



# James McKinney Newsletter

## News From the Eagle's Nest!

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**Mr. Harley Rollins**, Vice-Principal  
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### Principal's Message:

*We are happy to be back to school and have enjoyed a very successful first two weeks. Mr. Rollins and I would like to thank the students, staff and parents for making us feel so welcome here at McKinney. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!*

*We welcome the following new staff members to McKinney school: Ms. Kathryn Simpson, grades 5 and 6 Neighborhood Program, and Ms. Tanya Cairns, Resource Teacher.*

*This year we bid farewell to our teacher-librarian, Ms. Janet Mumford. Ms. Mumford has accepted a position at Anderson Elementary. We'd like to thank Ms. Mumford for all her contributions to McKinney School, particularly her efforts in transforming the library. A big thank you to Ms. Jessica Louie who is working in the library until the teacher-librarian position is filled.*

### Changes Around the School:

You have likely noticed that the exterior of our school was painted this summer. It was lovely to come back to school and see how clean and fresh it looks.

### September 26<sup>th</sup> Pro D Day:

A professional development day is scheduled for **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Staff will be taking part in the first of two sessions on Mindfulness and the MindUP Program. The day will be facilitated by two Richmond School District Area Counsellors. A reminder to parents that school will not be in session on this date.

### Important Dates to Remember - Mark Your Calendars!

Sept. 21	Peace Assembly
Sept. 26	Pro D Day (school not in session)
Sept. 28	RAM Meeting at Garden City @ 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Meet the Teacher @ 6:00-6:50 p.m.
Sept. 29	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Individual Photo Day
Oct. 5	PAC Food Day (Boston Pizza)
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving (School not in session)
Oct. 13	Moveable Planatrium Presentations
Oct. 19	PAC Food Day (Sushi)
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 (time TBA)
Oct. 31	Pumpkin Carving



## ***Meet the Teacher Night***

Please join us on **Thursday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**. There will be two sessions: 6:00 to 6:20 p.m. and 6:30 to 6:50 p.m. during which you can visit your child's classroom, followed by a brief hello and quick staff introduction in the gym. There will be a PAC meeting following this at 7:00 p.m. in the staff room.

## ***Parent Teacher Conferences***

This year, parent conferences will be held on **October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will be sending home more information about this in the next few weeks. **There will be a 2:00 p.m. dismissal on both days.**

## ***Traffic Safety: Please Continue to Exercise Caution***

Since students and staff are back at school, drivers are asked by the RCMP and all of us here at McKinney 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.

## ***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.

## ***D.A.R.E. PROGRAM:***

Once again, our grade 5 students have the opportunity to participate in the D.A.R.E. program taught by RCMP Constable Bal Kandola. Students will be attending a series of 10 sessions beginning on in September and running until December.

***Photo Day:*** A reminder to parents and students that individual student photos will be taken on **October 5<sup>th</sup>** in the morning.

***MunchaLunch Program:*** The first date for hot lunch this school year is Wednesday, Oct.5th. Thank you to Mrs. Dora Groumoutis and her parent volunteers for coordinating this program. Check out further information about this new program at by clicking on the MunchaLunch link on our school website: [mckinney.sd38.bc.ca](http://mckinney.sd38.bc.ca)

## ***McKinney Staff of 2016-17:***

### **Administrators:**

Principal: Ms. S. Roy,  
Vice Principal: Mr. H. Rollins

### **Division 1**

Neighbourhood Grades 6/7 Mrs. J. Dehnel

### **Division 2**

Montessori Grades 6/7 Mrs. S. Sahota

### **Division 3**

Montessori Grades 4/5/6 Mrs. M. Sood

### **Division 4**

Neighbourhood Grades 5/6 Ms. K. Simpson

### **Division 5**

Neighbourhood Grade 4/5 Ms. V. Savvis

### **Division 6**

Neighbourhood Grade 3/4 Mr. C. Brewis

### **Division 7**

Neighbourhood Grade 2/3 Ms. L. Green

### **Division 8**

Montessori Grades 2/3/4 Ms. K. Ngo

### **Division 9**

Montessori Grades 2/3/4 Ms. K. Gourlay

### **Division 10**

Montessori Grades K/1 Ms. K. Leung

### **Division 11**

Neighbourhood K/1 Mrs. S. Campbell

### **Division 12**

Montessori Grades K/1 Mrs. J. Grewal

### **Division 13**

Neighbourhood 1/2 Ms. E. Ngan

**ELL:** Mrs. J. Thompson, Ms. S. Roy, Mr. H. Rollins

### **Learning Assistance/**

**Resource:** Ms. Cairns,  
Ms. Roy

### **Teacher/Librarian:**

TBA  
**Instrumental Music:** Mr. B. Miller

**Relief:** Mr. Harley Rollins

### **Educational Assistants:**

Ms. N. Cabot, Ms. T. Hight, Ms. L. Hallgrimson

### **Office Staff:**

Ms. H. Mui, Mrs. E. Ferguson (Wednesdays)

### **Custodian:**

Mr. Ricky Francisco (afternoons/evenings)

### **Noon Hour Supervisors:**

Mrs. D. Chan, Mrs. T. Wong, TBA

### **District Staff:**

Counsellor: Mrs. D. O'Sullivan  
School Nurse: Ms. Laverne Fratar  
Speech & Language: Ms. M. Quon  
Hearing: Mr. Paul Costello  
SWIS (Settlement Worker): Mr. Bill Chow  
ECSW: Ms. A. Dhillon

### ***Nut Allergies Awareness @ McKinney –***

Each year within our McKinney School Community there are a growing number of children with a severe life threatening food allergy to peanuts and other tree nuts. This is a medical condition that can cause a severe reaction (anaphylaxis) which can be life threatening. In some cases, the child does not actually have to eat one of the foods that contain nuts for this to happen. Sometimes, even touching a surface with a peanut on it could cause a reaction. While this might not affect your child's class directly, we are asking parents to be aware of this situation. Teachers will continue to work and remind their students to wash their hands before and after eating which helps in limiting the possibility of contaminating a surface with a peanut or nut product. **Please note** – New students with nut allergies please inform the school office ASAP. Healthy, happy eating everyone!

### ***Disabled Parking Spots Reminders –***



Thank you to all of our school community members for continuing to respect those parking spots in our **STAFF PARKING** lot that are marked with a 'handicap' logo.

Remember that these parking spots are reserved for people who have a 'handicap' sign on their rear view mirror.

Our parking lot is limited in space. We ask only those with special circumstances use the parking lot.

**PAC:** The first meeting of this school year will be held on Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the staff room. The first RAM meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Garden City Elementary School. Please join us!

### ***Healthy Kids' Korner:***

Some helpful tips to remember:

1. Eat healthy foods! Healthy and nutritious snacks and lunches make for healthy and happy learners!
2. Exercise daily. Try walking or cycling to school for a change!
3. Get to bed on time. Children need a good night's sleep every night to ensure that they're rested for school.

### ***Ongoing Information...***

#### ***Interesting Links:***

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

(B.C. Ministry of Education—Redesigned Curriculum)

[www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca)

(B.C. Confederation of PACs)

[www.gov.bc.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca)

(Ministry of Education)

<http://McKinney.sd38.bc.ca>

McKinney School Website

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