



James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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Principal's Message

December has arrived and we are getting close to the Winter break. There is lots of excitement in the air and there are many activities going on at school.

Tomorrow our Grade 6 and 7 students are heading to Outdoor School near Brackendale for two nights. They are looking forward to some amazing learning opportunities and may even get some snow!

Next week our McKinney band will be performing a concert on Wednesday, December 14th at 9:15 a.m. A big thank you for the excellent instruction Mr. Miller has provided over this first term. The holiday music is sounding wonderful! Parents, please join us if you are able.

On our final day of school before the holidays, the classes will gather in the gym for an assembly that will include a holiday sing-a-long. Staff and students are invited to wear their pajamas!

We thank you for your ongoing support of your children and the school community. On behalf of the staff, Mr. Rollins and I wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

S. Roy

Report Cards

Report cards for first term will be sent home on **Wednesday, Dec. 14th**. Report cards are one means for teachers and parents to communicate about student learning. Please take some time with your child to read his or her report and to ask your child about his or her learning.

This term you will notice a change in the report format. The school district is now using MyEd B.C. to report on student progress. Below is a summary of some of the changes you will see as you read your child's report:

- there will be no work habit marks in subject areas for intermediate students
- comments about your child's work habits, and personal and social responsibility will now be made at the end of the report in a section called *Term Comments*.
- new subject areas of Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST) and Career Education will be included. Progress will be reported through comments only. *Note: only Grade 6 and 7 students will receive a comment for first term in this area.*



Follow Us on Twitter

McKinney now has a Twitter Account! Please follow us at: **@MckinneyEagles**. This is a great way to stay connected with what is happening at the school. We also remind you to check our website regularly for news and updates at: <http://McKinney.sd38.bc.ca>.

Late French Immersion Information Nights

The Richmond School District offers Late French Immersion programs for students in Gr.6 and 7. Students may enter the program in Gr.6 only.

Two information nights are being offered to learn more about this program:

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
James Whiteside Elementary School
9282 Williams Road

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
John Diefenbaker Elementary School
4511 Hermitage Drive

The deadline to apply to the Late French Immersion Program is January 18th at 4:00 p.m.

RAM – Richmond Association for Montessori

Thank you to the families who have donated to RAM. To date, we have raised **\$9,500** collective amongst the 3 schools. The Early Bird draw winner of \$150 Costco Gift card went to **Lyrre & Alysha** from **McKinney** school. Congratulations! A reminder that we are collecting donations throughout the school year. Funds collected will go towards teacher collaboration, bursaries and additional classroom supplies.

Join us at our next RAM Meeting on **January 26, 2017** @ McKinney at 7pm and see where your funds will be invested.

Registration for Kindergarten 2017-18

Registration for Kindergarten students is now available at Central Registration at the Richmond School District Office.

Please check the school district website for information regarding the documents to bring for registration.

To be guaranteed a space at your catchment school for 2017-18, you must register prior to June 16, 2017.

The deadline for the district options programs (e.g. Early French Immersion and Montessori) is January 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Food Bank Food Drive

Thank you for your generosity in donating non-perishable food items for our food drive sponsored by McKinney's *Me to We* leadership group. We will be accepting donations until **Monday, December 12th** and then will pack up all the items for delivery to the Richmond Food Bank.

Nova Foods Order Forms

January/February order forms for Nova Foods are available at the office.

Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney

Dec. 13	PAC Hot Lunch Day (new date)
Dec. 14	Band Concert at 9:15 a.m.
Dec. 14	Report Cards go home
Dec. 14	Cookie Dough orders pick up
Dec. 16	Pajama Day
Dec. 16	Holiday Assembly and Sing-a-Long at 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 17-Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 3	First day back to school
Jan. 11	PAC Hot Lunch Day (Pizza)
Jan. 13	PAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	PAC Hot Lunch Day (Sushi)
Jan. 26	RAM Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	SOAR Activity

