



# James McKinney Newsletter

News From the Eagle's Nest!

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## Important Dates Coming Up at McKinney

Oct. 19	Fruit & Veggie Day
Oct. 19	PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	<b>Pro D Day (no school in session)</b>
Oct. 23	Gr. 6 Immunizations in a.m.
Oct. 25/26	<b>Early Dismissal for Conferences at 2:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 31	Pumpkin Carving Event
Nov. 1	P.A.C. Hot Lunch
Nov. 2	Fruit & Veggie Day-Carrots
Nov. 15	P.A.C. Hot Lunch
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:00 a.m.
Nov. 17	S.O.A.R. Team Activity in a.m.
Nov. 22	K-Bam Performance at 1:15 p.m.
Nov. 23	Fruit & Veggie Day-Pears
Nov. 24	<b>Curriculum Implementation Day (no school in session)</b>
Nov. 29	P.A.C. Hot Lunch

## Administrators' Message

It's hard to believe that we are well into October already! Overall, we've had few rainy days so far this fall and students have been able to enjoy being outdoors at recess and lunch. As well, many classes have taken advantage of the good weather by taking part in nature walks around the community.

We endeavor to have the students outside during recess and lunch breaks as much as possible, unless we experience very heavy rain and/or wind. It's important for students to have an opportunity for fresh air and exercise throughout their day. Thank you for ensuring your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear for a variety of weather. An extra change of clothes at school is also helpful for those accidental slips that occur from time to time.

We are looking forward to our annual school-wide pumpkin carving event later in the month. This long standing McKinney tradition takes place on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please check for more information in this newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child and our school.

*Ms. Roy and Mr. Rollins*



## Pro-D Day—Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** is a Province-wide Professional Development Day. Teachers will be attending a variety of professional workshops and conferences around the lower mainland. **There will be no school in session.**



### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher conferences will be held throughout this month. **There will be a 2:00 p.m. dismissal on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to accommodate conferences.** Parent Teacher conferences provide an opportunity to discuss student progress and to share information about your child. We value this opportunity to communicate with parents.

You will be receiving information from your child's classroom teacher regarding how to arrange appointment times for conferences.

Our band teacher, Mrs. Khoo, will be available to meet with parents of band students on October 26<sup>th</sup> between 3:15 and 6:00 p.m. Please drop by the Parent Room across for the multi-purpose room if you would like to meet with her or ask any questions.

### **Morning Arrival at School**

A reminder to our parents that school begins at 8:45 a.m. daily and that there is **no supervision for students prior to 8:30 a.m.** Students who arrive before 8:30 must wait at the blue circle in the main foyer of the school.



### **Pumpkin Carving Event—Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**

During the morning on October 31<sup>st</sup>, students and staff will gather in the gym for our annual pumpkin carving event. Students will be working with their buddies to create fun and spooky jack-o-lanterns. These will be put on display in the hallway for the day.

We ask students to bring a hollowed-out child-sized pumpkin (that they can carry themselves) and a small pumpkin carving tool (available at the dollar store). *Please do not send other kinds of paring knives as these are not allowed at school.* Jack-o-lanterns will be sent home at the end of the day so families can enjoy them for Halloween eve.

### **Social Responsibility at McKinney**

Teaching students about how they can be responsible, contributing members of our school community is very important to us at McKinney. You have probably heard your child speak about S.O.A.R. and about being a “Soaring Eagle.” This is the acronym we use to communicate our expectations for behaviour. S.O.A.R. stands for:

- S-Safe
- O-Ownership
- A-Accepting
- R-Respect

Four times each year we meet in our multi-aged S.O.A.R. teams in various nests (classrooms) around the school. During each meeting or assembly, students explore different aspects of social responsibility. Our S.O.A.R. activities give students the opportunity to work with others from different classes and age groups as well as various staff members in the school. This is one way we promote connectedness in our community.

Last month students participated in their first S.O.A.R. activity where they each designed a feather to add to our giant eagle. Please look for our eagle in the main entrance of the school.

Our next S.O.A.R. team activity will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup>.



### **October P.A.C. Meeting—Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for the October P.A.C. meeting this Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Eric Yung, Richmond School District Trustee, will be a special guest.

### **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. 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.

### **Kindergarten Registrations & District Options Applications for 2018/19**

Registrations for Kindergarten for the 2018/19 school year and District Options programs such as Early French Immersion, Late French Immersion and Montessori) will begin on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Transfer applications for the 2018/19 school year will be received at the requested schools between January 11 and 26, 2018.

Please check the school website for more information.

### **Parent Information Nights for District Options Programs**

Various information nights will be held for parents interested in learning more about our District Options Program. Please see below for dates, times, and locations.

**Kindergarten, Early French Immersion Kindergarten & Grade 1, and Montessori Kindergarten-Gr.4**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 at General Currie School**

**Kindergarten Evening for Parents of Students With Special Needs**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017 at William Cook School**

**Late French Immersion Grade 6**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018 at James Whiteside School**  
**Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018 at John Diefenbaker School**

### **Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser**

Just a reminder that all Purdy's Chocolates orders must be completed on-line by Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please go to [www.purdysgpp.com/65392](http://www.purdysgpp.com/65392). If you have any questions, you may contact Dora Groumoutis at [theodora.groumoutis@gmail.com](mailto:theodora.groumoutis@gmail.com). Thank you to Mrs. Groumoutis and our PAC for organizing this fundraiser.

### **District Pro D Camps-Oct. 20th or Nov. 24th**

Richmond Continuing Education is offering Pro-D Day Camps, from 9 am - 3 pm at Rideau Park, for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5.

- Friday, October 20, 2017 and
- Friday, November 24, 2017

The cost is \$40 per child per camp.

Online registration is available at [www.RichmondCE.ca](http://www.RichmondCE.ca).

### **Ongoing Information...**

#### ***Interesting Links:***

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>

(B.C. Ministry of Education—Redesigned Curriculum)

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

(B.C. Confederation of PACs)

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

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