

James McKinney Elementary School

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McKinney Community

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

Dear families.

We had another wonderful week at McKinney. Our cross-country team had a great time at the district fun run at Garry Point. The weather was great, and a good time was had by all. It was a challenging, fun course and our students did great! We want to thank all the parents for driving and cheering on the team!

This coming week we are excited to have our Pumpkin Patch. We hope the weather will be cooperative, but please dress accordingly on Monday.

We also welcome students to dress up on Thursday for Halloween! Please remember that it is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events. A few things to keep in mind:

It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT costumes:

- RACE (black face/brown face)
- CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab)
- GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons)

Costumes should also not involve face masks or replica/toy weapons. Thank you so much for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing all the fun costumes.

Finally, we want to wish all those who are celebrating, a very joyful and peaceful Diwali!

Have a great weekend,

Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood

The Week Ahead: Oct 28th to Nov 1st, 2024

Monday	Pumpkin Patch (Thank you PAC for organizing)
Tuesday	Bake Sale- recess and lunch
Wednesday	Band concert
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Thursday	Bake sale – recess only
	PAC hot lunch
	Halloween Spirit Day
	Diwali
Friday	Diwali

 Pumpkin Patch- We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Anita Sandhu, our PAC Chair, and her incredible team for organizing such a fun and memorable event for our students!

Our school grounds will soon be transformed into a pumpkin patch, giving students the exciting opportunity to pick their very own pumpkins. We know they will love this seasonal experience!

To make it easier for students to bring their pumpkins home for carving or simply enjoying, we kindly request that you send a bag with your child on the day of the event.

We are so grateful to our PAC for making this possible and creating a fun tradition for our students. Thank you for your support!

2. **Bake Sale (PAC fundraiser)-** The PAC is organizing a bake sale on October 29th, 30th, and 31st to raise funds for school activities. All treats will be nut-free, with prices ranging from \$1 to \$4.

Primary students will have the opportunity to choose their snacks before the intermediate classes. Your support in making this event a success would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for helping to support our school community!

- 3. **Lunch A Munch-** The PAC continues to offer a variety of meal options through the Munch-a-Lunch website, available via the school district. We kindly remind you to place your orders in advance to ensure availability.
- **4. PAC meeting -** The next PAC meeting will be held on November 4th at 7 PM in the library. We encourage you to join and help support the McKinney community. Your involvement makes a difference! We look forward to seeing you there.
- **5. Photo retake-** Students had the opportunity to take their school photos home recently. If your child missed photo day or if you would prefer, they have a retake on November 7th, please email your child's classroom teacher and CC the school office. This will help us ensure that your child doesn't miss the opportunity.
- 6. **Kindergarten registration -** Kindergarten registration for the district begins on November 1st. If you have a child or know someone who would like to join the McKinney community, please register through the district website.

For the Montessori program, you will need to register under the "choice program" option. All details regarding registration can be found on the district website.

Please note that the school office cannot assist with registrations. We encourage you to reach out directly through the district's website for any support or information.

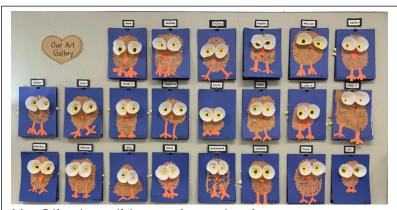
7. The school district is excited to offer the following Parent Education Classes. <u>Click</u> here to read more.



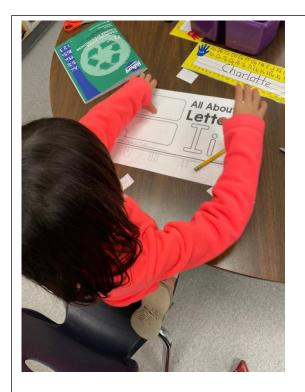
Upcoming Dates:

- November 1st- Kindergarten registrations start (District website)
- November 4th PAC meeting at 7 pm (library)
- November 6th Volleyball AWAY game (Spul'u'kwuks)
- November 7th- Photo retake
- November 7th PAC hot lunch KFC
- •November 8th Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11th- Remembrance Day (NO SCHOOL)

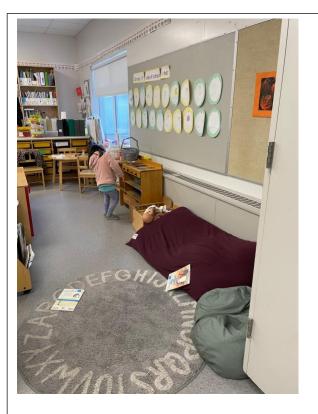
Photos of the week



Ms. CJ's class did some fun owl art!



Ms. Hulyk's class is learning about the letter I



Play Based Learning



Parts of an apple – Ms. Ghuman's class.