



James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney

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| Jan. 16 | P.A.C. Hot Lunch |
| Jan. 17 | P.A.C. Meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 22 | P.A.C. Popcorn Sale |
| Jan. 25 | Richmond Orchestra 9:00 a.m. |
| Jan. 30 | P.A.C. Hot Lunch |
| Jan. 30 | Steveston-London Information Meeting for Gr.7s 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 5 | Rainbow Dance Theatre 9:30 a.m. |
| Feb. 7 | R.A.M Meeting 7:00 p.m. at McKinney |
| Feb. 8 | S.O.A.R. Activity |
| Feb. 13 | P.A.C. Hot Lunch |
| Feb. 15 | Pro D Day (no school in session) |
| Feb. 18 | Family Day (no school in session) |
| Feb. 19 | P.A.C. Popcorn Sale |
| Feb. 21 | Early Dismissal at 12:10 p.m. for Conferences |
| Feb. 22 | R.A.M. Friends and Family Kids Night Out 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 27 | P.A.C. Hot Lunch Pink T-Shirt Day |
| Feb. 28 | P.A.C. Meeting 6:30 p.m. |

Early Warning System for Absences

When students are going to be absent from school or significantly late due to an appointment, etc., we ask that parents call the Early Warning number **(604-668-6691)** and leave a message with their child's name, division, and information about the absence. If students are absent from school and we don't know why, office staff will call home to check with the parents.

Administrators' Message

Happy New Year to all our McKinney Families. We hope you had an enjoyable winter break.

We are happy to be back at school and were thrilled to start our first week of the new year with daily drumming workshops led by percussionist, Milton Randall. A huge thank you to our P.A.C. who sponsored this wonderful program. It was so rewarding to see our students learning so much about music and culture. They were very enthusiastic participants!

Our P.A.C. will have it's first meeting of the new year this Thursday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. All parents/guardians are invited. We will welcome Ken Hamaguchi (Richmond School Board Trustee) who will be our guest for the first part of the meeting.

We look forward to many exciting activities and learning opportunities throughout the month of January. Please check the school website regularly for updates and also consider following us on Twitter to keep in touch. Details for this are below.

Ms. Roy and Mr. Rollins



Follow Us on Twitter

Follow us on twitter for news and updates on what's happening at McKinney. Our account is: @McKinneyEagles. We would love to add to our 142 followers.

Kindergarten Registrations and District Option Programs for 2019/20

Registrations for Kindergarten for the 2019/20 school year began on **November 1st**. Children must be born in 2014 and turn 5 years old in 2019 to register for Kindergarten for 2019/2020.

Families are strongly encouraged to register during the Priority 1 registration period (November to January 25) for the best chance of attending their catchment school. All registration applications received during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions on February 8, 2019.

The deadline for registration for District Options Programs (Montessori, Early French Immersion and Late French Immersion) is January 25th.

All registrations for Kindergarten and District Options Programs must take place at the school board office.

Please check the school district website at <https://www.sd38.bc.ca> for more information.

Change of Address Updates

If your family has moved since you originally registered your child at McKinney School, we ask that you complete a Change of Address form. This is available at our front office. You will be asked to provide one piece of identification to verify the new address.

It is important that we have the most up to date information on our students.

Please see Ms. Mui in the office if you require this form.

Mathematics in the Richmond School District

Spatial reasoning is thinking about the relationship between shapes and space – how shapes can move and turn, symmetry, how shapes can go together to make new shapes and the relationship between 2D and 3D shapes. In our BC mathematics curriculum, there is a big idea at each grade level that focuses on shapes and how their attributes can be described, measured and compared. Within our ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technologies) curriculum, spatial reasoning is a significant part of being able to code or use computational thinking.

Researchers have determined that spatial reasoning in young children is something that can be developed and is a key indicator of future success in school as well as links to success in both literacy and numeracy (Duncan et al, 2007).

There are many materials that develop spatial reasoning at home with your children: jigsaw puzzles, magna-tiles, and games such as checkers, chess, backgammon and Blokus.

The BC mathematics curriculum is available to view here where you can select the grade level/s you are interested in:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/mathematics>

For more information about BC's mathematics curriculum, talk to your child's teacher, school administration or contact Janice Novakowski, K-12 District Teacher Consultant for Mathematics & Numeracy at jnovakowski@sd38.bc.ca

Notice of Intent to Attend Form

Last week students brought home a form for parents/guardians to indicate whether or not their child will attend McKinney school for the 2019/20 school year. Thank you to all who have returned this form already. A reminder to please complete this form and send it in as soon as possible. This helps us to begin the process of planning for our next school year.

Upcoming R.A.M. Events

There will be a R.A.M. (Richmond Association for Montessori) meeting for parents/guardians of students in the Montessori program on **Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held in the McKinney library. An agenda will be sent out closer to the date.

R.A.M is planning a fundrasider for **February 22nd** for R.A.M. friends and families. Please see below for initial details:

What: R.A.M. Friends and Family Kids Night Out
When: Friday, Feb.22nd
Where: World of Kidtropolis
Tickets: \$20

More information to come!

Basketball Season at McKinney

Basketball season will soon be underway at McKinney. We will be inviting interested students in grades 6 and 7 to participate. A big thank you to Mr. Rollins, Mr. Lorenz, Ms. Adjei-Achampong, and Mrs. Garnett for taking on coaching and managing duties. Students should listen for announcements in the week to come regarding sign up for the basketball teams.

Basketball season will finish on March 7th with our participation in the SLSS feeder tournament.

Save the Dates—Musical Theatre Dance Workshops and Performances Coming!

In the spring we are looking forward to a dance instructor providing dance workshops for each of our classes. **Workshops will take place on April 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th and 10th.** The hard work during workshops will culminate with a **performance on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Steveston-London Secondary** (our feeder school). We are looking forward to this amazing learning opportunity. Thank you to the McKinney P.A.C. for sponsoring this.

Lateness

Since December, Mr. Rollins and I have noticed an increase in the number of students that are arriving at school late. We understand that sometimes there are unforeseen circumstances that interfere with students getting to school on time. We would, however, like to encourage everyone to make a concerted effort to arrive at school in time for students to be in the classroom by the 8:45 bell that signals the start of the school day.

Even being a few minutes late can mean that students miss valuable information from the morning announcements or teacher instruction.

Being on time for the start of the school day helps set a positive tone for the day and also forms good habits for later in life when students are getting themselves to high school or a job.

Thank you for supporting your child in getting to school on time.

Upcoming Special Performances at McKinney

We are looking forward to two upcoming special performances at McKinney.

On January 25, the **Richmond Orchestra Association** will be presenting a free concert here at 9:00 a.m.

On February 5, we will enjoy attending an interactive performance involving light wire technology (ILUMIDANCE) presented by Rainbow Dance Theatre.