



# James McKinney Newsletter

## News From the Eagle's Nest!

**Ms. Susan Roy** Principal  
**Mr. Harley Rollins** Vice-Principal  
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**Date: May 4, 2018**

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### Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney

May 4 Immunizations (K & Gr.6)  
 May 11 Spring Fling 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
 May 10 Fruit & Veggies (Mini Pepper)  
 May 16 Welcome to Kindergarten Event  
 9:00 a.m. (in the gym)  
 May 16 P.A.C. Hot Lunch  
 May 18 Pro D Day (no school in session)  
 May 21 Victoria Day (no school in session)  
 May 22 Early Dismissal (2:00 p.m.)  
 May 24 P.A.C. Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 May 30 P.A.C. Hot Lunch  
 May 31 R.A.M. Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 in McKinney Library  
 May 31 Fruit & Veggies (Grape Tomatoes)  
 June 1 Parent/Staff Luncheon 11:45-12:45  
 June 13 P.A.C. Hot Lunch Day  
 June 15 Sports Day  
 June 22 Recognition Assembly 10:00 a.m.  
 Family Picnic 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
 June 25 Grade 7 Party 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.  
 June 26 Talent Show 1:30-2:45 p.m.  
 June 27 Last Day of School  
 Farewell Assembly 1:30 p.m.  
 Report Cards Sent Home

### Administrators' Message

May is here and we are thrilled to have a new Outdoor Learning Space to start using! It has been exciting to see this project taking shape over the past several weeks. The students have been enjoying seeing the day to day progress as the various elements have been added: logs, boulders, garden beds and mulch covering.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to the P.A.C. for funding this exciting project and to the parents and staff who have been so instrumental in the planning of this space. Thank you also to the landscaping crew from the Richmond School District who have been putting in so many hours here at McKinney recently. We are hoping to start planting in the garden beds this week and there will be a variety of perenial plants and trees added over time.

On Tuesday our Grade 3-7 students attended our district track and field meet at Minoru. We are proud of the positive attitude and team spirit that our students displayed. It was a great day!

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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 \$600.00. A cheque will be forwarded to the Cancer Foundation to help support their work in Cancer Research.



## **P.A.C. "Spring Fling" May 11th**

We are looking forward to our P.A.C. sponsored Spring Fair coming up on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pre-ordered tickets will be sent home the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please bring these tickets to the event.

There will be a raffle and silent auction.

Items include:

- gift certificates to Brown's, the Keg, Steveston Seafood House, O'Hare's, Buck and Ear
- Canadians and Lions tickets
- Epicure, Nature's Path and Purdy's
- Nintendo Switch
- and much, much more!

## **P.A.C. NEWS**

The final P.A.C. meeting of this school year will be on **May 24<sup>th</sup>**. At this meeting, we'll be holding elections for the PAC Executive for the 2018/19 school year. The following positions will be available:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair (or could act as Co-Chair)
- Secretary
- Treasurer (or someone to assist/shadow our current treasurer to learn the role)

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](mailto:mckinneypac@gmail.com) and come to the May 24 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!

## **Parent Volunteer/Staff Appreciation Luncheon—June 1**

On June 1<sup>st</sup> we will hold our second annual joint "potluck" luncheon from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 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.

An invitation will be sent home in the next couple of weeks with more details. We hope you are able to attend!



## **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 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 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 11<sup>th</sup>**.

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. Please note that although the information you share will be considered, we cannot guarantee placement requests.

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

### **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 in the multi-purpose room in the morning before or after school, or call 604-437-4744 or visit [www.ttk.org](http://www.ttk.org) for more information.



### **Interesting Links:**

[www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca](http://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca)

(B.C.'s New Curriculum Website)

[www.sd38.bc.ca](http://www.sd38.bc.ca)

(Richmond School District #38)

[www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca)

(B.C. Confederation of PACs)

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

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

### **Early Dismissal on Tuesday, May 22nd**

Parents, please note that there will be a district wide **early dismissal at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** to allow teachers to attend the annual Superintendent's Address.

### **Notice of Late Return—Sept. 2018-19**

The first day of school for the 2018-19 school year is Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. If there are extenuating circumstances and your son or daughter cannot return to school by noon on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<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 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.