

Events This Week

Monday,
Dec. 9, 2024

- Bollywood Workshops begin

Tuesday,
Dec. 10, 2024

- Happy Tuesday!

Wednesday,
Dec. 11, 2024

- Breakfast Club @ 8AM to 8:30AM in the Gym
- Div. 12 + 14 Skating Field Trip

Thursday,
Dec. 12, 2024

- Happy Thursday!

Friday,
Dec. 13, 2024

- Breakfast Club @ 8AM to 8:30AM in the Gym
- Hot Lunch (Pizza + Smoothies)
- Bollywood Evening Performance (doors open @ 5:30PM) see page 3 for more info.

McNeely Week Ahead

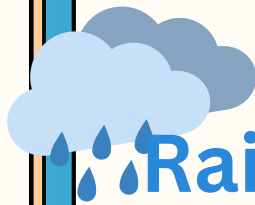
December 9 to
December 13, 2024

Know your child will be absent from school? Please call the Office before 8AM at 604-668-6250 or email McNeely@sd38.bc.ca.

Weather-Related Closures

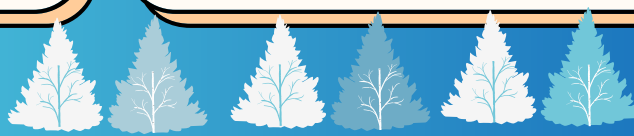


In the event of unsafe weather conditions, the School District will announce school closures on the District website, on social media, and notify radio and TV stations by 6:30AM.



Rainy Weather Alert

Please send a spare change of clothes to school with your child. Our students play outside, rain or shine! **A rain jacket and boots** will help your child stay dry during play time. **Extra pants, shoes, and socks** are helpful to have in your child's classroom.




 SLOW

Traffic Safety

Our parking lot gets very busy at drop-off and pick-up times. **The front parking lot is designated for staff parking. Families may park in the Visitor's Lot (by the park).** We encourage everyone to walk or bike to school and kindly remind drivers **there is NO PARKING in the Drive-Thru Lane.** *Thank you for using caution and reducing your speed to help keep our students safe!*



Upcoming Events

November through January 2025: Kindergarten registrations

December 8th: Bodhi Day (Buddhist celebration)

December 9th-13th: Bollywood Workshops

December 13th: Bollywood Evening Presentation (see next page for more info); Salgirah (Ismaili celebration)

December 19th: Written Learning Updates published on MyEd Parent Portal

December 23rd: Winter Break begins

December 24 - January 7: Quviasukvik (Inuit Winter Feast, celebrated by Inuit, Yupik, Aleut, Chukchi, Iñupiat, and NunatuKavut)

December 25: Christmas Day

December 25 - January 2: Hannukah (Jewish celebration)

January 6th: Happy new year! School Reopens

January 8th: Divisions 1 through 5 Snowtubing at Mount Seymour



The Food Bank also welcomes donations of personal care items like shampoo, soap, toothpaste, diapers, baby wipes. **Most needed donation items at the Food Bank:** canned fish, canned meat, canned beans, peanut butter, canned fruit and canned vegetables, rice and pastas, canned soup.



Bollywood Dance Show!

Friday
DECEMBER 13TH

Entry 5:30
Performance 6:00-6:45
At McNeely school gym

Entrance Fee:
1 non-perishable food item or a toonie
Examples are: instant noodles, crackers, canned soups, etc.

Poster created by Nayana and Sophia in Division 1



PAC News and Events Info

Hot Lunch Info

Information about
2025 Hot Lunch
ordering
coming soon.



Hot Lunch questions?
Email MCNEELYHOTLUNCH@outlook.com





Personal Digital Devices

Personal digital devices should not be used unless permission has been granted. Students are expected to adhere to the Acceptable Use Guidelines and District Code of Conduct.

Read the full policy here: sd38.bc.ca/devices



THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/MID- MARCH!

The Richmond School District has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies. **Grade 5 students** are invited to complete the MDI during class time between:

January 14th and March 14th, 2025.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/>

Parent FAQs:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>

If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

Winter Break Screen-Free Family Activity Ideas

Imagination Play and Physical Activity

- Create an indoor "camp out"
- Learn a magic trick
- Go for a nature walk
- Pretend to host a radio show/podcast
- Learn to juggle
- Dance together



Science and Literacy

- Build a card tower
- Write or illustrate a book
- Design a menu for a special meal
- Write a poem, song, or story
- Read a book or a magazine together
- Listen to an audiobook
- Do a science experiment

Music, Arts, and Crafts

- Learn Origami
- Paint or draw
- Make paper planes and have a contest
- Listen to music/sing together
- Make something out of scrap fabric
- Paint kindness rocks
- Create a puppet show
- Make paper flowers or snowflakes



Games and Helping Others

- Play Charades
- Help a friend or neighbour together
- Make a card for someone
- Cook or bake together
- Do a puzzle together
- Play or make a board game