



McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG):

Feb. 16th - Feb. 20th

Hello McKay Families!

Thank you for attending conferences with your child's teacher this week... it was wonderful seeing students showing you their learning. We value your partnership and collaboration in your child's education.

Through the work of SD38 and McKay staff, we want to continue to emphasize that all students are important members of our school community and that each individual has unique skills, strengths, and gifts. Considering the recent school tragedy in Tumbler Ridge and moving towards Pink Shirt Day, being kind to ourselves, each other, and our community has never been more important. Hold each other close, and have a wonderful Family Day long weekend with friends and loved ones.

Ms. Livingston

Highlights For Next Week Include:

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| Monday Feb. 16th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Day Holiday – School Closed |
| Tuesday Feb. 17th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls' Basketball Away Game vs. Spul'u'kwuks – 3pm |
| Wednesday Feb. 18th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club- 8:10am• Boys' Basketball Home Game vs. Thompson – 3pm |
| Thursday Feb. 19th | |
| Friday Feb. 20th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PAC Hot Lunch Sushi Lovers for those who ordered |

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.

Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

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| Wed | Feb 25 | Family Teams- Kindness |
| M-F | Mar 2-6 | Jess Dance Pow Wow Dance workshops |
| M-T | Mar 9-10 | Fraser River Discovery Centre workshops for Divs 8-13 |
| Fri | Mar 13 | Last Day of school before Spring Break |

Significant Dates in our Community



Family Day: Feb. 16

Lunar New Year: Feb. 17

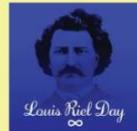
Ramadan: Feb. 17- Mar. 18

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 18

World Day of Social Justice: Feb. 20

Louis Riel Day: Feb. 20

International Mother Language Day: Feb. 21



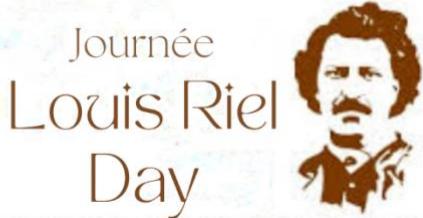
In 2026, Lunar New Year officially begins on Tuesday, February 17, marking the start of the Year of the Fire Horse. The celebrations typically last for 15 days, concluding with the Lantern Festival on March 3, 2026.

Key Details for 2026

- Zodiac Animal: The Year of the Fire Horse occurs once every 60 years. It is characterized by high energy, independence, and rapid change.
- Duration: While New Year's Day is Feb. 17, cultural festivities—often called the Spring Festival—officially run from Feb. 17 to Feb. 27, followed by the Lantern Festival preparations.



Ramadan is the holiest month in Islam, observed by Muslims worldwide as a time of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. It falls in the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and lasts 29 or 30 days, depending on the sighting of the moon. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset, abstaining from food, drink, and other physical needs, focusing on spiritual growth, self-discipline, and devotion to God. Nights are spent in prayer, including Taraweeh (special nightly prayers), and the Quran is recited. The month concludes with Eid al-Fitr, a festival of feasting and gratitude. Ramadan fosters charity, compassion, and a deeper connection with faith.



Louis Riel Day is celebrated in Métis homelands to commemorate the anniversary of Métis leader Louis Riel's execution in 1885. The day honors his legacy and celebrates Métis culture, traditions, and contributions to Canada. It is also observed as Family Day in other Canadian provinces, such as Manitoba, in February.



International Mother Language Day, observed annually on February 21, is a UNESCO initiative that promotes linguistic diversity and the preservation of mother tongues worldwide. Established in 1999 and first celebrated in 2000, it honors the importance of multilingualism in education, cultural identity, and social inclusion. The day also commemorates the 1952 Bengali Language Movement in Bangladesh, where students sacrificed their lives advocating for their right to use their mother language. Across the world, events, discussions, and cultural programs emphasize the need to protect endangered languages and foster appreciation for linguistic heritage.



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.



WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

FEBRUARY 20

World Day of Social Justice, observed annually on February 20, is a United Nations initiative that promotes efforts to address poverty, inequality, and social exclusion worldwide. It highlights the importance of fair opportunities, human rights, and social protections for all, regardless of gender, race, or economic status. The day serves as a call to action for governments, organizations, and individuals to work toward inclusive development, fair labor conditions, and justice for marginalized communities. Various events, discussions, and campaigns take place globally to advocate for a more just and equitable world.

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



McKay Hot Lunch Days Jan - Mar 2026

| Order Deadline | Food Vendor | Food Date |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Fri Jan 9 at 11:59pm | Asian Menu by Bala Foods | Fri Jan 16 |
| Fri Jan 30 at 11:59pm | Triple O | Fri Feb 6 |
| Fri Feb 13 at 11:59pm | Sushi Lovers | Fri Feb 20 |



Scan to Order

Or go to this website to order --> <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mckay/>



Interested in helping with hot lunch days? Sign-up by clicking the "Volunteer" tab in MunchaLunch.
Have questions? Please send an email to mckayelementarypac@gmail.com



Mini eggs, Chocolate Bunnies, Spring gift baskets & more....

The McKay PAC is teaming up with Purdy's Chocolatier for a special fundraiser to get ready for Spring and at the same time helping our school! From now until Feb 28th, you can order Purdy's Spring Collection items from our **McKay Spring 2026 Campaign** and browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online. Shop Purdy's Chocolates for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself for the "sweetest"!

Order deadline: **Saturday, February 28th at 11:59pm on Purdy's website**

Delivery Date: **Monday, March 9 to student's classrooms**

1. To view the catalogue and to place an order, click the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdy's.com/campaign/000023231>



Doors open at

8:10 am

at the



GYM



There is **TOAST** [Cheese, Jam, butter]
And **MILK**

**Wed.
Feb. 18**