

## Week At A Glance

**Monday,**  
**June 22, 2026**  
Happy Monday!

**Tuesday,**  
**June 23, 2026**  
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**Wednesday,**  
**June 24, 2026**  
Breakfast Club  
CANCELLED  
Grade 7 Farewell  
Event @ 9AM  
in the Gym

**Thursday,**  
**June 25, 2026**  
Year-End Assembly  
@ 10:15AM  
Last Day of School  
for Students  
Summaries of Learning  
published on  
MyEd Parent Portal

**HAVE A GREAT  
SUMMER!**

**Friday,**  
**June 26, 2026**  
Administrative Day  
for Staff

## McNeely Week Ahead

**June 22 to  
June 26, 2026**

**Absent? Please call the office at  
604-668-6250 to let us know.**

**IMPORTANT**



**RETURNING TO  
SCHOOL AFTER  
SEPTEMBER 9TH,  
2026 DUE TO  
EXTENUATING  
CIRCUMSTANCES?**

**See Page 4 for important  
information on LATE  
RETURN TO SCHOOL  
procedures.**



THANK YOU

# STAFF FAREWELLS



It is once again that time of year where we bid a fond farewell and send best wishes to staff who joined us just for this year, or who are moving on to a different opportunity. Please join us in thanking the following staff for all their hard work at McNeely!



**Ms. Christensen** (Resource/ELL)

**Ms. Miller** (Resource/ELL)

**Ms. Noda** (ELL)

**Ms. O'Connell** (Gr. 2/3)

**Mr. Ozeer** (Teacher Librarian/Relief)

**Ms. Sy** (ELL)

**Mr. Tsagaris** (ELL)

**Ms. Wong** (ELL)

**Mr. Wu** (Relief)

A special thank you to **Mr. Unger** for his support of and dedication to the students, families, and staff at McNeely. Once a Mustang, Always a Mustang! We wish you a wonderful retirement, safe travels, and hope you come back to visit us!

HAPPY  
*Retirement!*



## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCOMING PRINCIPAL, MS. SHANNON BURKE**

Dear McNeely Elementary Community,

I am very excited to be joining McNeely Elementary for the 2026–2027 school year and to become part of this wonderful Richmond community.

While I am new to the Richmond School District, I bring over 12 years of experience as an administrator in Vancouver. During that time, I have had the privilege of working in five different schools, most recently serving as the Principal of Oppenheimer Elementary in the Fraserview area of southeast Vancouver for the past four years. My career in education also includes roles as a resource teacher and intermediate classroom teacher in both Vancouver and Coquitlam.

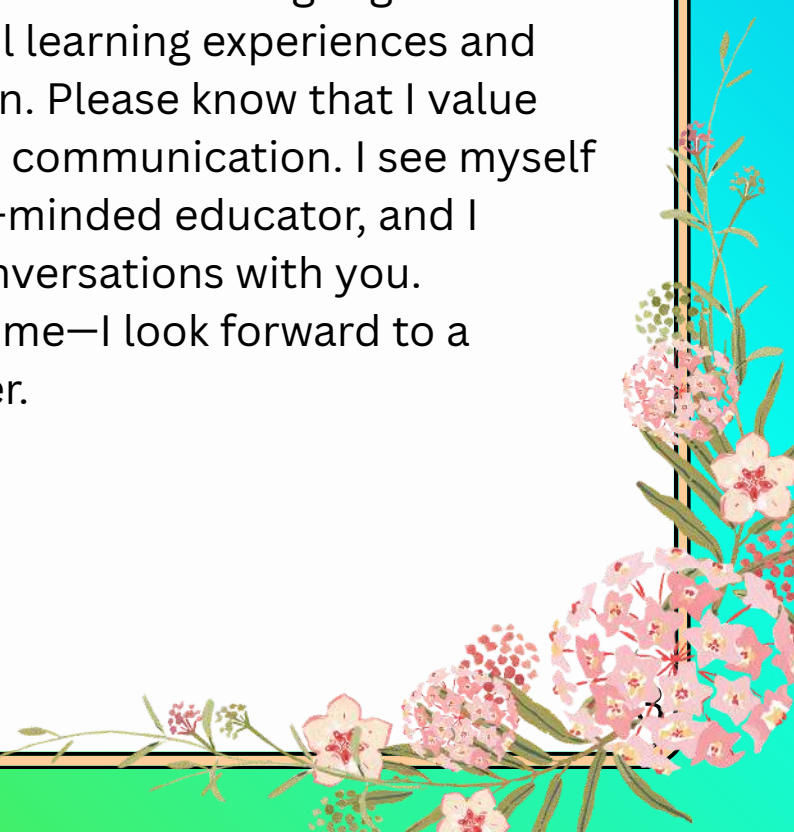
Richmond holds a very special place in my heart—I grew up in Steveston and completed all of my K–12 schooling here. It feels incredibly meaningful to return to this community in this new role.

I am truly looking forward to getting to know the students, families, and staff at McNeely, and to working together to build engaging and meaningful learning experiences and opportunities for your children. Please know that I value strong relationships and open communication. I see myself as an approachable and open-minded educator, and I welcome connections and conversations with you.

Thank you for the warm welcome—I look forward to a wonderful year ahead together.

Warmly,

Shannon Burke  
Principal



**ATTENTION  
PLEASE!**

## **NOTICE OF LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**A form from the Office is to be completed for any student(s) who expects to return to school LATER THAN 12:00 pm Wednesday, Sep. 9, 2026, AND ON or BEFORE Sep. 11, 2026. Please complete this form and return to the school Principal before June 24, 2026. Please attach a letter that contains an explanation of the extenuating circumstances for returning late in September.**

**The reason for a late return should only be for extremely extenuating circumstances.**

**In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring on or after June 25, 2026 that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by email via the school website or by letter directed to the principal.**



**A child who does not return to school by September 11, 2026 may lose their placement and may have to attend another school upon their late return.**

# SUMMER BREAK SCREEN-FREE ACTIVITY IDEAS

## Imagination Play and Physical Activity

- Build a sandcastle
- Create a dance routine and share with your family
- Go wild life watching at the park
- Go for a bike or scooter ride
- Put on a puppet show



## Music, Arts, and Crafts

- Learn Origami
- Paint or draw
- Make paper planes and have a contest
- Listen to music/sing together
- Make a paper flower bouquet
- Create your own musical instruments and make up a song



## Science and Literacy

- Keep a nature journal
- Design a menu for a special meal
- Write a poem, song, or story
- Read a book or a magazine together
- Visit your local library
- Do a science experiment
- Build a cardboard rollercoaster



## Games and Connecting with Others

- Design a treasure hunt in your home
- Help a friend or neighbour together
- Write a letter of appreciation
- Cook or bake together
- Visit a community centre
- Play or make a board game to share
- Plan a picnic together

# Upcoming Events and Dates of Note

**Tuesday, September 8, 2026:** Welcome Back! Grades 1-7 students attend 8:45AM-9:45AM; Kindergarten students attend 1PM-2PM in the Gym

**Friday, September 18, 2026:** Terry Fox Run

**Thursday, September 24, 2026:** Meet the Staff Night (more details to come)

**Friday, September 25, 2026:** District-Wide Pro D Day (students do not attend)

**Tuesday, September 29, 2026:** Truth and Reconciliation Family Teams Activity

**Wednesday, September 30, 2026:** National Day For Truth and Reconciliation (schools closed)





## PAC is fundraising with Mabel's Labels!

If you're not familiar with Mabel's Labels, they are personalized, durable, waterproof labels. They are great for everything from shoes, clothing tags, water bottles and backpacks. You can customize them with your name and a design, and they are dishwasher, laundry and microwave safe.

To support our fundraiser, visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and select McNeely Elementary School (Richmond). You can pick out the labels or product you want, and it will ship for free directly to your house!

Thank you for your support!  
McNeely PAC

# Richmond School District Continuing Education After School Badminton Class McNeely Elementary School (FALL 2026)

Continuing Education is now offering an After-School Adventure program for McNeely Elementary School. This course is intended to be both fun and skill-building for students

## #40646 Badminton for Youth (羽毛球)

Grade 4-7 ( Beginner to Intermediate)

- Learn and progressively develop badminton skills in a structured, engaging, and supportive environment
- Practice and apply fundamental motor skills through drills and game-based activities
- Develop and use basic offensive and defensive strategies during gameplay
- Demonstrate proper badminton etiquette, sportsmanship, and fair play at all times
- Participate in friendly tournaments, skill-based contests, and social activities as part of the course.
- Students are required to bring their own racquets; shuttlecocks (birdies) will be provided.

Course Date: Wednesday, October 7-Dec 2, 2026 (8 Sessions)

October 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 18, 25 & Dec 2

#40646-5A (3:00-4:30 PM) Fee: \$200

Location: McNeely Elementary School, Gym

Register Now: Website: [www.RichmondCE.ca](http://www.RichmondCE.ca)

Inquiries: 604.668.6532

Email: [sleung@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:sleung@sd38.bc.ca) or [tfong@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:tfong@sd38.bc.ca)





**Discount Code for  
McNeely Families!**

We have a new code available that provides a \$25 discount for a full camp week at our Richmond Camp.

Each time the code is used, this would give the registering family a \$25 discount for a full camp week and your PAC a \$25 donation at the end of the summer for each week registered. If 100 families sign up for one week, that would be a \$2,500 donation to your PAC and \$2,500 in savings to families.

Code: PAC25

The code can be used more than once by each family to register campers for multiple weeks and for multiple siblings.

The code is valid for our 5-day camp weeks (Monday-Friday) as well as our 4-day camp weeks (June 29-July 3 and August 4-7). The code cannot be applied to individual dates scattered over multiple weeks.

The camper must be from your school and register for the Richmond Camp in order for the code to be applied toward the discount for the camper's registration and the donation to your PAC. There is a spot on our registration form where families can write the name of the school their child attends.

When registering, families can include the code in the applicable section on their registration form, which is available on our website.

# BC Summer Reading Club 2026

## UNDER the SEA

Summer Reading Club is **FREE** and **FUN** at your local library!

### Important dates:

- **June 24** - Booklets available at all RPL locations
- **June 28** - Kick-off Event at Brighthouse library
- **July 8** - First sticker available
- **August 26** - Completion medals available



### How it works:

- **Sign up** at any Richmond Public Library location starting June 24 and receive your free reading record booklet!
- **Pick** a reading goal - you can read 15 minutes a day, a chapter a day, it's up to you! Read by yourself or have someone read a story to you!
- **Track** your progress each day by checking off a bubble on your reading booklet.
- **Visit** the library each week to collect a sticker to add to your booklet and enter weekly prize draws.
- **Participate** in programs and activities at the library throughout the summer. Maybe write a book review for a chance to be featured in the Richmond News!
- **Pick up** your completion medal at the end of the summer at any RPL location.

For more information about programs and events happening this summer, visit [www.yourlibrary.ca](http://www.yourlibrary.ca) or call the library at 604-231-6412





**YOUTH**  
*Friday Night  
Hangout*

**AT WATERMANIA**

**AGES 13-18**

**\$2 DROP IN ADMISSION**

**SWIM | SLIDE | JUMP**

**MAY 15 | JUNE 12 | JULY 17 | AUG 21**

**6:30PM - 10:00PM**

**JOIN US ONCE A MONTH  
FOR A FUN, SAFE SPACE TO  
GET ACTIVE AND HANGOUT  
WITH FRIENDS!**

