



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

Dear families,

As we wrap up a wonderful first term, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. From supporting your children with their school work, to fundraising with the PAC, to volunteering for field trips, to connecting with teachers about your child's learning, your partnership makes all the difference in creating a thriving environment for our students.

We will be closed for the next 2 weeks for Winter Break. Winter break is a time to rest, recharge, and enjoy special moments with loved ones. We hope you find time to make lasting memories and embrace the joys of the season. Please scroll to the end of this newsletter for some screen-free break ideas! We look forward to seeing you back on Monday, January 6th, 2025.

From all of us at James McKinney, we wish you a happy, safe, and peaceful holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting new year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood

Week-at-a-Glance for the week of January 6th to 10th, 2025:

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| Monday | Welcome back to school! |
| Tuesday | |
| Wednesday | Late French Immersion (LFI) Presentation for grade 5's |
| Thursday | PAC hot lunch (Freshslice) |
| Friday | Assembly: How Raven Stole the Sun – an Artstarts performance! |

 **Other Upcoming Dates:**

- January 13: PAC meeting at 7 pm (Library)
- January 14: RAM meeting (Zoom)
- January 16: PAC hot lunch (sushi)
- January 16: PAC movie night
- January 27: Pro D Day – no school for students



Happy Holidays!
The staff at McKinney sends the warmest greetings to you and yours during the holiday season. We wish you all much happiness, peace and joy.

Season's Greetings
&
Happy New Year

Grade 7 “Class of 2025” Hoodies have arrived and the kids look great!



Photos of the week



Learning About Kwanzaa in Div. 13



Learning about Hannukah in Div. 17



Dreidel Game in Div. 11

Decorating Christmas Cookies with Ms. Thompson



More decorating!



Montessori Math in Div. 14

Language Arts in Div. 14



Div 9's salmon eggs arrive!



Food Bank Update!

Thank you McKinney students and families for your generous contributions to the Richmond Food Bank!

We collected 21 boxes full of food and \$444 online to donate to them!

A special congratulations to *Ms. Hillborn's Division 7 class* for bringing in the most donations! And an honourable mention to *Ms. Bella's Division 2 class* for 2nd place.

Well done, McKinney Eagles!



Skating Field Trip!

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COBS bread ongoing fundraiser - Buying some yummy baked goods at COBS soon? Please give them code #5318 as your McKinney PAC has an ongoing fundraiser with COBS. Thank you!

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates December/January

- Dec 21 Winter Solstice
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve
- Dec 24 Quviasukvik Begins (Inuit)
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Dec 25-Jan 2 Hannukah
- Jan 1 Kissing Day-Handshaking Day (Metis)
- Jan 1 New Year
- Jan 4 World Braille Day
- Jan 5 Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday/Prakash (Sikhism)
- Jan 13 Maghi (Sikhism)
- Jan 14 Mahayana New Year (Buddhism)
- Jan 15 Black Excellence Day
- Jan 17 Raoul Wallenberg Day
- Jan 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
- Jan 24 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
- Jan 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Jan 29 Lunar New Year
- Jan 29 Day of Remembrance & Action on Islamophobia

Winter Break Screen-Free Family Activity Ideas

Imagination Play and Physical Activity

- Create an indoor “camp out”
- Learn a magic trick
- Go for a nature walk
- Pretend to host a radio show/podcast
- Learn to juggle
- Dance together



Science and Literacy

- Build a card tower
- Write or illustrate a book
- Design a menu for a special meal
- Write a poem, song, or story
- Read a book or a magazine together
- Listen to an audiobook
- Do a science experiment



Music, Arts, and Crafts

- Learn Origami
- Paint or draw
- Make paper planes and have a contest
- Listen to music/sing together
- Make something out of scrap fabric
- Paint kindness rocks
- Create a puppet show
- Make paper flowers or snowflakes



Games and Helping Others

- Play Charades
- Help a friend or neighbour together
- Make a card for someone
- Cook or bake together
- Do a puzzle together
- Play or make a board game