



The Richmond Board of Education acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples of the hən'qəmin'əm' (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Welcome back! We're so excited to begin another school year together at McKinney. September is a time for fresh starts—new friendships, new challenges, and new opportunities for growth. Thank you for trusting us to be part of your child's journey.

This year, we're delighted to welcome new staff members who will bring wonderful energy and ideas to our school community.

Ms. Whitney Brennan, Grade 6/7

Ms. Mimi Zhang, Grade 6/7 Montessori

Ms. Nicole Yipp, Grade 4/5 Montessori

Ms. Jean Li, Grade 1/2/3 Montessori

Ms. Rachel Yang, Resource

Ms. Laura Eastwood, Resource and PHE teacher

As parents and guardians, you play a key role in your child's success. A few small things make a big difference:

- **Read together daily**—in English or your home language.
- **Talk about school**—ask questions like *What was the best part of your day? Who was kind to you today?*
- **Play, cook, and explore together**—these shared experiences build curiosity and confidence.
- **Stay connected with teachers**—your partnership helps every child thrive.

Most importantly, your attitude toward school shapes your child's outlook. When you stay positive and engaged, they will too.

We are grateful for our strong McKinney community and look forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, and growth.

Warmly,

Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood (Admin Team at McKinney)



Week-at-a-Glance for the week of Sept 8-12, 2025

Monday 8th	PAC Meeting @ 7 pm
Tuesday 9th	
Wednesday 10th	
Thursday 11th	
Friday 12th	Staff Introduction Assembly @ 11 AM

Bell Schedule

8:40 Welcome Bell

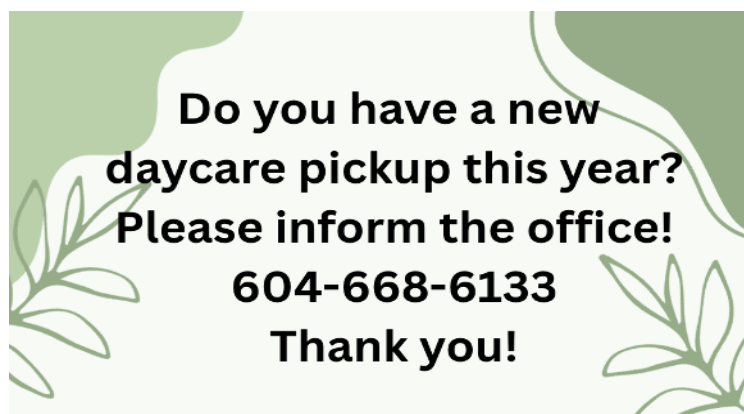
8:45 Class Begins

10:10-10:25 Recess

11:50 –12:42 Lunch

(11:50-12:10 eat, 12:10-12:42 outside play)

2:45 Dismissal



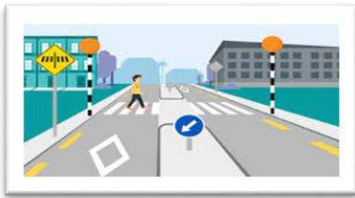
Affordability Announcement

Like last year, we still have access to a limited amount of funds from the government's Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- School supplies and course materials
- Field trip fees
- School-related extracurricular opportunities
- Clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to Ms. Zvi or Ms. Sood if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity, and your privacy will be respected. We also have a supply of brand new backpacks at the school (donated by Costco and TELUS). Please reach out to us if you would like one for your child. And as always, please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help with anything.

School Pedestrian Safety



The City of Richmond Community Bylaws have advised us their officers have observed an increase in drivers stopping their vehicles on marked crosswalks during pick-up and drop-off times. Not all schools are able to have crossing guards. Vehicles stopped on marked crosswalks create challenges for pedestrians to cross safely, cause sightline obstructions, and make it difficult for drivers of oncoming vehicles to see them, posing a significant safety risk — especially during this time of year with less daylight. We request you to please park your car and help your child cross safely using the crosswalk.

Parking Lot Considerations

Parking lot is only for our staff members and there are no extra lots available for you to park, please Do not drive in as there are students lined up or walking towards their classes to be welcomed in, therefore it poses a safety risk for our students. We appreciate your consideration as safety of all is our priority.



A note from our PAC

We are excited to invite you to our very first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, share your ideas, and play an active role in shaping the school community for our children.

Your voice matters, and your involvement helps create the best possible learning environment for our students. Whether you have suggestions, questions, or simply want to listen and learn, we'd love to see you there. Please see the agenda attached to this parent newsletter.

Together, we can build a strong and supportive community for our children.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday at 7 PM.

Warm Regards

PAC EXECUTIVES

Apple Fundraiser

McKinney PAC is very pleased to partner with the distinguished Okanagan orchard Sun-Oka Fruit Farms to sell their delicious farm-fresh apples. This century-old family farm has won many major awards for their fruit. They won the prize for growing the best apples in Canada for eight straight years and are the highest quality apples available anywhere.

Because we're sourcing them directly from the farm, you get to buy them at below grocery store prices. You'll get the best apples you've ever eaten... and save some money. Plus, with each box sold, McKinney PAC will raise \$8-10.

Share this fundraiser sale with your friends and family! For every 2 friends who buy from your link, you will save \$2/box on your own order, and the discount increases with more buyers!

Apples will be picked up at McKinney school.

To purchase your own apples now: <https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/sales/082180003/org-campaign/mckinney-pac-harvest-2025?tab=1&re=>

To set up a link for your friends and family and get discounts on your own order:

https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_2/082180003/org-campaign/mckinney-pac-harvest-2025

Online orders only. Deadline to order is **October 6**, and apples will be available for pickup on **October 16 at McKinney School**. We will contact families with pick-up details closer to the delivery date.

September Important Dates

September 8	PAC Meeting at 7 pm
September 19	Terry Fox Run
September 22	Pro-D day (no school)
September 24	Evacuation Drill
September 25	Meet the teacher night (5pm-6 pm)
September 26	Spirit Day
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 29	PAC Movie Night
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

