



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,

Happy New Year! 2025 is off to a great start at McKinney!

We hope this message finds you and your loved ones well. As we settle into 2025, we are constantly reminded of the incredible partnership between our families, staff, and community that makes our school such a vibrant place for learning and growth.

This week, students were excited to see their friends again and get back into routine. We also had the privilege of watching 3 Crows Production star Dallas Yellowfly tell us the story of **How Raven Stole the Sun**. One of the First Peoples' Principles of Learning is that **learning is embedded in story**. Stories are also a wonderful way to access knowledge and lessons from our ancestors and previous generations.

As we move forward together into a new calendar year, we encourage you to stay engaged in your child's learning journey. Whether it's reading together at home, discussing what they're excited about at school, or joining us for the upcoming PAC movie night on Thursday, your involvement makes a world of difference.

Here's to another great week of learning and connection!

Sincerely,
Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood

Week-at-a-Glance for the week of January 13th-17th 2025:

Monday	Join us at 7 pm for the PAC meeting (library or zoom)
Tuesday	Montessori Parents: Join us on zoom at 7 pm for the RAM meeting
Wednesday	Division 2 field trip
Thursday	PAC hot lunch (sushi) PAC movie night
Friday	



Congratulations to Andrew (div 1), Grace (div 1) and Jamie (div 4) for their excellent acting skills during *How Raven Stole the Sun*.

Also a special shout-out to Mr. Anderson for his role as "the producer".

Noteworthy items...

1. You have received an email and a form from our Admin-Assistants called **Notice of Intent to Return 2024-2025**. This is a very important document that helps support us in knowing how many students we may have returning to McKinney School for the coming school year. It is **due on January 17th**. Thank you in advance for filling it out.
2. We see **rain** and **colder 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, and extra dry clothes for school are always a good idea.
3. The Richmond School District has some excellent **parent sessions** coming up, including ones about cell phones, child anxiety, and cybersafety. Check it out here: <https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parent-education-sessions>
4. **Kindergarten Registrations**- Please visit the School District website for information on **Priority 1 Registration** for Kindergarten students. You can also find details about the **Choice Programs** (such as Montessori) on the website. Priority 1 Registration closes on **January 17**.
5. Did you see the **morning drop off** email sent home earlier this week? Just a reminder that 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!
6. **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!
7. **PAC meeting** – we have our PAC meeting scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025, at 7 pm in the library. We would appreciate if you would like to join us and participate in the upcoming community events. Please see the agenda is attached.
8. **RAM zoom meeting**- We have our Richmond Association for Montessori (RAM) meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, at 7 PM via Zoom. Please find the link and agenda attached for your reference. We look forward to your participation!
9. **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!
10. **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 welcome to join us and enjoy the festivities!



Other Upcoming Dates:

January 27: Pro D Day – no school for students

January 30: Spirit Day

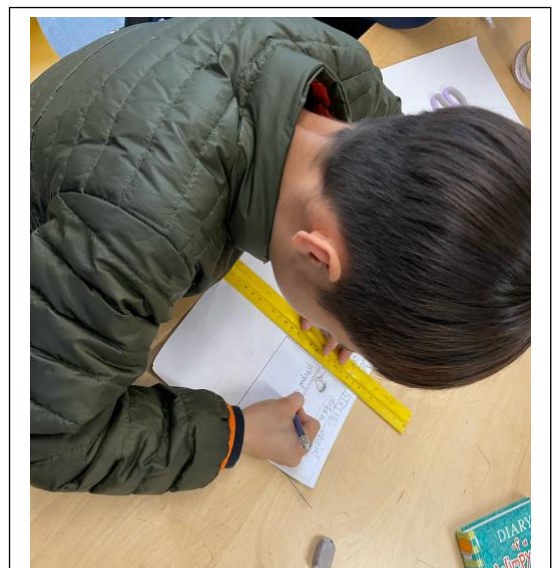
January 31: Band Performance at 12:45 pm (video will be shared with families who cannot attend)

February 5: Lion Dance Presentation by “Vancouver Chinese Lion Dance Inc”

February 14: Pro D Day – no school for students

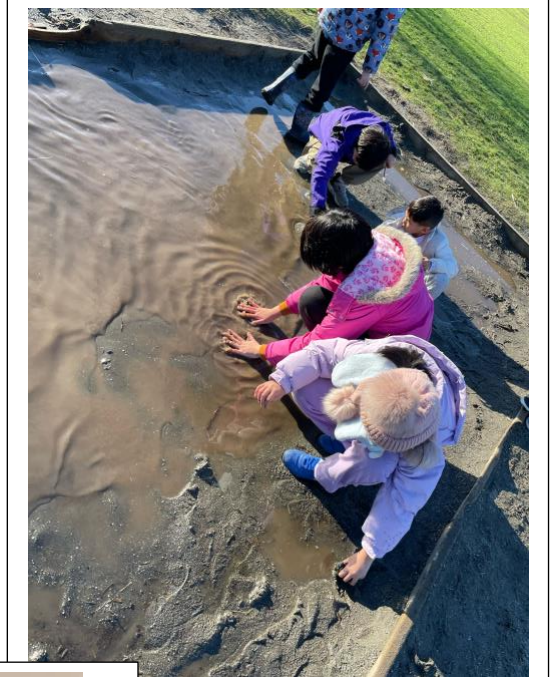
February 17: Family Day – stat – no school

Photos of the week (keep scrolling)





Fun at recess!



Kindness Wishes by Div. 10

A message from the PAC...

Dear McKinney Community,

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you well. As valued members of our school community, we would like to invite you to our upcoming Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting on **Monday January, 13 2025 at 7PM** in the library or you can also join us on zoom.

Your insights and participation play a crucial role in shaping decisions that directly impact our students and school environment. During this meeting, we will be discussing important topics, including our amazing progress with the playground. We have attached our Agenda below

We encourage all parents to attend and be a part of these important discussions.

Please mark your calendars and join us for an engaging and collaborative meeting.

Meeting Details:

- **Date:** January 13, 2025
- **Time:** 7pm
- **Location:** McKinney Library or Via teams (link in the agenda attachment)

Meeting URL: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDdhMzBkNWEtNzc4NS00MWE4LTk2YWItNzM4YTJhZDRmOTFi%40thread.v2/0?context=

<https://www.montessori.org/7b%22Tid%22%3a%228ff36f9a-72d8-4526-8fce-92719091a6ec%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2259e9be74-4771-404d-9cf6-df6150296266%22%7d>

-PAC Executive Committee

A message from the RAM (Montessori parent group):

Dear Montessori Families,

Our upcoming RAM meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday Jan 14th at 7pm. Our agenda is attached. As usual, we will keep the zoom meeting room open for 10-15 minutes afterwards for socials.

Also a reminder if you have not yet submitted your RAM membership, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/RAMMembership2024>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85204469257?pwd=Z2BtgGBgQOVLHOfwOTwsydHejL0Crz.1>

Meeting ID: 852 0446 9257

Passcode: meeting

Best regards,
RAM

**please see attachments from both the PAC and the RAM
Thank you.