



James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney

Mar. 7 Class Photos and Panorama
Mar. 8 P.A.C. Hot Lunch (Sushi)
Mar. 8 Term Two Report Cards Sent Home
Mar. 9 P.A.C. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 13-24 Spring Break (**no school in session**)
Mar. 27 First day back at school
Mar. 29 P.A.C. Hot Lunch (A&W)
Apr. 7 P.A.C sponsored Magic Show
at Hugh Boyd 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 12 P.A.C. Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)
Apr. 14 Good Friday (**no school in session**)
Apr. 17 Easter Monday (**no school in session**)
Apr. 26 P.A.C. Hot Lunch (Sushi)
Apr. 28 Terry Fox Run



Reminder: Class photos will be taken on Tuesday, March 7 in the morning. We also hope to have our school panormana photo taken (weather permitting).

Administrators' Message

We are in the final stretch before Spring Break and staff and students continue to be engaged in a variety of activities!

This past Friday the whole school participated in our fourth S.O.A.R. activity of the year. The focus of this family team activity was R for Respect. Students brainstormed a variety of ways we can show respect for ourselves, for others, and for our environment. They represented this in words and pictures on individual leaves to contribute to the striking tree that is on display in the front lobby.

Recently, we held conferences and it was wonderful to see so many parents in the school. We value the opportunity for parents to have conversations about learning with their children and with the teacher. On Wednesday you will receive your child's term two report card. We encourage you to discuss this with your child. You may want to ask some of the following questions:

*What are you most proud of in your learning?
Why do you think what you are learning is important?
What would you like to improve in your learning and how do you think you can do that?
What else would you like to learn about and why?*

On behalf of the McKinney staff, we would like to wish you a happy and safe Spring Break. We sincerely hope that the weather starts to be more "spring like." We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on March 27 to begin our final term.

S. Roy & H. Rollins

Talking With Your Kids About Money

Did you know that the new BC math curriculum for Kindergarten to Grade 9 requires a financial literacy learning standard to be taught at each grade level? What are you doing at home, as a parent to support your child's financial literacy education? Join us to hear about free resources, and hear ideas about engaging your children in the celebration – “Talk with Our Kids About Money Day”!

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

PLACE: Cook Elementary School

Address: 8600 Cook Road, Richmond

Please RSVP by Monday March 20, 2017:

tweeks@cfee.org

P.A.C. NEWS

This month's PAC meeting will be this **Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m.** We invite all McKinney parents and guardians to attend.

At the May 25 PAC meeting, we'll be holding elections for the PAC Executive for the 2017/18 school year. Some of the current executive members have decided to step down due to their children graduating from McKinney or increased responsibilities at work/home, so the following positions will be available:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair (or could act as Co-Chair)
- Secretary

These positions **MUST** be filled in order for the PAC to continue to run next year. Descriptions of the positions are posted on the PAC board in the hall near the school office. If you're interested, email mckinneypac@gmail.com and come to the May 25 meeting for the official vote. We'll also be filling other volunteer positions, so please come out and get involved in your PAC. Everyone is welcome!

Basketball at McKinney

Last week basketball season finished up with both the Gr.6/7 boys and girls teams participating in the Steveston/London Feeder Tournament. We are proud of all our players for representing McKinney throughout the season. They worked hard to develop new skills and really came together as the season progressed. We would like to thank Mr.Thomas and Ms. Rebiffe who assisted Ms. Simpson and Mr. Rollins with coaching the teams.

Save the Date – Track Meet

McKinney's Track Meet date this year will be Tuesday, May 30th at Minoru for students in Grades 4-7. More details to come!

John Kaplan Magic Show – April 7

P.A.C. is sponsoring a community event/fundraiser for McKinney School at **Hugh Boyd Secondary**. John Kaplan will be performing a magic show starting at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for concession. Please complete the ticket/concession order form that was sent home recently and return by March 29th if you plan to attend.

Learning and the Brain Conference

Date: Saturday, April 1

Location: MacNeill Secondary School

You are invited to attend the annual Learning and the Brain Conference. This year's keynote speaker is Shelley Moore. Shelley is a PhD student, a Richmond teacher and a consultant working with schools to support the learning and success for all students. Her work explores the benefits of learning in diverse contexts and embracing the strengths that every student can bring to their classroom community.

A variety of workshops will also be offered. Some of the topics include: Coding, Career Awareness, Supporting Your Child's Mathematical Thinking, Reading, and Mindfulness.

Please check <http://latb.sd38.bc.ca> for more information and to register.

