



James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney.

Sept. 21 Peace Day Assembly 12:00 p.m.
Sept. 24 **Pro D Day (no school in session)**
Sept. 27 Pizza Dinner/Meet the Teacher
Night (starting at 5:00 p.m.)
Oct. 3 P.A.C. Hot Lunch Day
Oct. 4 Individual Photo Day
Oct. 11 P.A.C. Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 P.A.C. Hot Lunch Day
Oct. 17 Cross Country Fun Run at Garry
Point @ 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 19 **Pro D Day (no school in session)**
Oct. 24/25 **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 2018/19

Monday, September 24th 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 19th, 2018
Friday, November 2nd, 2018
Friday, November 23rd, 2018 (Curriculum Day)
Friday, February 15th, 2019
Friday, May 17th, 2019
Thursday, June 27th, 2019

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 2018-19

We are pleased to present the James McKinney Staff of 2018-19!

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

Principal: Ms. Susan Roy

Vice Principal: Mr. Harley Rollins

ELL: Ms. Marijke Hulyk, Ms. Terra Marco, Mrs. Joan Thompson, Ms. Golda Adjei-Achampong

Learning Assistance/Resource: Ms. Marijke Hulyk, Ms. Golda Adjei-Achampong

Teacher Librarian: Ms. Terra Marco

Band: Mrs. Brenda Khoo (Mondays & Thursdays)

Relief: Mr. Harley Rollins, Ms. Joan Thompson, Ms. Susan Roy

Counsellor: Mrs. Diane O'Sullivan (Tuesdays)

SLP: Mrs. Madeleine Quan (Tuesdays)

Educational Assistants:

Ms. Nancy Cabot, Ms. Tracey Hight,

Ms. Leah Hallgrimson, Ms. Aidan McGillveray,

Ms. Frances Tsang

Office Staff:

Ms. Helen Mui, Mrs. Eva Ferguson (Mondays/Tuesdays)

Custodians:

Mr. Rey Austria (Afternoons), Mr. Erik Kirsten (Evenings)

Noon Hour Supervisors:

Mrs. Debbie Chan, Mrs. Carina Ang, Mrs. Andrea Lain

SWIS—Ms. Ping Chu

Rental Custodian:

Ms. Emily Zhou (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**). If driving to school, please park nearby and walk.

- 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 neighbors' 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 money raised supports P.A.C. initiatives. The first hot lunch day this year will be on **Wed., Oct. 3**. A big thank you to parent, Dora Groumoutis, and her crew of parent volunteers who make this program such a success!

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

Nova Food Lunch Orders

Parents may choose to order lunch for their child through Nova Foods (a private company). Order forms are available at the office.



Pizza Dinner and Meet the Teacher

On Thursday, September 27th, please join us for our Meet the Teacher Night and Pizza Dinner. The schedule will be as follows:

5:00-5:45—Families and staff are invited to the gym for Pizza. (*see information below*)

5:45-6:30—Introduction to teachers in gym followed by classroom visits.

The PAC will provide pizza (max. 2 slices per person) and are asking that students from each division bring the following:

Divisions 1-4: Desserts (preferably cookies, squares, cut up and easy to eat with fingers)

Divisions 5-8: Cut up fruit (easy to eat with fingers please)

Divisions 9-12: Cut up vegetables (easy to eat with fingers)

Divisions 13-16: Drinks (preferably juice boxes or juice bottles)

Please bring your own plate and water bottle.
See you then!

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

Tomorrow we will be sending home a package of forms. These will include information on school fees and how to pay using the KEV system (payment on line) as well as your child's verification form (containing contact and medical information) and some permission forms.

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.

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 executive is currently planning for the first meeting of the school year. We will notify Montessori parents when this is decided on.



McKinney Electronic Newsletters Coming

In an effort to save paper and to be more efficient in our communication with parents, we will again be sending our monthly newsletters out by email. Please note that our newsletters are also posted on our website. **You may contact Ms. Mui in the office if you need to update your email address or if you do not want to receive email updates from the school.** As well, please let us know if the office if you require a paper copy of newsletters.

Thank you for your assistance with this.



Rainy Day Clothing

We ask that parents ensure their children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Students will have recess and lunch outdoor play times on rainy days, unless the rain is unusually heavy. A waterproof jacket and appropriate footwear is a must! Umbrellas can also be helpful. We ask that students have an extra change of clothes in their bags at all times in case they get wet.

