



Weekly Parent Newsletter

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McKinney Community The Week Ahead: Jan 12-16, 2026

Monday	RAIL presentation for Grade 7 students at 9 AM Division 4 UBC field trip PAC meeting at 7 PM (on teams only this time)
Tuesday	Boys b-ball practice at lunch/Girls b-ball practice after school
Wednesday	Girls b-ball practice after school
Thursday	Boys b-ball practice at lunch/Girls b-ball practice after school Hot Lunch (sushi) Divisions 3,8,9 ice skating field trip
Friday	

Upcoming Dates:

Jan 23 PAC movie
night
Jan 26 PRO-D day
– No School

REDI Calendar January Dates:

Tamil Heritage Month

January 1, 2026 Ochetookeskaw – Kissing Day – Hand Shaking Day (Métis)
January 3, 2026 Mahayana New Year (Buddhism)
January 4, 2026 World Braille Day
January 5, 2026 Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday/ Prakash (Sikhism)
January 13, 2026 Maghi (Sikhism)
January 15, 2026 Black Excellence Day
January 17, 2026 Raoul Wallenberg Day
January 21, 2026 Lincoln Alexander Day
January 23, 2026 Vasant Panchami (Hinduism)
January 24, 2026 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
January 27, 2026 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
January 29, 2026 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

Dear Families,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! We hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break. It's been wonderful to see students return with energy, stories to share, and readiness for learning. 2026 is going to be great!

As we settle back into our routines, we're looking forward to witnessing continued growth, curiosity, and connection. This term we are continuing with our new school philosophy of

McKinney Eagles Care for Self, Others, and this Place

Last term we focused on the first part: care for self. For term 2 we will dive deeper into what it means to show care for others. We continue to look for examples of students showing care and our Eagle has even more feathers celebrating students' from all divisions for showing care.



A good conversation starter at home could be: *Did you see someone showing care for others today?*
Or *Were you able to show care for yourself or others today at school?*

Thank you, as always, for your continued support—we're grateful to be working together to support all of your wonderful children.

Warm regards,

Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood

Vancouver Sun Run – School Team Registration

We are excited to share that our school will be participating in the **2026 Vancouver Sun Run on Sunday, April 19**, starting at **BC Place**! Our students will have the opportunity to join the **2.5 km Mini Sun Run** as part of our school team.

Because the event takes place on a weekend, we kindly ask parents to support their child's training and to accompany them on race day.

Participation is open to all students from **kindergarten to Grade 7**. If you would like your child to take part, please visit the school office **before or after school beginning January 15** to complete the required consent form.

More details—including training schedules and race-day information—will be shared soon.

We look forward to a fun, active, and community-building experience!

PAC News

PAC Meeting - Monday January 12 - Virtual Meeting

The PAC is excited to connect with the McKinney community at the upcoming monthly meeting. Hope to see you there!

Date: Jan 12, 2026 (Monday)

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Virtually on Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting ([meeting link here](#))

NOTE No in-person meeting on this date, **the meeting will be on Teams only.**

PAC Movie Night - January 23 (Friday)

Voting is underway for the movie outside the front office. Will it be Bad Guys 2, Emoji Movie, or Turning Red? Stay tuned to find out which movie will be played! Voting closes January 12 (Monday).

To place a food order for the movie, visit <http://www.munchalunch.com> and choose "Fundraising Open" on the menu.

Hot Lunch Orders for 2026

Don't miss out! Hot lunch orders are now live for the first bit of 2026. To place an order, visit <http://www.munchalunch.com>. You can place an order for multiple lunches in advance! First time users will need to create an account to log in.

👉 Jan 15 is 🍣 Fukuroku Sushi Day 📅 - Order by Jan 9, 11:59PM

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](#)

Facebook: [James McKinney Elementary School PAC](#)

VOLLEYBALL DROP-IN

AGES
11-18
YRS


STARTS JAN. 9, 2026

WESTWIND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FRIDAYS 7:45PM - 9:15PM

TO SIGN-UP:

- PHONE 604-238-8080
BETWEEN 6:45PM – 7:15PM
- KNOW RICHMOND CLIENT
ID NUMBER BEFORE
CALLING

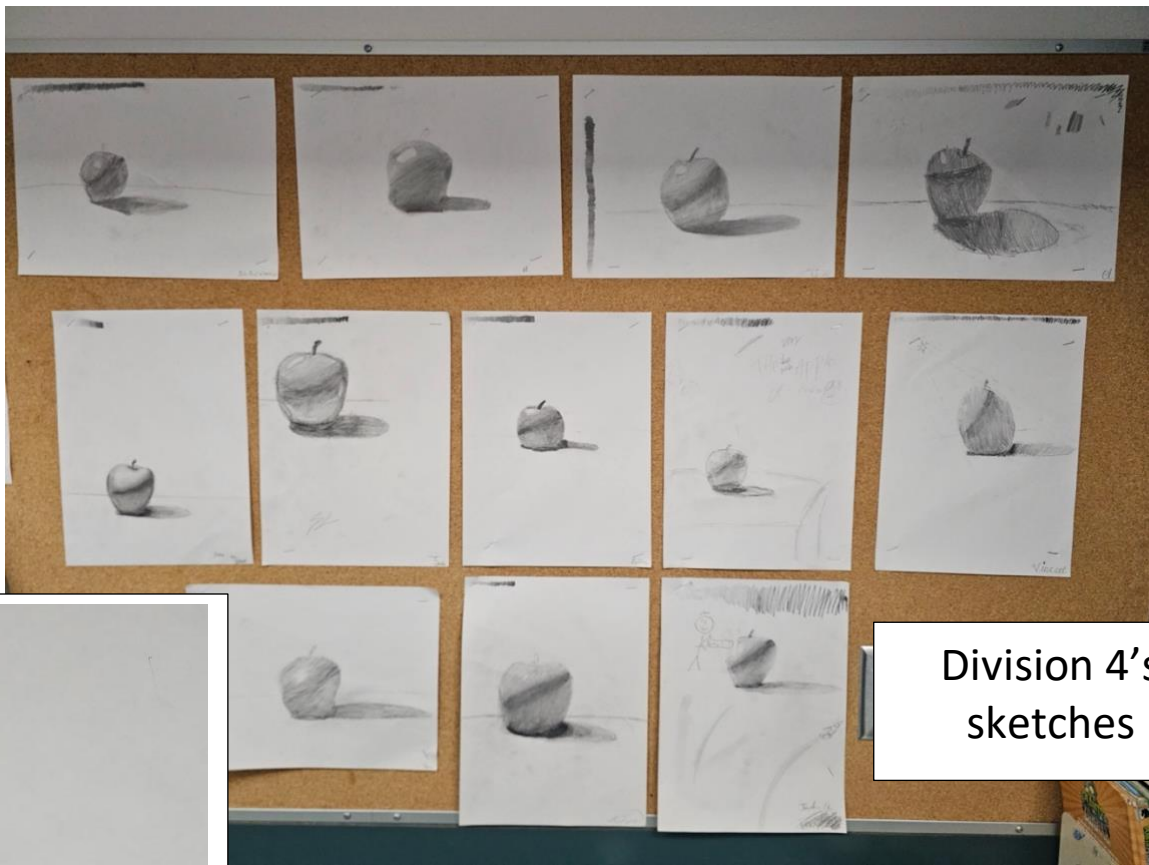
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YOUTH FACILITY PASS 2
(\$7/YEAR)
OR PRETEEN FACILITY PASS
(FREE)



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PHOTOS OF THE WEEK





Division 4's sketches



And division 17 stretches...

