri New Year, marks the beginning of a new year in the Islamic calendar. It begins on the first day of Muharram, which is the first month in the Hijri calendar, a lunar calendar. The Hijri calendar is different from the Gregorian calendar, and the Islamic New Year is observed by Muslims worldwide.



Canadian Multiculturalism Day is celebrated annually on June 27th. It's a day to celebrate the country's diverse cultures and communities, reaffirming Canada's commitment to inclusivity and respect. This day acknowledges the contributions of Canada's diverse people and encourages Canadians to appreciate their shared history and cultural richness.



THOMPSON EARLY LEARNING

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS!

Registration for Summer 2025 Preschool Camps
at Thompson Community Centre is open!

For registration information
visit:
thompsonearlylearning.com
or scan the QR code.



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