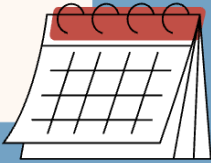




Weekly Parent Newsletter

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The Richmond Board of Education acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əŋ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

McKinney Community  
The Week Ahead: Oct 13-17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Monday	Happy Thanksgiving – No school
Tuesday	Volleyball home game
Wednesday	
Thursday	Shake Out BC @ 10:16 am PAC apple fundraiser arrives!
Friday	

Dear McKinney Families,

Fall is here but we are lucky and have been enjoying the sunshine (most days) still. We know the weather is turning though so we would like to remind all families that we play outside for recess rain or shine!



### Dress for the Weather

With upcoming rainy days, please remember to send extra clothes and rain gear. We will be outside for recess rain or shine!

Extra clothes



Hat



Rain boots



Layers & Rain Jacket



This week students started training for the cross country “fun run”. Thank you Ms. Hulyk and Ms. DeBou for working with our students and coaching our runners! Your child can still join the team! We practice on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at lunch-recess. And this is open to all McKinney students in Kindergarten through Grade 7. The fun run will take place on **October 29<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm at Garry Point. If your child would like to participate and have not returned the form please don’t worry, they are welcome to join!!

We’re excited to kick off the volleyball season for our Grade 6 and 7 students! A big thank you to Ms. Debou and Ms. Mairi for leading the teams. Notices have been sent home with participating students—please ensure all permission slips are signed and returned so students can take part in practices and games.

On Thursday, we had the photographer here for our individual photos. If your child missed it we will have retakes on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar!

A reminder that Monday there is no school: As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we want to take a moment to say thank you to our students, families, and staff for all the care and kindness you bring to our school community. We are also thankful to the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əŋ language group, on whose traditional and unceded lands we learn and play, and for the many gifts of nature that support us. Wishing everyone a happy, safe, and restful long weekend!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood





**Early Warning Line:** If your child will be absent or late, please call **604-668-6691** and leave messages or email [mckinney@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mckinney@sd38.bc.ca).

### ***Messages from the PAC...***

- **McKinney Spirit Wear Fundraiser**

#### **Show your McKinney Spirit!**

Back by popular demand, McKinney PAC is excited to bring back the school spirit wear sale. Show your McKinney spirit by purchasing branded hoodies, sweatshirts, tees, and pants. The online store is now open: <https://mckinneyspiritwearfall2025.itemorder.com/shop/home/>. Sample sizes are available outside the McKinney front office. A portion of the proceeds from each order will go to McKinney PAC. Deadline to order is October 31, and delivery to the school for pickup will be 2 to 3 weeks after.



- **McKinney PAC is on Social Media**

Stay connected on social media with the McKinney PAC to receive updates and reminders on upcoming PAC events, initiatives, and community resources.

Instagram: [@mckinneyelementarypac](https://www.instagram.com/mckinneyelementarypac)

Facebook: [James McKinney Elementary School PAC](https://www.facebook.com/JamesMcKinneyElementarySchoolPAC)

- **Seeking parent volunteers**

The PAC is seeking parent volunteers to assist with events. Please send them an email at [mckinneypac@gmail.com](mailto:mckinneypac@gmail.com) if you're available to help!



### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

**Oct 13 Thanksgiving Day (no school)**

**Oct 20 Diwali (Hindu)**

**Oct 22 Bhai dooj (Hindu)**

**Oct 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences (dismissal @ 1:45 pm)**

**Oct 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences (dismissal @ 1:45 pm)**

**Oct 24 Pro-D Day (no school)**

**Oct 27 PAC sponsored McKinney Pumpkin Patch**

**Oct 27/28 Grade 6/7 Bake Sale at recess/lunch recess**

**Oct 29 Cross Country Run at 3 pm at Garry point**

**Oct 31 Halloween (feel free to wear costumes)**

**Nov 3 PAC Meeting at 7 pm**

**Nov 4 Photo Retake Day**

**Nov 10 PAC Movie Night**

**Nov 11 Remembrance Day (no school)**

## **PHOTOS OF THE WEEK**



**Musqueam Origin Story Artwork by Division 11**

This is the story that the Musqueam elders tell about how they were named.

Long, long ago, a dangerous and fearsome two-headed serpent by the name of **Shkwa** (Shwed) lived in the shallow waters of **amwagwagwag** (Cannus Bay), through the thick forests of **Tsalquam** (Point Grey, UBC) down to the **shwag** (Fraser River).

Children were warned to stay away if they heard loud clucking in the forest. That was not a noisy duck but the deadened **shkwa**.

Wherever the serpent went, plants died along the way. The enormous winding trail left behind became a creek. From the drooping of the serpent's lowering groins, called **malwey**, sprouted to grow. They were sacred plants for the people of the creek, who then called themselves **amwagwagwag** (Musqueam).

The **malwey** plants now grow sacred, but the Musqueam people still live on this land. In Richmond, we live and play on their traditional territory too.

