



## McKay's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG): Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>

Hello McKay Families!

The weather was so beautiful this week- lots of play and learning was enjoyed outside, and our intermediate students began learning and practicing track and field... they will all go to Minoru Track on May 5<sup>th</sup> for the District Zone Track Meet with many other Richmond schools.

**Inappropriate Items at School-** Families, we need your help in ensuring your children are not bringing items to school that distract from learning time, or affect the safety of them and others. As per our district policy, elementary school students should not be in possession of personal digital devices during the school day- this includes Smart Watches (watches that can play games, take photos, or communicate with others). Please keep these items at home, or at the very least in a backpack during the school day.

<https://sd38.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/drupal-files/2024-06/Policy%20104-G%20%28A%29%20Acceptable%20Use%20of%20Personal%20Digital%20Devices.pdf>

Also, with this lovely weather, we have had a few instances of students bringing water guns to play with... please be reminded that there can never be weapons at school, including fake/pretend weapons. These items can make others feel unsafe and can also cause great concern within our wider community... there have been instances where members of the public have notified law enforcement about potential weapons, when it was just a toy. <https://sd38.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/drupal-files/2024-06/Policy%20105%20District%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>

**Student Learning Survey-** Each year across the whole province, the ministry asks students in certain grades about how their learning is going at their school. This helps guide school district and school planning.

Parents are encouraged to share their voices, too:

[https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access\\_Parent.asp](https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access_Parent.asp)

We appreciate your help in working together to keep our school safe and focused on learning!

Ms. Livingston

### *Highlights For Next Week Include:*

Monday Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast Club – all students welcome – gym doors open at 8:10am</li></ul>
Thursday Apr. 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	

## 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:

Mon	April 20	Saleema Noon Parent Session – see flyer below
Tues	April 21	Earth Day Family Teams
W-Th	April 22-23	Saleema Noon Body Science Presentations
Thurs	April 23	Term 2 Learning Updates Published
Fri	April 24	Spirit Day
Tues	May 5	Zone Track Meet @ Minoru Gr 4-7
Thurs	May 7	Gateway Theatre Whole School Field Trip

### Significant Dates in our Community



Bangla Heritage Week: Apr. 12 - 18

Yom Hashoah: Apr. 13 - 14

International Day of Pink: Apr. 14

Vaisakhi: Apr. 14

International Day of Pink





Bangla Heritage Week in British Columbia, proclaimed for April 12–18, 2026, celebrates the culture, history, and contributions of Bangla-speaking communities, coinciding with the Bangla New Year (Pohela Boishakh). It recognizes the community's role in BC's diverse society, highlighting traditions, language, and the vibrant culture of Bangladeshi, Indian, and other South Asian residents.



Vaisakhi (or Baisakhi) is a major Sikh festival, celebrated annually on April 13 or 14, marking the creation of the Khalsa Order in 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh, representing Sikh identity, equality, and service. It also historically functions as a Punjab spring harvest festival, marked by community parades (Nagar Kirtan), special prayers, and community meals (langar).



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK  
APRIL 14, 2026



The International Day of Pink is a worldwide anti-bullying, anti-homophobia, and anti-transphobia event held annually on the second Wednesday of April. Originating in Canada in 2007, it encourages people to wear pink to stand in solidarity with 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, promoting diverse and inclusive spaces in schools and workplaces.



Yom HaShoah (pronounced Yom ha-SHOW-ah) is Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is a special, solemn day to remember the six million Jewish people—including 1.5 million children—who were killed by the Nazis during World War II.



# 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 Apr - Jun 2026

Order Deadline	Food Vendor	Food Date
Fri Apr 3 at 11:59pm	Fresh Slice Pizza	Fri Apr 10
Fri Apr 17 at 11:59pm	Asian Menu by Bala Foods	Fri Apr 24
Fri May 15 at 11:59pm	Triple O	Fri May 22
Fri Jun 5 at 11:59pm	Fresh Slice Pizza	Fri Jun 12



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](mailto:mckayelementarypac@gmail.com)

## Talk Sex Today.

Body Science Boot Camp for Parents

Parenthood never arrives with a rulebook, and when it comes to explaining the world of sexual health to your child, it can be hard not to end up a bright shade of red. Using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will show you how easy it is to convey healthy, positive messages about sexual health to kids.

### In this workshop parents will learn:

- Why we need to talk to children about sexual health at a young age
- How to reduce risk of child sexual abuse
- What children should know at each stage of development, with specific examples of how to explain concepts and processes using inclusive language
- How to become their kids' go-to source of sexual health information
- How to normalize open, honest sexual health conversations in their family
- How to effectively answer even the toughest questions kids ask
- What will be covered in Body Science workshops for students

Join us via live Zoom!

**When: Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6:30pm – link will be emailed**

For more information about Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators go to [www.saleemanoon.com](http://www.saleemanoon.com).





## Grade 7 Fundraiser Bubble Tea Day

All proceeds will be contributed to our Grade 7 Graduation

Friday April 24th, 2026

**Pick up time is 2:45pm - 3:30pm at gym**

(Order in Munch-A-Lunch on or before Apr 19 at 11:59pm)

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

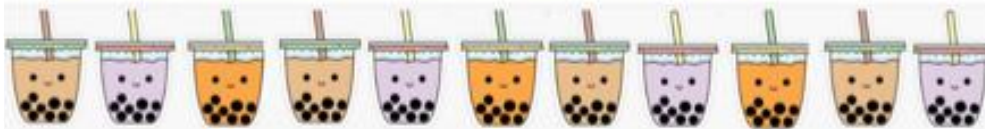
**\*\*Important: Please provide your cell phone number under My Family\My Profile in case we need to contact you on that day.\*\***

Price per cup (700 ml): \$8.50 each
Choices:
1. Original Milk Tea with Pearls (珍珠奶茶)
2. Brown Sugar Milk Tea with Pearls (珍珠黑糖奶茶)
3. Lychee Green Tea with Coconut Jelly (荔枝椰果綠茶)
4. Mango Green Tea with Coconut Jelly (芒果椰果綠茶)

\* All ice levels and sugar levels are fixed\*

\* No substitution or No changes (including toppings) to the above menu\*

\*Pick-up on Friday, Apr 24th from 2:45pm to 3:30pm outside of gym



January 11, 2026



**Subject:** Your Voice Matters – BC Student Learning Survey

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts about your child's learning by completing the **BC Student Learning Survey (SLS)**. This survey happens every year and helps us make education better for all students in BC.

**Why your opinion matters:**

- It's the only survey that asks parents across BC about their child's learning.
- Your answers add to what students and staff share, giving a full picture.
- Results help identify areas of concern and guide improvements.

**Please complete the survey by May 1, 2026:**

[https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/access\\_Parent.asp](https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/access_Parent.asp)

- Available in 18 languages
- Takes about 30 minutes
- Voluntary and anonymous

Your responses are anonymous, securely stored in Canada, and not linked to your child.

**Need help?**

Call **1-866-558-5339** or email [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com)

Thank you for helping us improve education for all BC students!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DH".

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