



James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney

June 12 Gr.5 Crossing Guards Pizza Lunch
June 13 P.A.C. Hot Lunch
June 15 Sports Day
June 18 Band Concert at McKinney 1:30 p.m.
June 22 Recognition Assembly 10:00 a.m.
Family Picnic 11:45a.m.-12:45p.m.
June 25 Grade 7 Party 12:00-3:00 p.m.
June 26 Talent Show 1:15-2:45 p.m.
June 27 Last Day of School
Farewell Assembly 1:30 p.m.
Report Cards Sent Home



Administrators' Message

June is here already and we look forward to several special events this month as we enjoy these final weeks together before the summer break. For our grade 7 students these weeks mark the end of their elementary school careers. We'd like to thank our senior students for the many contributions they have made at McKinney school during their time here. We appreciate the service and leadership they have provided and wish them a fond farewell as they prepare to say their good-byes. Please keep in touch!

Ms. Roy and Mr. Rollins

P.A.C. NEWS

The final P.A.C. meeting of 2017/18 was held last week. At this meeting, elections were held for the PAC Executive for the 2018/19 school year. The Executive is as follows:

- Co-Chair—Michelle Li
- Co-Chair—Allie Ridley
- Secretary—Sheila Baier
- Treasurer—Leanne Santha

We would like to thank these four executive members for continuing to serve in their roles for the next school year. Our sincere gratitude to our P.A.C. for all the support of our school.

Notice of Late Return—Sept. 2018-19

The first day of school for the 2018-19 school year is Tuesday, September 4th. If there are extenuating circumstances and your son or daughter cannot return to school by noon on Wednesday, September 5th, parents will need to complete a **Notice of Late Return Form**. This form is available at the office and must be completed and returned to the office by June 22, 2018. Please note that if a student is not returning on or before September 12th, 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 6, 2018 that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school by email via the school website so that the student's place in the school may be reserved.

Student Class Placements for 2018/19

In the spring of each year, schools in Richmond begin planning for the next school year. As school administrators we have had preliminary meetings with board office personnel and we have begun to look at possible scenarios for organization in September.

Our school population fluctuates somewhat as some students continue to move into our area, and some students transfer out through to the end of the year. The final school organization and class placements occur the first week of school in September.

McKinney staff spends puts considerable thought and effort into determining placement of our students in classes. There are many factors that are considered including:

- learning style, strengths and needs
- work habits
- social relationships
- previous placements

Students are placed into classes by the Principal after consultation with teachers. As a parent, if you have information about your child based on the above factors that you would like us to consider when placing your child for next year, we ask that a letter or email be directed to Ms. Roy by **Monday, June 11th**.

We ask that you do not request specific teaching personnel or placement with certain peers, rather that you limit your communication to sharing important educational or personal data that will assist us with our planning. This information will be shared with teachers.

Please note that although your input will be considered, we cannot guarantee that placement requests can be honored.

Summer Courses in Richmond

The Richmond School District is offering a variety of academic and recreation courses and daycamps this summer at locations around the city.

Please see McKinney School's website or the Richmond School District's website for more information.

Sports Day—June 15th

We are busy planning for this year's Sports Day coming up on June 15th. Our theme this year is "Up in Space." Students will be meeting in their teams this week to select a team name. Next week students will start learning their cheers. More information will be sent home by email closer to the date!

Upcoming Lockdown Drill

Just as we practice safe procedures in case of earthquake or fire, we will continue to prepare for other situations that might happen within our neighbourhood (such as a broken gas line) or within our school (such as an intruder). The **Hold and Secure and Lockdown** procedures will both be practiced by McKinney staff and students on **Wednesday, June 13th shortly after 9:00 a.m.** These procedures have been developed with the support of our local RCMP. You know your child best and if you feel your child would benefit from some reassurance, please have a brief conversation with him or her before the drill.

A sign will be posted in the main entries to the school to let the public know that we are undergoing a drill. Please note that as a parent, if you were trying to get into the school during a lockdown drill you would be unable to do so under any circumstances.

If you have any questions about the lockdown drill, please call Mr. Rollins or Ms. Roy at the school (604-668-6133).

Family Picnic June 22nd 11:45 a.m -12:45 p.m.

On Friday, June 22nd, McKinney will host its' annual Family Picnic. At 11:45 a.m., teachers will take their classes outside to our back field area for a school-wide picnic lunch. Students will sit with their class and parents, guardians, and siblings are invited to join in. Families are invited to bring a food item that your child can share with his or her classmates and their families. We are hoping for good weather! Watch for more information from your child's teacher regarding what food item(s) to bring.



Grade 7 and Panorama Photo Ordering

Our service provider, Lifetouch Canada Ltd., has arranged for our Grade 7 and Panorama photos to be completed online. Please reference the following details when viewing the photos, placing an order and making a payment:

Website: www.lifetouchevents.com
Guest Password: jamesmckinney2018

All orders submitted to Lifetouch Canada Inc. will be sent directly to your home address.

Note: There is a \$7.00 shipping and handling fee applied to each order.

Please submit your request to Lifetouch Canada Inc. by June 30, 2018.

Talent Show—June 26th

On June 26th at 1:30 p.m. we will be holding a talent show in the gym. Students are invited to sign up for an audition at various times over next few weeks. We ask that performances are 3 minutes or shorter. Sign up sheets are located outside Mrs. Garnett's classroom. We look forward to this opportunity for our students (and possibly staff members) to share their talents!

School Attendance & Lateness

Recently, Mr. Rollins and I spent some time reviewing our students' attendance records. We have noticed that some students have missed a large number of days of school this year. We have also noticed that many students come to school late each day.

We understand that students need to be away from school on occasion for reasons such as illness and medical appointments. We also understand that, on occasion, students may be absent from school for other reasons such as a family vacation or long weekend, a competition, or a special event. We do ask, however, that parents reflect on their child's attendance and work towards minimizing absences as much as possible.

When students are absent from school they miss out on important learning opportunities. Extended times away from school affect the teacher's ability to fully and accurately assess student progress.

We ask that families make an effort to ensure children are on time for school. School starts at McKinney at 8:45 a.m. Ideally, students should be in the building by the warning bell at 8:40 a.m. so they have a few minutes to get organized before the start of the day. Thank you for supporting your child to attend school regularly and on time!

