



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,

We've had another full and exciting week at McKinney! Our older students have been busy preparing for the upcoming band concert, and the grade 7s also had an insightful session with a counselor from Steveston-London to start thinking about grade 8.

This week, we successfully completed both an earthquake drill and a fire drill. While we hope these skills and routines will never be needed, it's important to be prepared. Do you have an emergency plan at home? We encourage families to hold a family meeting to review their own emergency routines—it's always better to be ready!

A quick reminder: Monday is a professional development day. Our staff will be engaged in learning more about Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), ensuring we continue to support the well-being of all our students.

Finally, we'd like to wish all the families celebrating a very **Happy Lunar New Year!** May the Year of the Snake bring you health, happiness, and prosperity. 🇨🇳

All the best,
Ms. Sood and Ms. Zvi

Week-at-a-Glance for the week of January 27th to 31st, 2025:

Monday	Pro-D No School
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Lunar New Year
Thursday	PAC hot lunch: Spirit Day- Dress like your favourite Celebrity Day Basketball game- Home
Friday	Band Concert

1. We see **rain** and **colder frosty weather** in the forecast. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather as they are outside in rain or shine. Rain boots, jackets with hoods, layers, and extra dry clothes for school are always a good idea.
2. **Band Performance reminder** - We are excited to host our Winter Band Performance on January 31st at 1 PM. A reminder that Ms. Zhang has sent out an email for RSVP if you plan to attend the concert. If you are unable to join, please don't worry—a link to the performance will be shared with you afterward!
3. **Lion Dance** - We are excited to announce a Lion Dance performance on **February 5th at 1 PM** to learn more about the Lunar New Year. Families are warmly welcomed to join us and enjoy the show!
4. **Morning drop off** –Please note that all students should enter through their classroom doors. And then come to the office to sign in after 8:50 AM, if they are a bit late to school. Thank you!
5. **Early Warning Line Reminder-** If your child will be absent or late, please call our Early Warning Line at **604-668-6691** and leave a voice message to let us know. Thank you for helping us ensure the safety and well-being of all our students!
6. **Basketball games:** We are grateful to our teachers for organizing basketball practices and games for our Grade 6/7 students. This provides an excellent opportunity for our students to represent McKinney School while developing sportsmanship and teamwork skills.



Other Upcoming Dates:

January 30: Basketball Home game
February 5: Lion Dance Presentation by “Vancouver Chinese Lion Dance Inc”
February 6: Divisions 7 and 14 field trip
February 12: Division 5 field trip
February 14: Pro D Day – no school for students
February 17: Family Day – stat – no school
February 18: Division 2 field trip
February 19: Division 11 field trip
February 25: RAM meeting for Montessori parents
February 27: Early Dismissal at noon, followed by parent/teacher conferences
February 28: Pink shirt day and assembly

February REDI calendar dates:

*February is **Black History Month***

Feb 1-7 UN World Interfaith Harmony Week

Feb 2 Vansant Panchami (Hinduism)

Feb 5 Ash Wednesday (Christianity)

Feb 12 Lantern Festival

Feb 12 Magha Puja Day (Buddhism)

Feb 15 Nirvana Day (Buddhism)

Feb 17 Family Day

Feb 20 World Day of Social Justice

Feb 21 Int’l Mother Language Day

Feb 26 Maha Shivaratri (Hinduism)

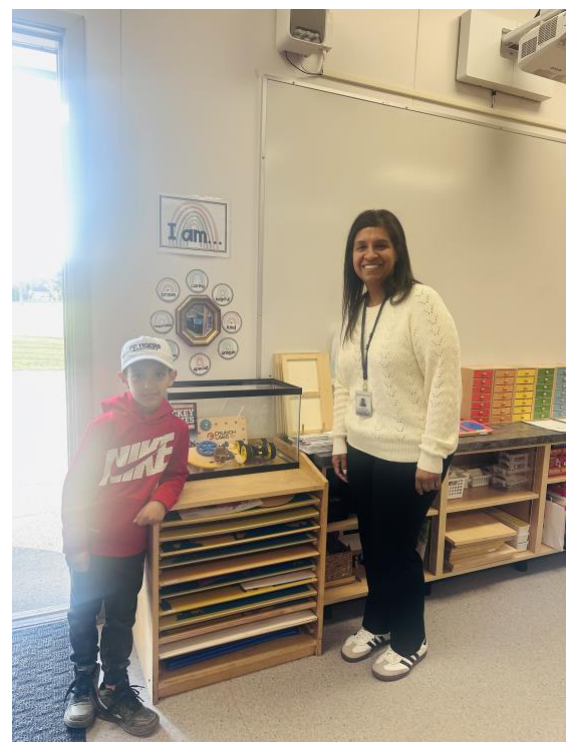
Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day

Feb 28-March 29 Ramadan Begins (Islam)

Photos of the Week



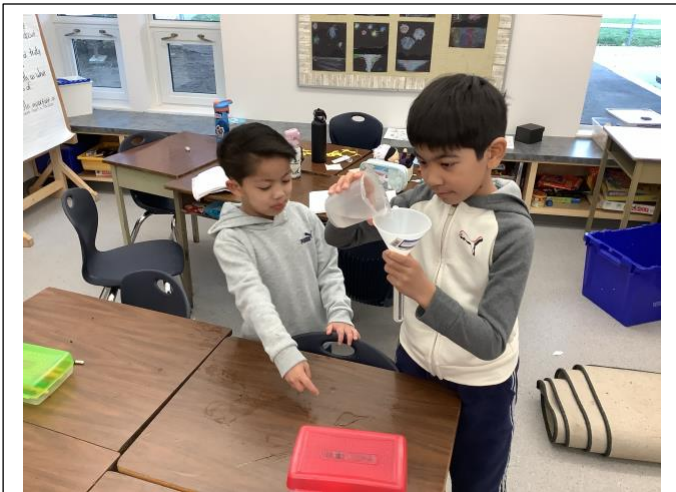
Div 9 has been exploring grammar with sentences about a backyard biome!



Division 12 has been exploring the core competencies of “Positive Personal and Cultural Identity”. We love learning more about our friends!







Div 11 learned about capacity this week!



Division 17