



James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney

Sept. 25	Pro D Day (no school in session)
Sept. 28	Meet the Teacher Night & Potluck (starting at 5:45 p.m.)
Oct. 4	P.A.C. Hot Lunch Day
Oct. 5	Individual Photo Day
Oct. 5	R.A.M. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	K Hearing and Vision Screening
Oct. 18	Cross Country Fun Run at Garry Point
Oct. 19	PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Pro D Day (no school in session)
Oct. 23	Gr. 6 Immunizations in a.m.
Oct. 25/26	Early Dismissal for Conferences at 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Pumpkin Carving Event



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.

Note: Please call 604-668-6691 to report absences.

If students arrive before 8:30 a.m. they are asked to stay in the front entrance at the blue circle.

Pro-D Days for 2017-18

Monday, September 25th will be our first Professional Development Day at McKinney.
There will be no school in session.

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

Friday, October 20th, 2017
Friday, November 24th, 2017
Friday, February 23rd, 2018
Monday, April 23rd, 2018
Friday, May 18th, 2018
Thursday, June 28th, 2018

Please mark your calendars!

Administrators' Message

We would like to thank staff, students and parents for a great start to the school year this September. It has been wonderful welcoming back everyone and getting acquainted with our new students, including all our Kindergarten students!

Students have been busy getting back into their school routines and participating in a variety of activities in the classroom and around the school. Thank you to our intermediate students for taking on a variety of leadership positions including crossing guards, morning announcers, office monitors, primary classroom monitors, and healthy leaders. Their involvement really helps our school run smoothly!

We have a lot of fun activities planned for this fall at McKinney. Stay posted for details!!!

James McKinney Staff 2017-18

We are pleased to present the James McKinney Staff of 2017-18

Division 1	Mrs. Jacquie Dehnel
Division 2	Mrs. Sarita Sahota
Division 3	Mrs. Amanda Jensen
Division 4	Mrs. Monika Sood
Division 5	Mr. Brian Miller
Division 6	Ms. Vivian Savvis
Division 7	Ms. Kirsty Gourlay
Division 8	Ms. Karen Ngo
Division 9	Mrs. Lauren Garnett
Division 10	Ms. Erica Ngan
Division 11	Mrs. Sheila Campbell
Division 12	Mrs. Jesse Grewal
Division 13	Ms. Tanya Seifert
Division 14	Ms. Karen Leung
Division 15	Ms. Sharon Ghuman
Division 16	Ms. Carina Quan

Principal: Ms. Susan Roy
Vice Principal: Mr. Harley Rollins

ELL: Ms. Alana Brittain, Ms. Terra Marco, Mrs. Joan Thompson, Ms. Golda Adjei-Achampong

Learning Assistance/Resource: Mrs. Alana Brittain, Ms. Golda Adjei-Achampong

Teacher Librarian: Ms. Terra Marco

Band: Ms. Brenda Khoo (Mondays 8:45-10:25 and 1:10-3:00/Thursdays 8:45-12:20)

Relief: Mr. Harley Rollins, Ms. Susan Roy

Educational Assistants:

Ms. Nancy Cabot, Ms. Tracey Hight,
Ms. Leah Hallgrimson, Ms. Aidan McGillveray

Office Staff:

Ms. Helen Mui, Mrs. Eva Ferguson (Wednesdays)

Custodians:

Mr. Ricky Francisco (Afternoons), Mr. Dhirendra Rae (Evenings)

Noon Hour Supervisors:

Mrs. Debbie Chan, Mrs. Ting Wong, Mrs. Jinny Rubia

Rental Custodian:

Ms. Fipe Wong (Mornings)

Safety at McKinney School

Ensuring that students travel to and from school safely is a top priority for us at McKinney. We ask that parents help us to promote a safe environment by doing the following:

- refraining from using the parking lot (**this is for staff only**)
- driving cautiously and within school zone speed limits near the school
- dropping students off only in designated areas as per the signs posted
- avoiding blocking neighbours driveways when dropping off students
- proceeding carefully when driving near the cross walk and watching for crossing guard signs
- reminding your child to sign in at the office if he or she arrives late to school or leaves school early with you
- checking in at the office if you are dropping in at the school during the school day

Thank you for your help with this.

P.A.C. Hot Lunches

Our P.A.C. provides opportunities for parents to order a hot lunch for their child approximately twice each month. The first hot lunch day this year will be on **Wed., Oct. 4**. A big thank you to parent, Dora Groumoutis, and her crew of parent volunteers who make this program such as success!

Parents may order through the Munch a Lunch link found on the school website.



Meet the Teacher Night and Potluck

On Thursday, September 28th, please join us for our Meet the Teacher Night and Potluck. The schedule will be as follows:

5:45-6:30 p.m.—Parents and their children visit the classroom to meet their teacher

6:30-7:30 p.m.—Meet in the gym for introductions and a brief P.A.C. presentation followed by a potluck dinner

Thank you to our PAC for organizing this special community pot-luck dinner. We will plan to set-up in the Gym unless weather permits us to be outside in the sunshine! If this is the case, feel free to bring a picnic blanket or a lawn chair!

We are hoping families can bring a dish to share, please ensure your dish is labelled if it contains common allergens, such as nuts or dairy. Also, remember to label your dishes so that pick-up will be easier. Don't forget a serving spoon for your dish! We would like to *suggest* the following Divisions bring something under the following categories.

Divisions 1 and 2 – drinks

Divisions 3, 4 and 5 – desserts

Divisions 6, 7, 8 – appetizers

Divisions 9, 10 and 11 – salads, fruits or veggies

Divisions 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 – mains

In an effort to make this a “green” event, if you are able to bring your own reusable dishes please do so, however, the PAC will provide dishes for those who are unable to bring their own. If you have any questions please feel free to email us at mckinneypac@gmail.com. We are looking forward to sharing an evening and meal together!

School Forms and Fees

A reminder to parents to please complete and return forms that have been sent home, including payment for fees (e.g. supplies, agendas, etc.), as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience. We are aware that there is a large amount of paperwork for parents to deal with at this time of year. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.

Entertainment Books & Orders

Entertainment books & orders: please return on the mornings of Sept 26 & 28. We will have additional books available for purchase.

Thank you to our PAC for organizing this fundraiser to support the school.

PAC Volunteer Forms

Please return PAC volunteer forms to the office. We appreciate your help volunteering with the PAC. Any questions? Please email us at mckinneypac@gmail.com

Richmond Association for Montessori (R.A.M.)

R.A.M. (Richmond Association for Montessori) is made up of parents of children in the Montessori programs at three schools in Richmond: McKinney, Garden City, and Steves.

Meetings take place every two months to discuss fundraising plans and to allow parents to network and meet other Montessori parents.

The first meeting this year will take place on **Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m.** at McKinney School in the library. Meetings alternate between the three schools.