



Weekly Parent Newsletter

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Dear McKinney Families,

As we look back on a wonderful year, we are filled with pride. What a great school year!
Here are some highlights:

Learning:

This year our school story focussed on Social-Emotional Learning and Reading. Our dedicated staff assessed every single student in the Fall and the Spring on a variety of literacy skills. Teachers then explicitly taught the reading skills to help students improve their literacy abilities. School-wide, the number of students who could summarize their reading successfully went up by 15%. Inferencing skills went up by 9%. Questioning skills went up by 19%. And the number of students who could successfully use text features went up by 9%. We are proud of the progress made and look forward to continuing the learning next year!

Student Leadership:

At our final assembly of the year today, we acknowledged all of our dedicated Student Leaders. We had a record number of categories to recognize, including, crosswalk monitors, lunch monitors, healthy leaders, Sports Day leaders, library monitors, morning announcers, office monitors, McKinney Ambassadors, Eagle's Nest volunteers, Assembly set up, and more! It was really special to see how many McKinney students are dedicated to our community.

Clubs:

We had a lot of clubs this year. Students participated on sports teams such as basketball and volleyball. And we also had a badminton club, crochet club, debate club, and chess club. We are grateful to all the dedicated teachers who sponsored those clubs at lunch and after school.

New School Motto:

As part of our commitment to teaching social-emotional and social responsibility skills, McKinney revamped its school behaviour plan and motto to: **McKinney Eagles Care for Self, others, and this place.**

Grade 6/7 Camp:

Once again grade 6 and 7 students headed to Squamish for an overnight camping experience. Students learned archery and participated in other nature and team-building experiences.

It truly has been a special year. Thank you for your partnership and for trusting us with the care of your amazing children. Have a restful summer and we will see you on Tuesday, September 8th for another great school year!

Ms. Zvi and Ms. Sood





Congratulations!

class of

2026



Gr. 7 Celebration Ceremony

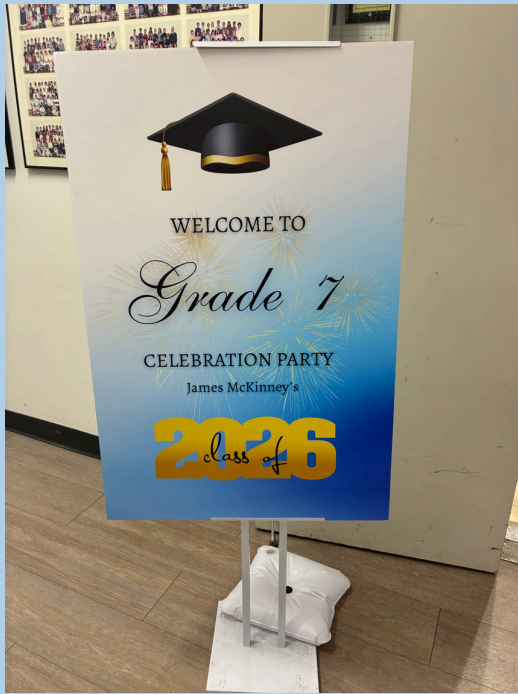


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