



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

Dear families,

It's hard to believe that there are only 2 more weeks until Winter Break. We are wrapping up an amazing first term of learning at McKinney. Academically, students have been immersed in a variety of learning experiences and are wrapping up units of study now. Ask your child what their favourite subject was this term! We have also begun our year-long focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). This past week all classes met up with their "buddy class" and explored the concept of Ownership (O on our SOAR school acronym) and we also talked about it at our SOAR assembly on Friday. Ask your child how they demonstrate ownership (of behaviour) at school or at home!

On another note, the PAC has a spirit-wear fundraiser going on right now! Purchases must be made by Sunday. Click [here](#) to order yours today!

We are looking forward to the next 2 exciting weeks of school.  
Have a great weekend,

Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood

## The Week Ahead: December 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	Hot lunch (sushi)
<b>Friday</b>	Hearing Screening for Kindergarten students

Did you know our PAC is on Instagram?

Follow @mckinneyelementaryPAC on Instagram and stay in the loop!





## Upcoming Dates:

December 8: Bodhi Day (Buddhist)

December 9: International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime

December 10: Human Rights Day

December 13: Salgirah (Ismaili Muslim)

December 17: Divisions 5 and 7 go to Science World

December 19: Learning Updates Published on MyEd.

December 20: School Spirit Day - Pajama Day!

December 21: Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)

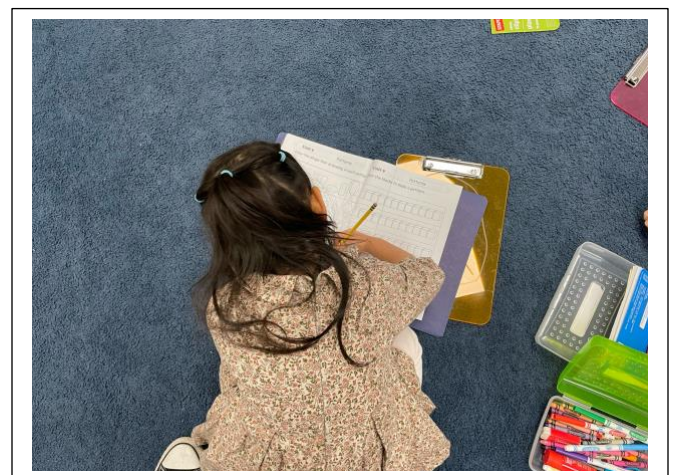
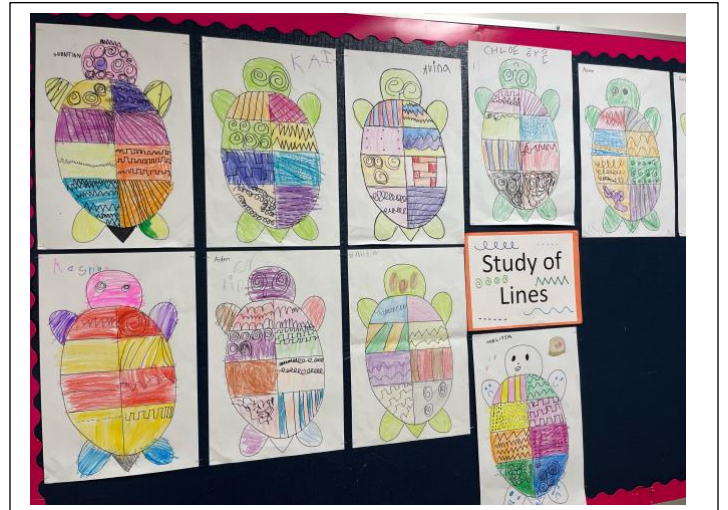
December 24: Christmas Eve (Christianity)

December 24: Quviasukvik Begins (Inuit winter holiday)

December 25: Christmas (Christianity)

December 25 – January 2: Hannukah (Judaism)

## Photos of the week





Buddy time!



And from our SOAR assembly...



## A note for our Montessori families...

Dear Montessori Families,

We are thrilled to announce this year's Annual Membership and Cash Drive. As a Montessori family at Garden City, Steves, and McKinney, every dollar of your RAM membership fee and donation goes directly into our classroom and Montessori programming, ensuring the best possible learning environment for our children.

Did you know that 100% of RAM funding comes from our families?

RAM Annual Membership fee is \$75 per family, all additional donation above the membership will be eligible for a tax receipt. As in previous years, donations over \$200 will receive a free annual membership, so the entire amount paid will be tax receipt eligible! Get your donations in before Dec 31st for a 2024 tax receipt AND for a chance at our early bird draw of a \$50 gift card!

Our Membership form, including payment options by credit card, email transfer or cheques can be found in the attached PDF or click: [RAM Membership 2024-2025](#)

PS: We have changed our credit card payment to a platform that allows non-profit organizations to accept credit card payments with NO FEE. There will be a place for an optional subsidy, but you have no obligations to pay a fee. We hope this will make it an easier process for your membership and donations! <https://bit.ly/RAMMembership2024cc>

Thank you for your continued support!

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