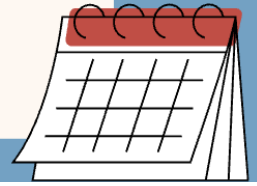




Weekly Parent Newsletter

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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.

Dear McKinney Families,

We are now over hal- way through Term 1 and the learning is deeply underway. Students are engaged in all types of activities, projects, and meaningful learning. This week classes spent time learning about Remembrance Day and we held our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. A special thank you to Ms. Sood for organizing it and to divisions 1, 2, 10, 13, 14 for their contributions.

On Monday the school will be closed so that we can all take time to honour the brave men and women who have served. Some of you might attend the wreath laying at the cenotaph at Richmond City Hall. However you spend the day, we hope it is meaningful and peaceful.

Sincerely,

Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood

The Week Ahead: November 11th to 15th, 2024.

Monday	Remembrance Day – No School
Tuesday	Div 6,9,11 skating field trip
Wednesday	Volleyball game --Home game (vs.Westwind)
Thursday	PAC hot lunch (sushi)
Friday	<i>PAC movie night!</i>

- PAC lunches** are online, on Munch a Lunch. You can now order your lunches for your child by going to our [McKinney School web page](#) and clicking on the button called **Munch a Lunch (link)**
- Movie Night-** PAC is hosting Movie night on November 15th at 6 pm. You can order Pizza for you and your family on **Munch a Lunch**. All are welcome to attend the movie as it is by donation.

3. Cold and Flu Season Reminders:

- Please keep your child at home if they are feeling sick
- Please encourage your child to wash their hands regularly through the day
- Please encourage your child to cover their coughs and sneezes
- Masks continue to be an option for all members of our school community

Thank you for all your ongoing efforts to keep everyone in our school community as healthy and safe as possible.

We see **rain** in the forecast. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather as we play outside, rain or shine. Rain boots, jackets with hoods, and extra dry clothes for school are always a good idea.

- McKinney Elementary is fundraising for the Richmond **Poppy Fund**. The funds raised may be used for grants for food, heating costs, clothing, prescription medication, medical appliances and equipment, essential home repairs, emergency shelter or assistance for Veterans and their families in need, as well as housing accommodation and care facilities for Veterans.



Please consider making a donation--you can go to SchoolCashOnline (KEV) from November 4-22nd, 2024. Thank you for your support!!

5. **Food Bank Donations:** We are starting a food bank drive to support the Richmond Food Bank, and we invite you to donate non-perishable items such as pasta, soup, beans, and noodles. Your contributions will help families in need, especially during the festive season. Please ensure items are within their expiry dates before donating. Donations will be collected from November 18th to December 18th, 2014. OR you may choose to make an online donation on **School Cash Online** beginning on November 18th. Thank you for your generosity!
6. If you have a child who is ready to join us for kindergarten in **September 2025**, please be sure to read this information for **Kindergarten Registration**:

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2025. Online registration opens on November 1, 2024. Please visit our website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November 1, 2024 to January 17, 2024, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2025.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 6th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>.

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

Photos of the week



Remembrance Day Assembly





Superintendent Chris Usih visits McKinney!