



# James McKinney Newsletter

## News From the Eagle's Nest!

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### Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney

June 27	Talent Show 1:30-2:45 p.m.
June 28	Last Day of School Farewell Assembly 1:30 p.m. Report Cards Sent Home
June 29	Pro D Day <b>(no school in session)</b>
June 30	Administrative Day
July 4-7	School office is open
Aug. 28-Sept.1	School office is open
Sept. 5	First day of school

### Farewells to McKinney Staff Members

We would like to say farewell and pass on our best wishes to the following staff members:

*We wish Ms. Kathryn Simpson, Ms. Jessica Louie, and Ms. Kailea Wong all the best as they seek teaching positions in the school district after completing temporary positions at McKinney. We appreciate the many ways they contributed to our school during their time here.*

*Best wishes also to Mr. Graham Essex. Mr. Essex has been on a leave of absence this past year and has taken a teaching position at Byng Elementary.*

*Finally, we say a heartfelt farewell to Mr. Craig Brewis as he begins his retirement after 28 years of teaching at McKinney. Mr. Brewis has touched the lives of hundreds of children and their families during his career. We thank him for his dedication and wish him all the best as he begins this new journey in life.*

### Administrators' Message

We would like to thank staff, students and parents for an amazing year at McKinney. It has been wonderful to be a part of this supportive and thriving community. We would like to wish all of you a safe and happy summer whether you are staying close to home or travelling far away.

All the best to our Grade Seven students as they head off to high school. Thank you for all your contributions during your time at McKinney School.

*Ms. Roy and Mr. Rollins*



### Notice of Late Return—Sept. 2017-18

The first day of school for the 2017-18 school year is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. If there are extenuating circumstances and your son or daughter cannot return to school by Thursday, September 7, parents will need to complete a **Notice of Late Return Form**. This form is available at the office. Please note that if a student is not returning on or before September 15<sup>th</sup> the school cannot guarantee the ability to be enrolled in the school and there may be a need for placement at another school. In the event of an unforeseen family circumstance occurring on or after July 3, 2017 that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school by email via the school website.

## *Sports Day 2017*

On Friday, June 16 we had a wonderful day for Sports Day. A big thank you to staff who planned our special day, under the leadership of Ms. Gourlay. Thank you also to the PAC for providing students with a refreshing frozen treat at the break. We're so happy that the weather cooperated and that so many parents and other family members were able to spend the day cheering on the students.

## *First Day of School—Sept. 5, 2017*

Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of school for the 2017-18 school year. Students will attend school for **one hour**.

The schedule for attendance will be as follows:

8:45-9:45 a.m.—Gr.1-7 students go to last year's class. Students new to McKinney will report to the library.

1:00-2:00 p.m.— All Kindergarten students attend class.

Students will attend on a regular schedule for the rest of the week. Kindergarten students will attend based on their gradual entry schedule.

Students' permanent class placements will be confirmed by the end of the first week of school.

## *Regular School Hours*

At McKinney our school hours are as follows:

Monday to Thursday: 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Fridays: 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

During the first week of July and the last week of August the office is open regular hours.

## *June Report Cards*

This week on Wednesday students will bring home their June report cards. Attached to the report card you will find a self-assessment that your child has completed regarding one of the Core Competencies and an information sheet that explains about the Core Competencies (Communication, Thinking, and Personal/Social) and provides some conversation starters to use when discussing this with your child. We encourage you to talk with your child about their self-assessment and their learning experiences over this past year.

This year, two new areas were added to the report cards: ADST (Applied Design Skills and Technology) and Career Education. This term, all primary and intermediate students will have comments about their progress in these areas. No marks or performance standards are required in these two subjects at this time.

## *Pro-D Days for 2017-18*

The following days will be Pro D Days for McKinney during the next school year:

Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Please mark your calendars!

