



James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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Administrators' Message

We are happy to be back at school after the winter break! Students are quickly settling back into their routines and becoming engaged in their learning. We hope that the holiday season provided some enriching time with family and friends and opportunity to rejuvenate as we begin a new year.

At McKinney we are looking forward to a busy month. A highlight in January will be welcoming health educator, Saleema Noon, to our school for parent and student workshops. We encourage parents to attend an information session on Tuesday, January 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm to learn about what Saleema will be presenting in the student workshops later in the month. Please also check other important dates below.

Wishing you health & happiness in 2018!

S. Roy & H. Rollins

Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney

Jan. 10	PAC Hot Lunch Day
Jan. 16	Saleema Noon Parent Information Session 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	Ready, Set, Learn Event for Preschoolers and their Parents
Jan. 24	PAC Hot Lunch Day
Jan. 25 & 26	Saleema Noon Student Sessions
Jan. 25	P.A.C. Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Steveston-London Info. Meeting at Steveston-London at 7:00 p.m.



Saleema Noon Presentations

Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address this topic with the school community. We are excited to inform you that this month Saleema Noon, of Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators, will be visiting our school to offer workshops to our students from Kindergarten to Grade 7.

Parents are invited to an information session on Tuesday, January 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. At this time, Saleema will share the content of the workshops she will be presenting to the students in grade groupings the following week and answer any questions parents may have. A letter is attached to this newsletter to provide you with more detailed information. Please feel free to contact Ms. Roy or Mr. Rollins if you have any questions.

Thank you to the McKinney P.A.C. for sponsoring this valuable educational experience.

Kindergarten Registrations & District Options Applications for 2018/19

Registrations for Kindergarten for the 2018/19 school year and District Options programs such as Early French Immersion, Late French Immersion and Montessori) began on Nov. 1st. Registrations will be received only at the School District Office. Parents can consider applying for their child to attend Montessori programs up to Grade 4. They can also apply for their child to attend Early French Immersion in Kindergarten and Grade One.

Please note that the deadlines for application to District Options Programs is January 16, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Transfer applications for the 2018/19 school year will be received at the requested schools between January 11 and 26, 2018. Please note that we are unsure at this point whether McKinney will be able to accept transfers for the next school year.

Please check the school district website for more information.

Late French Immersion Information Sessions

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. 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
James Whiteside Elementary School
9282 Williams Road

Thursday, Jan.11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
John Diefenbaker Elementary School
4511 Hermitage Drive

Grade 7 Parent Information Meetings

Grade 7 parents are invited to an information meeting at Steveston-London Secondary School on **Wednesday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m.**

The Spectrum Program information meeting will take place following at **7:45 p.m.**

Ready, Set, Learn Event—Jan. 17

Pre-school Aged Children and their parents are invited to come to McKinney on January 17 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. for an afternoon of fun! Performer Will Stroet will give a concert and there will be a variety of activity stations for children to take part in. Please spread the news!



Rainy Weather Clothing

Parents, the rainy weather is upon us and we'd like to take this opportunity to remind you to ensure your child has appropriate clothing with them at school. We believe it's important for children to have fresh air activity breaks throughout their day and we try to have them outside at recess and lunch time, unless there is extremely heavy rain or stormy weather.

We ask that you ensure your child has a waterproof jacket and appropriate footwear (possibly boots) and that they bring a change of clothes to school, including socks, in case they slip and get wet. An umbrella can also be helpful.

Thank you for your help with ensuring your child is prepared for the rain!

Drop off and Pick Up of Students

Parents, we have been reminded by the city to ask that you please do not leave your car engine running (idling) while dropping off or picking up your child.

Traffic bylaw 5870 Section 12.15.1 states:

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to idle at any one time:

- (a) **For more than three minutes unless queued with stopped traffic in the travel portion of the street; or**
- (b) **While unattended.**

Idling not only has a negative effect on the environment but may also bring a fine of \$75.00 to the driver. *Thank you!*

