



# James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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## ***Administrators' Message***

February is here and we recently initiated a ***Kindness Challenge*** at McKinney that will continue throughout the month! Students worked in their S.O.A.R. (multi-aged) teams to illustrate a poster together that represents a Random Act of Kindness. These are on display in our front entrance. Each day our morning announcers read the 'kindness challenge' for the day.

On February 28<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Pink Shirt Day at McKinney. This day is celebrated around the world to remind us all to be kind and inclusive in how we act towards others. The Me to We group will be selling pink t-shirts at the Blue Circle beginning on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Although being kind and thoughtful towards others is something we stress all year, we look forward to encouraging our school community to be particularly intentional about this during the month to come.

*S. Roy & H. Rollins*



## **Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney**

Feb. 7	PAC Hot Lunch Day
Feb. 8	Fruit & Veggies (Apples)
Feb. 15	Parent Workshop at Byng Dr. Deborah MacNamara 6:30-8:30 pm
Feb. 16	Chinese New Year
Feb. 21	PAC Hot Lunch Day
Feb. 21	R.A.M. Meeting (Steves 7:00 pm)
Feb. 22	Early Dismissal at 12:20 pm
Feb. 28	Pink Shirt Day
Mar. 7	Report Cards sent home
Mar. 16-Apr.3	Spring Break

## ***PAC Parent Education Night at Byng***

The McKinney PAC is co-sponsoring a parent education night at Byng Elementary School on February 15 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Dr. Deborah MacNamara will present on the topic of **"Making Sense of Anxiety and Cultivating Resiliency."** Dr. MacNamara is an expert in child and adolescent development. This talk will explore anxiety in children and will focus on how parents play a critical role when it comes to dealing with anxiety and cultivating resiliency.

Admission is free. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Richmond Food Bank will be welcomed.

Please RSVP to McKinney PAC member Sheila Baier at [sbaier@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:sbaier@sd38.bc.ca) by Thursday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Early Dismissal—Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12: 20 p.m.***

A reminder to parents and guardians that students will be dismissed at 12:20 p.m. on **Thursday, Feb. 22** to help accommodate conferences.

### ***Student Conferences***

This month, parents will have the opportunity to attend a conference. This is an excellent way to communicate with your child's teacher and your child about the learning that has been taking place during this second term at school.

Individual teachers will be in touch with parents about making appointments for conferences.

### ***Basketball Season at McKinney***

Basketball season is underway at McKinney with combined grade six and seven teams for girls and boys.

The teams have been practicing hard and have already had several games. The players have been representing McKinney well.

A big thank you to Mr. Rollins who is coaching both teams with the help of Mr. Miller and parent, Dylan Thomas. We are continuing to enjoy using the electronic scoreboard that our P.A.C. purchased for the school last year.

### ***Pro-D Day—February 23<sup>rd</sup>***

There will be **no school in session** on **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** due to a Professional Development Day. The McKinney staff will be continuing to learn about the topic of Self-Regulation (our school focus) with educational consultant, Miriam Miller.

### ***District Pro D Day Camps***

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> the school district will be holding day camps for children ages 5-11 years from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Rideau Park Adult Learning Ctr. Campus (8560 Demorest Drive). For more information please call 604-668-6532 or email [sleung@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:sleung@sd38.bc.ca). To register go to: [www.RichmondCE.ca](http://www.RichmondCE.ca).

### ***New Doors/Security at McKinney***

This past month, the district has been outfitting most of our exterior doors with electronic systems. This means that our building will be kept more secure throughout the day and we have the capability to lock all doors with the push of a button if we need to secure the school in a lockdown situation.

Our front door will be accessible throughout the day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The four back doors and the door nearest the parking lot will be on a schedule to unlock and lock throughout the day during "high traffic" times such as recess, lunch, and drop off/pick up times. During most of the day these doors will remain locked. Please use the front door near the office if you need to enter the building during instructional hours.

As always we ask that visitors check in at the office if entering the school during instructional hours. Thank you for your assistance in help keeping our school safe.

### ***McKinney CARES About Others***

We have several students who are taking on initiatives to care for others. Please consider supporting the following projects this month:

February 13-22—Richmond Food Bank Food Drive  
-non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Blue Circle

February 26 & 27— We to Me Bake Sale  
-bake sale will take place at recess and lunch outside the Servedy  
-proceeds will go to the Mango Tree School in Cambodia

