



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,

What an amazing week we had! We started the week with lots of fun snow! The kids had a great time playing outside and we even had a snow-person competition! Congratulations to div. 6 who won! Scroll for pictures.

Then on Wednesday we had the talented folks from the Hong de Vancouver Chinese Lion and Dragon Dance team to share a special lion dance performance with us. The children loved seeing the dance and they learned a little about Lucky Lettuce, Lunar New Year, and more! Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for the assembly.

We also marked the start of February which is our Kindness Month. Each day our student-announcers share a kindness challenge for our students to try. Ask your child about it and see if you can come up with some kindness challenges for your family!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood

**Week-at-a-Glance for the week of January 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025:**

<b>Monday</b>	Girls' Basketball home game
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Boys' basketball away game at Wowk
<b>Thursday</b>	Boys' Basketball home game Girls' Basketball away game @ Byng
<b>Friday</b>	<b>PRO-D- No School</b>

- Acceptance and kindness month challenge:** On **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** (please note this is a change of date from what was previously sent out), we invite all students to wear **pink** in support of anti-bullying awareness. Teachers have planned activities to highlight the importance of kindness, and we will come together for a school-wide walk around the track. Let's create a powerful "**sea of pink**" and stand united against bullying!
- With **rain** and **snow** in the forecast, please ensure your child is dressed warmly, as they will be outdoors in all weather conditions. Rain boots, hooded jackets, warm layers, and extra dry clothes for school are highly recommended.
- Extra snack:** We highly recommend packing an extra snack for your child, especially as they grow and need more energy during the winter months. While we have extra snacks at the office, some students may have dietary restrictions or preferences. Thank you for your support!
- 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. If your child is participating in the games, please help them get organized for their big event.
7. **Families celebrating Lantern festival:** On behalf of McKinney staff, may this Lantern Festival bring light, happiness, and warmth to your family. May your dreams shine as brightly as the lanterns in the sky, and may the year ahead be filled with peace, prosperity, and togetherness. Happy Lantern Festival!



**Other Upcoming Dates:**

- February 17: **Family Day – stat – no school**
- February 18: Division 2 field trip
- February 18: Girls Basketball away game at Blair
- February 19: Division 11 field trip
- February 19: Girls Basketball home game
- February 19: Boys Basketball away game at Byng
- February 20: Boys Basketball home game
- February 21: Girls Basketball practice
- February 25: Girls Basketball away game at Grauer
- February 25: Boys Basketball away game at Westwind
- February 25: RAM meeting for Montessori parents
- February 26: Pink shirt day and assembly**
- February 27: Early Dismissal at noon, followed by parent/teacher conferences
- February 27: Boys Basketball away game at Homma

*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 6's class circle



