



James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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Important Dates to Remember - Mark Your Calendars!

Oct. 19	PAC Food Day (Sushi)
Oct. 19	Outdoor Ed. Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Pro D Day (school not in session)
Oct. 26 & 27	Parent Conferences (2:00 p.m. dismissal both days)
Oct. 28	PAC Movie Night (Doors open at 5:15 p.m.)
Oct. 30	Purdy's Chocolates Orders Due
Oct. 31	Pumpkin Carving in the gym!
Nov. 2	PAC Food Day (A&W)
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day (school not in session)
Nov. 16	PAC Food Day (Boston Pizza)
Nov. 17	Kindergarten Hearing/Vision Screening
Nov. 18	Curriculum Implementation Day (school not in session)
Nov. 24	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 30	PAC Food Day (Sushi)

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are already well into the month of October. Students and staff at McKinney continue to be engaged in a wide range of activities both in the classroom, around the school, and in the community.

Yesterday, we were fortunate to have a “moveable planetarium” at McKinney for the day. Many of the classes had an opportunity to attend a session in the planetarium to further their knowledge of the solar system. Throughout this first term several of our divisions are attending gymnastics classes at Cartwheels Gym. Other classes have arranged visits to locations such as the O.W.L. refuge, Science World and the pumpkin patch. These are all enriching opportunities where learning is extended beyond the walls of the classroom.

Last month, staff spent our first Professional Development day exploring Mindfulness and the Mind Up Program. Many classes are beginning to explore aspects of the Mind Up Program and are learning about the parts of the brain and how to engage in “core practice” or focused breathing.

We look forward to the busy weeks ahead—full of learning and activity!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher conferences will be held this month. **There will be a 2:00 p.m. dismissal on October 26th and 27th.** Parent Teacher conferences provide an opportunity to discuss student progress and to share information about your child. We value this opportunity to communicate with parents.

October 21st Pro D Day

A professional development day is scheduled for **Friday, October 21st**. There will be no school in session. This is a Provincial Pro D Day. Staff will be taking part in a variety of professional learning opportunities throughout the lower mainland.

Parent Sessions on the New Curriculum

The Richmond School District is offering two sessions for parents to explore aspects of the Redesigned Curriculum.

October 26 (6:30-8:30 pm)

This session will introduce the Redesigned Curriculum. Parents will learn about the core competencies, big ideas and other key features of the new curriculum.

November 15 (6:30-8:30 pm)

This session will focus on looking at new and enhanced ways of communicating student learning.

Both sessions will take place at MacNeill Secondary School. Please RSVP to lurata@sd38.bc.ca with number of participants. Chinese interpretation will be available.

Traffic Safety: Please Continue to Exercise Caution

As the cooler, wetter weather approaches we remind everyone to SLOW down and drive with caution. Please keep an eye out for children walking or riding their bikes to and from school. **Please note that the parking lot is not to be used for student drop off and pick up.** Thank you for either walking to school or parking on a side street and walking from there.

We're so happy to see a large number of students riding their bikes to and from school. Please remember to ride with caution when approaching the school and consider walking bikes when areas are crowded with pedestrians.

Volunteers Needed in the Library

Our teacher/librarian, Ms. Louie, is looking for some volunteer parents to help out in the library. If you are able to volunteer for one or more hours per week, please contact Ms. Louie at jlouie@sd38.bc.ca or stop by the library in person.

Arriving Early

A reminder to our parents that school begins at 8:45 a.m. daily and that there is **no supervision for students prior to 8:30 a.m.** Students who arrive before 8:30 must wait at the blue circle in the main foyer of the school.

PAC The next PAC meeting will be on **November 24th at 7:00 p.m.**

Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser

Just a reminder that all Purdy's Chocolates orders must be completed by **October 30th**. Thank you to our PAC for organizing this fundraiser.



Movie Night at McKinney!

We hope you can join us for a fun filled PAC sponsored movie night at McKinney. Details are below:

Movie: Transylvania 2

Date: Friday, October 28th

Time: Doors open at 5:15.

5:15-6:00-Drinks, popcorn, raffle and 50/50

6:00-7:30—Movie

Raffle draw will be completed after movie ends.

To purchase tickets, please complete the order form that was sent home and drop it off at the office in the PAC box. You may also order tickets through Munch-a-Lunch.

Kindergarten Registrations & District Options Applications for 2017/18

Registrations for Kindergarten for the 2017/18 school year (Neighborhood Program) will begin on Nov. 1st. K children and their parents who have a Canadian Birth Certificate **or** Canadian Citizenship Card **or** a Canadian Passport, may register at their **catchment school** until Nov.30th. K children and parents who are not Canadian Citizens, but have a valid Permanent Resident Card or Record of Landing with Passport or Letter of Acceptance may register at **Central Registration** starting Nov.1st.

Registration for District Options Programs (e.g Montessori K-Gr.4) begins on Nov. 1st. The deadline for applying is January 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.) .

