

# Parent Newsletter

Sept 13, 2024

## Absence Line

604 - 668 - 6691

Just a friendly reminder to please call the absence line if your child is going to be absent from school. Thank you!

## Late

If coming late, please check in at the Office.

## McKinney Admin Team



Ms. M. Sood & Ms. G. Zvi

Today your child/children will bring home three different forms: **Medical Form** in blue, **Personal Consent Form** in pink, and **Walking Field Trip Form** in white.

Please review, complete and return these forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible because we require this information at school.

At times, we may see animals visiting the McKinney community (ie. dogs, cats, birds). Please be aware of your surroundings when near or on school property. Thank you for your understanding.



**Principal's message:** Week 2 is now complete! And what a fabulous week it was. Students have been enjoying their new classes and the school year is off to an exciting start!

We had a great assembly today where students learned about our school SOAR philosophy. As your child if they remember what SOAR stands for!

The staff is looking forward to meeting parents/guardians on September 19th, 2024. Please join us at 6 pm in the gym for "Meet the Staff" Night. Unfortunately I will be unable to make it that night as I have a medical procedure that week; however, our wonderful VP, Ms. Sood, will be there to greet you all!

Have a wonderful weekend,

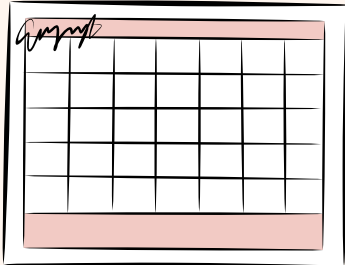
Ms. Zvi

*Reminder of new district policy for personal digital devices:*

Students should not be using personal digital devices during the school day. This includes cell phones, apple watches, and video game devices.

Read more on our [school website](#).





*Mark your calendars:*

Sept 19 - Terry Fox Run (wear your school shirts, if you have one OR wear or school colour: BLUE!

Sept 19 - Meet the Staff Night! Join us in the gym at 6:00 pm and meet this year's staff!

Sept 20 - Pro D Day - no school

Sept 26 - PAC movie night

Sept 27 - Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day - stat - no school

## **A message to our Montessori community from RAM**

The Richmond Association for Montessori (RAM) is a vibrant community of families from Manoah Steves, Garden City, and James McKinney Elementary schools, united in enriching the Montessori experience. In partnership with school staff, we support the program through dynamic fundraising, providing classrooms with innovative materials, resources, and bursaries for teacher development.

Get ready for an exciting year of impactful fundraising! Stay connected with us:

🌐 Website: <http://www.richmondmontessori.ca/wordpress/>

📘 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RichmondMontessori/>

🐦 Twitter: [https://twitter.com/RMD\\_Montessori](https://twitter.com/RMD_Montessori)

We look forward to collaborating with you in this school year.

**Classes are getting to know each other, building community, and the learning has begun!**

**Check out some photos:**







## RCMP visit



Did you notice the RCMP was here this week? They are working with us to help keep our kids safe! Please remember to slow down in the school zone!

Thank you

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*YMCA daycare coming to McKinney soon.*

Some information for parents that are interested:

**Join the Waitlist:**

To join our waitlist please visit: <https://www.gv.ymca.ca/child-care> and click Apply for School Age Care

**For your Information:**

- YMCA Kids Club Spaces can fill quickly and are dependent on other children leaving the program
- Due to an extremely high volume of wait list applicants, we are unable to estimate waitlist times or answer questions regarding your child's position on the wait-list
- Families who submit a wait list application for our Kids Clubs are not guaranteed a space
- Information regarding program fees will be made available at the time of offer
- Families who wish to apply for the Affordable Child Care Benefit must have a child who is currently registered in a YMCA Kids Club program, allow a minimum of 12-15 business days