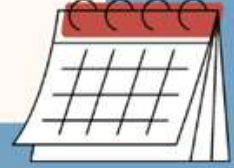




Weekly Parent Newsletter

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MARCH 30 - APRIL 3, 2026



Monday

- Back to School!
- Sun Run Practice at lunch
- DARE program for Grade 5 and 6 students



Tuesday

- FREE Universal Lunch (sign up on Munchalunch)



Wednesday

- Sun Run Practice at lunch



Thursday

- PAC Hot Lunch



Friday

- STAT - No School

Good Friday

Dear McKinney families,

I can't believe it is Spring Break already! The past few weeks have just flown by! **Students had a wonderful month dancing, acting, and finishing up school projects.** Now it is time to rest and have fun for a couple of weeks! **Please scroll through the newsletter for some fun screen-free ideas!** Research shows that screen time over 30 minutes per day can affect eye sight--yikes!

As promised last week, we are pleased to share the video recordings of our dance presentations last week.

Please click on the link and enter the password: McKinney-2026

This will work for the next few weeks. For privacy reasons, please do **not** share any of this with others or on social media.

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We hope you all have a fun break and we will see you back at school on Monday, March 30th.

Take good care,
Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood.

Check out community programs here:

<https://www.richmond.ca/parks-recreation/registration.htm>

Spring Break Ideas



ON SUNNY DAYS

Go on Outdoor Adventures!

- Nature Scavenger Hunt: Search for specific leaves, rocks, or bugs in the neighborhood.
- Gardening: Plant flowers or start a vegetable garden.
- Active Games: Play tag, soccer, or other ball games outside! visit a new playground together!
- Driveway Art: Use sidewalk chalk to create a town or a complex obstacle course.
- Nature Crafting: Paint rocks or create bird feeders.



Tips for Success

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- ✓ Rotate Activities: Avoid overloading on too many activities; switch between indoor and outdoor, active and quiet.
- ✓ Model the Behavior: Parents can join in, reducing their own screen time to engage with kids.
- ✓ Follow a Routine: Keep a loose schedule with morning, afternoon, and evening themes.

ON RAINY DAYS



- Build a Blanket Fort: Use cushions, blankets, and chairs to create a cozy hideaway.
- Cardboard Creations: Turn recycled boxes into castles, boats, or race tracks.
- Science Lab: Make homemade slime or baking soda volcanoes.
- Talent Show/Show: Put on a living room talent show or puppet show.

QUIET ACTIVITIES

- Board Games & Puzzles: Family tournaments with games like Go Fish.
- Reading Corner: Visit the local library to pick out new books.
- Baking & Cooking: Let kids help make lunch or bake cookies/muffins/etc
- Journaling/Writing: Encourage kids to write and illustrate their own 20-page book.
- Audiobooks/Podcasts: Listen to stories together during quiet time.



MESSAGES FROM THE PAC



PAC Movie Night – Zootopia 2 is Tonight!

We hope to see you at the last movie night of the school year TONIGHT in the school gym. The movie will begin at 6:00pm and the running time is 1 hour and 50 minutes.

- Admission is by cash donation, and proceeds will go towards McKinney PAC initiatives. Thank you for your support!
- A selection of snacks will be available for purchase on-site, including popcorn, seaweed snacks, cookies, and freezies. Please bring cash!
- You are welcome to bring your own food; Please ensure garbage is properly disposed of after the movie.
- Please bring your own mat. Be courteous to neighbors and please refrain from blocking their view.

Important reminder: Students in attendance must be accompanied by a supervising parent/guardian. For a group of students, as long as there's one parent/guardian supervising the group, that is fine. Students without a parent/guardian present will not be permitted to stay. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the event runs safely and smoothly!

Hot Lunch Orders for 2026

**** Menus for Spring 2026 are now available on Munchalunch ****
Don't miss out on these exciting lunch menus! To place an order, visit <http://www.munchalunch.com>. You can place an order for multiple lunches in advance! First time users will need to create an account to log in.

McKinney PAC is on Social Media

Stay connected on social media with the McKinney PAC to receive updates and reminders on upcoming PAC events, initiatives, and community resources.

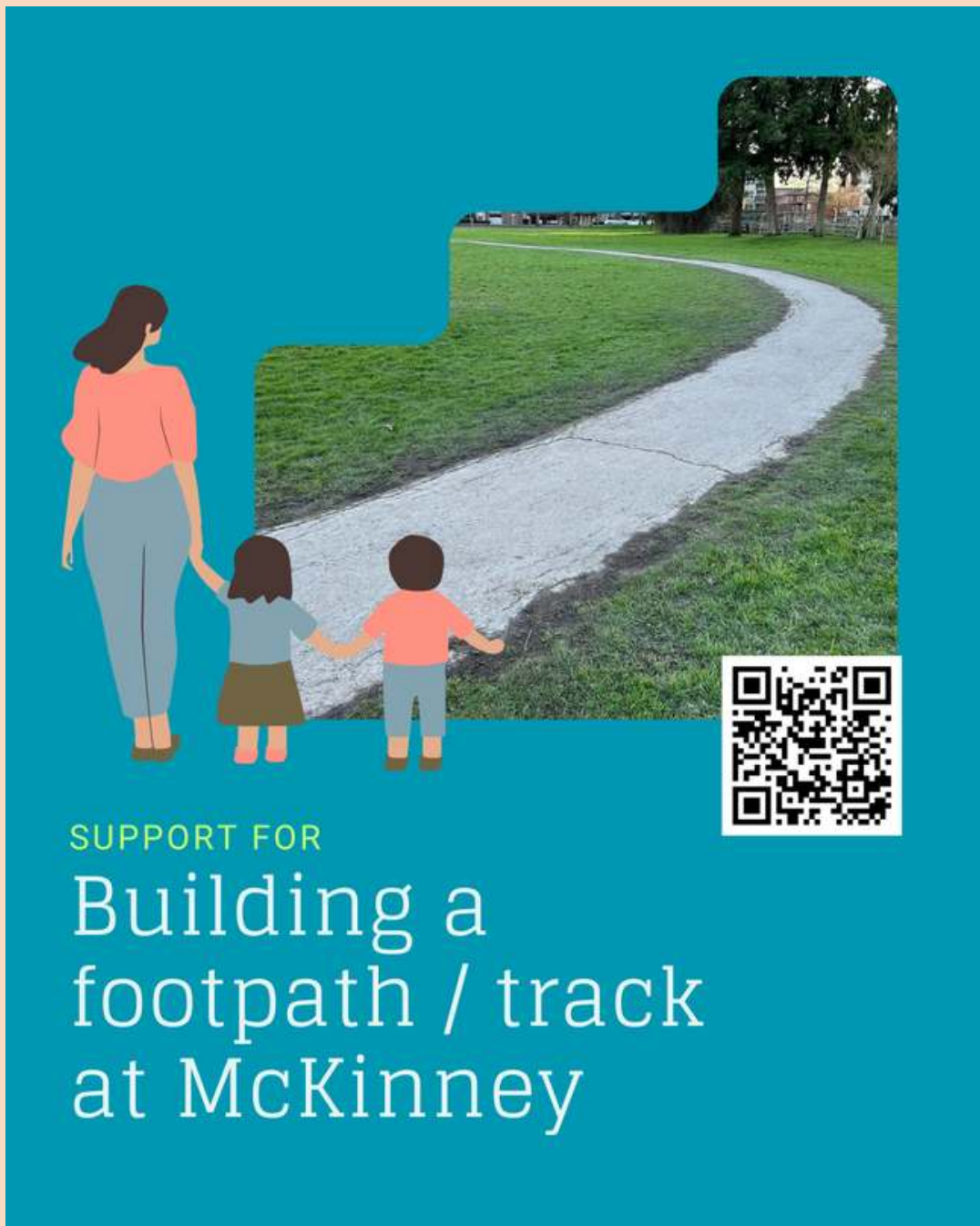
Instagram: @mckinneyelementarypac
Facebook: James McKinney Elementary School PAC



PAC SURVEY

The McKinney PAC has the opportunity to help fund a new track/footpath that would allow for walking and running activities in the school fields. Before we start to plan fundraising activities, we need to know if there is community support for building this track. Please take this short survey and let us know your thoughts on building a track and the support you could provide. Your responses will determine whether the PAC goes ahead with this project.

Link to survey: <https://forms.gle/F4EcpCnAwY1B1p3D6>



SUPPORT FOR

Building a
footpath / track
at McKinney

Photos of the week



Division 7



Division 13





Division 9 projects





Learning about kindness in the library

