



James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney

May 3 Welcome to Kindergarten Event
in the gym at 9:00 a.m.
May 10 P.A.C. Hot Lunch (A&W)
May 11 Fruit and Veggie Program (Peppers)
May 18 Parent/Staff Appreciation
Luncheon 12:20 p.m.-1:20 p.m.
May 22 Victoria Day (**no school in session**)
May 23 Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.
May 24 P.A.C. Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)
May 25 P.A.C. Meeting
May 30 Track Meet at Minoru (Gr.4-7)
June 5 Immunizations (K & Gr.6)
June 7 P.A.C. Hot Lunch (Sushi)
June 16 Sports Day
June 21 P.A.C. Hot Lunch (A&W)
June 23 Recognition Assembly
Family Picnic
June 26 Grade 7 Party
June 27 Talent Show 1:30-2:45 p.m.
June 28 Last Day of School
Farewell Assembly
Report Cards Sent Home

Administrators' Message

We are already in the month of May and keeping very busy here at McKinney! Recently, our Grade 3-7 students started participating in our "Track Attack" program. Twice each week students have been rotating through various stations to practice track and field events in preparation for our Track Meet that takes place May 30th. Fortunately, the weather has been cooperating so far and the field is beginning to dry out!

This month we launched a new focus in the area of Social Responsibility to expand on the work we've been doing at McKinney related to S.O.A.R. (Safe, Ownership, Accepting, Respect). We introduced Be AWARE (Actively Watch and Respect Everyone) and will be continuing to work on ways to support our students in their development of self awareness and increasing their awareness of how one's actions affect others.

We look forward to all that comes during these final two months of the school year!

Ms. Roy and Mr. Rollins



Terry Fox Run

On Friday, April 28th, McKinney students and staff participated in our annual Terry Fox Run. We'd like to thank students, staff, and parents for their generosity in making donations. This year we raised over \$650.00. A cheque will be forwarded to the Cancer Foundation to help support their work in Cancer Research.

McKinney 2016/17 Yearbooks on Sale

Just a reminder that McKinney Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$13.00. Order forms are available on the office counter. You may pay by cash or cheque (payable to James McKinney Elementary School). **Orders are due by May 5th.**

Parent Volunteer/Staff Appreciation Luncheon—May 18

On May 18th we will hold a joint “potluck” luncheon on May 18th from 12:20-1:20 p.m. where parent volunteers and staff can share a meal together to show our mutual appreciation.

We are grateful for all the ways our parents contribute to the school by helping in the classroom, driving to field trips, assisting with coaching, organizing P.A.C. events. The list goes on and on.

If you are planning to attend we ask that you return the form that was sent home last week or contact the school at 604-668-6133 to RSVP as soon as possible. Thank you!

Internet Safety Presentation

The P.A.C. is planning a parent education session on the topic of Internet Safety. This will take place on Thursday, May 25th prior to the P.A.C. meeting. More information will be sent out soon. Please mark your calendars.

P.A.C. NEWS

The next P.A.C. meeting will be on **May 25th**. At this 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 leaving McKinney for secondary school 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!

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 (addresses below) for more information.

www.sd38.bc.ca
<http://McKinney.sd38.bc.ca>

2017 Learning Survey

Each year, British Columbia students in grades 4 & 7 complete a survey. Formerly named the Satisfaction Survey, this survey is now known as the Learning Survey.

Parents of grade 4 and 7 students are also invited to complete a survey. The survey provides planning data for districts and schools as well as other organizations seeking to improve youth services. Your participation is voluntary and all responses are confidential. **Surveys can be completed until May 26th.**

To access the survey please go to:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Select District # 38 (Richmond) and McKinney School.

There is no logon code required.



Early Dismissal on Tuesday, May 23rd

Parents, please note that there will be a district wide early dismissal at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23rd to allow teachers to attend the annual Superintendent's Address.

Student Class Placements for 2017/18

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
- male/female balance
- previous placements

Students are placed into classes by the Principal after consultation with teachers. As a parent, if you have information 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 12th**.

We ask that you do not request specific teaching personnel, 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.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding of this important planning process for our McKinney students.

Track and Field at McKinney

We are winding up our track attack sessions this week and next week students in Grades 4 to 7 will begin attending specific track and field event practices in preparation for our track meet at Minoru on **Tuesday, May 30th**.

More information will be sent home with participants in the next couple of weeks including a schedule of events and details about transportation to and from the track meet, etc.

Tomorrow's Top Kids Summer Adventures

Tomorrow's Top Kids is currently taking registrations for their summer program. Please visit the clubhouse here at McKinney School or call 604-437-4744 or visit www.ttk.org for more information.



Interesting Links:

www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca

(B.C.'s New Curriculum Website)

www.sd38.bc.ca

(Richmond School District #38)

www.bccpac.bc.ca

(B.C. Confederation of PACs)

<http://McKinney.sd38.bc.ca>

(McKinney's website—please check regularly for updates)