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For our students and their parents



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McNair Secondary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Now that we are past the hectic days of school opening, getting to know new teachers or new students, we have settled very quickly into our daily routines. The McNair staff are working hard to offer students engaging and inspiring academic programs as well as an outstanding range of extra-curricular programs and clubs.

The challenge of the first month was to develop connections and trust in the classrooms and throughout the school. To start the year off our Marlinaires hosted an orientation session and tour of the school for new students on Friday August 31st. On September 4th new and returning students arrived full of enthusiasm to their homerooms where they received school start up information and their school agenda books. Regular classes commenced on September 5th.

Grade Assemblies were held on September 11th and 12th to review school policies and expectations as well as refocus on our school goals of Literacy and Social Responsibility. We also highlighted various opportunities for students to become involved in extracurricular activities and our school community. September 19th was Photo Day and all students now have their go cards.

Our Grade 8 Retreat held on September 24th –26th was a huge success! Over the three days students participated in activities focused on student leadership, active citizenship and social responsibility while getting to know their new classmates. Thank you to Ms. Scarr for organizing the event, and to the staff members who participated in each activity with students each day: Mr. Nakatani, Mr. Chan, Mr. Laitinen, Mr. McCann, Ms. Moore, Mme Liu, Mr. Pattern, Mrs. Pasin, Ms. Zonneveld, Mr. Platzer, Mr. Lorenz, and Mrs. Montague and Mr. Young.

We'd like to welcome Ms. Stephanie Anderson (Technology Education), Mr. Kenneth Lui (English), Mrs. Allison Marsh (Educational Assistant), Mr. Mark Pattern (Counselor), Mrs. Dawn Pasin (Counselor) and Mr. David Wallace (Resource) to our staff.

Our Meet the Teacher Night was held on Thursday, September 27th. This evening is important to us because it allows us to communicate a lot of important information to you about what students and parents can expect in our classrooms. We hope you had an opportunity to visit your son's and daughter's classroom and found it to be a worthwhile and informative evening.

Finally, I remind parents to stay involved with your child's activities and stay interested in what he or she is doing at school. Sit down with them and discuss their goals for the year and how they might accomplish those goals. Stay in contact with the teachers. Don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns. Your support for your child's learning and teachers' work is a key factor in any success we achieve.

Contrary to the recent article in the Richmond Review, our enrollment is healthy. As of September 30th of this year we reported 968 students up from 926 students at this time last year. McNair continues to support a wide array of programs including McNair Mini School, an Integrated Academics program, a Culinary Arts training Program, an Auto Apprenticeship program, award winning Performing and Visual Arts program, student leadership opportunities, and a full complement of academic course offerings.

So, welcome back to another exciting year at McNair. Together we will make this a very good year.

Silent Reading - (9:37 - 9:57) Quiet Zone at McNair

We encourage leisure reading at McNair through USSR (Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading). The reading period is 20 minutes long and occurs at the beginning of Block B every day. At this time, all students and staff read. Students are encouraged to read novels or non fiction of their choice. Some students choose magazines or newspapers at the beginning of the year, but often find that longer works sustain their interest in the reading block each day. Choice of what to read is an important aspect of the reading time, and research shows that "just reading" does improve student achievement because students have choice and are, therefore, engaged in what they are reading.

The Teacher-Librarian, Ms. Clyne, visits the USSR block in different classes throughout the year to give book talks on new acquisitions and "old favourites."

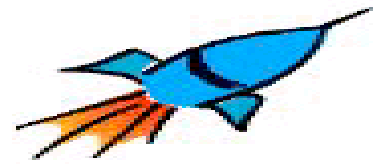
District Weapons Policy

We have also included a yellow pamphlet entitled “Keeping Schools a Safe Place to Learn: Our Policy on Weapons and Violence”, which outlines our School District’s zero tolerance policy for weapons and violence of any kind in our schools. Please read this and discuss it with the student(s) in your family. It is very important that they understand that a weapon is defined as “anything used or intended for use in causing death or injury to persons **whether designed for that purpose or not**, or anything used or intended for use in threatening or intimidating any persons.” Hence a toy weapon, sports equipment, building materials, or anything used to threaten or cause injury to or lead others to believe that they will be used to threaten or cause injury will fall under the jurisdiction of this policy. Everybody deserves to feel safe in their school.

While not specifically stated in the pamphlet, please be advised that pepper spray, or “..any liquid, spray, powder or other substance that is capable of immobilizing or otherwise incapacitating any person is hereby declared a prohibited weapon.” (*Fire Arm Act., March 1995*). Students who bring pepper spray or any similar substance to school will be considered to be carrying a weapon to school and will be subject to the consequences associated with bringing a weapon to school. Similarly, laser pointers are also considered to be weapons because of the potential damage they can inflict on a person’s eyes if used in an irresponsible way. Students are not to bring laser pointers or any potential weapon to school.

Fireworks

.... What every parent should know.



The City Fireworks Bylaw created the following ticketable offences. The City advises that enforcement will be vigorous:

- Possession of fireworks by a person under 18
- Giving, selling or offering fireworks to a person under 18
- Igniting fireworks on any property (public or private) without the consent of the property owner
- Igniting fireworks except between 5PM and 11PM on Halloween (Except for professional displays)
- Possessing firecrackers, bottle-rockets and other fireworks not approved for public use in Canada (unlawful possession and or transporting such materials across the border is a Federal Explosives Act violation which could also result in Criminal Charges and international travel restrictions)

Also, everyone purchasing fireworks in Richmond will be required to sign a declaration that they understand the restrictions on lawful possession and ignition of fireworks.

Please be advised that any student, regardless of age, who violates any of these regulations in or around the school will be given an immediate school punishment.

Work Habits Rubric

Last year McNair's Social Responsibility Committee developed a rubric for work habits assessment that has now been adopted for implementation by all staff this school year. The rubric's core value components are applicable in all subject areas and provides consistency in the assignment of work habit marks through common criteria. Teachers have spent time explaining to classes what each criteria will look like in specific classrooms. For example, "is ready to work" may mean being on the gym floor in PE strip by a particular time in Phys. Ed., while it may mean being in your desk by the bell with notebook, pen and textbook in Science. The Work Habits Rubric is printed in the Student Agenda book on page 12. Below is the work habits rubric formatted for students to use in self evaluation of their own work habits.

Name: _____ **Work Habits:** _____

Criteria for Work Habits Self-Evaluation

Read the 5 categories listed below. Identify your work ethic in this class by placing a \surd in one of the 3 columns beside each statement. When finished, determine your overall work ethic mark based upon the number of \surd 's in each column. Write the result in the space above with a **G, S or N**.

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| Attendance | I attend Class | <i>consistently</i> | <i>usually</i> | <i>irregularly</i> | |
| | I completed assigned work | <i>consistently</i> | <i>usually</i> | <i>irregularly</i> | |
| | I am on time | <i>consistently</i> | <i>usually</i> | <i>irregularly</i> | |
| Responsibility | I am ready to work | <i>consistently</i> | <i>usually</i> | <i>irregularly</i> | |
| | I stay on task | <i>consistently</i> | <i>usually</i> | <i>irregularly</i> | |
| Leadership | I model good behaviour | <i>consistently</i> | <i>usually</i> | <i>irregularly</i> | |
| Cooperation | I work well with others | <i>consistently</i> | <i>usually</i> | <i>irregularly</i> | |
| Motivation | I do what is required | <i>consistently</i> | <i>usually</i> | <i>irregularly</i> | |

Cultural Interpreters in School District #38

Richmond School District has five Cultural Interpreters to assist our school communities. McNair's Cultural Interpreter is Ms. Mina Singh. Ms. Singh can assist with translating Punjabi, Hindi and spoken Urdu and can specifically support South Asian families. Ms. Singh is at McNair every Thursday morning and is able to meet with families at times that are mutually convenient. The role of Cultural Interpreters is to assist new immigrant students and their parents in adapting to our school system; to bridge communication gaps caused by language or cultural differences; to promote cross-cultural understanding; and to encourage parent participation in our school. Appointments with Ms. Singh can be made through McNair Secondary school 604-668-6575.

Take Our Kids To Work



November 7th is national "Take Our Kids To Work" day as Grade 9 students across the country are encouraged to spend the day with a parent, guardian, relative, or family friend at the adult's workplace. McNair Grade 9 students are receiving the information package and permission forms with this newsletter and are required to return the forms by Friday, Oct. 26th.

For further information, visit www.takeourkidstowork.ca or contact the school at (604) 668-6575.

A Notice to Parents of Athletes

We are required to register all participants in school sports teams with B.C. School Sports. This is not a new procedure. We are required to do this every year, and as was the case last year, registration is done online to simplify the process. This requires us to release the following information: athletes full name, gender, birthdate, grade level and year they entered grade 8. Parents are asked to contact Mr. A. Dhaliwal at the school if they do not give consent for this information to be forwarded.

2nd Annual Terry Fox Run

McNair's Athletic council organized a very successful Terry Fox Run on October 2nd. Despite the rain, the entire student body participated by walking or running the course which was marshaled by Athletic Council students. \$1249.35 was raised through this event to be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Congratulations to Athletic Council on a job well done!!

McNair Marlinaires

The Marlinaires have been working hard to maintain a caring and safe school environment at McNair. They organized a New Student Orientation held on Friday, August 31. During the first week of school they also kept a look out for lost and confused grade eight students in and around the school hallways during class changes helping them with their locks and lockers. On September 27 they were available to assist parents navigating the hallways at Meet the Teacher Night.

Currently the Marlinaires are visiting Grade 8 classrooms to follow up on the theme of Social Responsibility which was the theme of the Grade 8 retreat. They are also organizing the school wide signing of Certificates of Commitment in which students agree to follow the McNair Golden Rule of tolerance and acceptance of diversity.

The Marlinaires are looking forward to another wonderful year of positive interactions and events! All students are welcome to join. Watch the student notices for meeting times.

Grade 8 Retreat

Our three day Grade Retreat engaged students in a range of activities focused on team building, social responsibility, and meeting new classmates. September 24 – 26 found our grade 8 students:

- ~completing the UBC Ropes Challenge Program
- ~ competing in a team based photo scavenger hunt at Deas Island Park
- ~ hiking at Capilano River Regional Park with the WildEd Program
- ~ adding their handprint to the class of 2012 banner
- ~ participating in a social responsibility workshop with district consultant staff
- ~ meeting new classmates through interactive games

The enthusiastic energy of our grade 8 class brightened the cloudy weather and a great time was had by all.



News from the Counselors

Our new counseling team is looking forward to assisting students with educational plans, personal goals and concerns or issues they may be facing at school. If you should have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor.

Ms. Judy Assoon (Last names A-C)

Ms. Dawn Pasin (D-Ma)

Mr. Mark Pattern (Mc-Z)

Counselor Visits: During the week of October 22 – 26, counselors will visit all grade 8 and 9 classes to explain the services available through the counseling and career resource centre.

Language Challenge:

Planning to challenge Korean 11/12, Mandarin 11/12, Spanish 11/12, French 11/12, German 11/12, Japanese 11/12 or Punjabi 11/12? Applications are now available in the counseling center and are due back to your counselor by October 31.

Grade 12 Parent & Student Information Evening, Wednesday November 14, 7-8 pm

Welcome Grade 12 parents! This evening will provide you with an opportunity to hear from counselors, administration and a past graduate about graduation events, our school's scholarship program, and review graduation requirements including the new Graduation Transition requirement that replaces the Graduation Portfolio.



Post Secondary Information Day: On Wednesday Dec. 12 Representatives from the following institutions will be presenting: SFU, BCIT, UVic, UBC, VCC, UNBC, Thompson Rivers Univ., Kwantlen, Langara, Trinity Western Univ., Royal Military College and Emily Carr.

McNair Scholarships Donations

The McNair Scholarship Committee is seeking support from parents and local businesses in our community to increase the scholarship opportunities for our graduates. Donations can be made by sponsoring a specific scholarship or by making a contribution to be combined with other donors. If you choose the former you can specify the criteria and give a name for the award. Recognition of your donation will come through a tax receipt and a photograph of the recipient and presenter taken at the valedictory ceremony. To help or for more information please call Mr. Pattern, the Scholarship Committee Contact at McNair.

New Graduation Transitions

Beginning this September all students must successfully complete the requirements of Grad Transitions by the end of their Grade 12 year in order to graduate. Graduation Transitions is based on the attributes of Educated Citizen as set out by the Ministry of Education and has three components:

Personal Health:

- at least 80 hours of moderate to vigorous physical activity after the completion of PE 10
- the development of a personal healthy living plan

Community Connections:

- 30 hours work / volunteer experience and community service activity
- demonstration of knowledge of employability and life skills and the benefits of community service

Transition Planning:

- the development of a comprehensive transition plan
- a presentation of their transition plan and student achievements addressing the attributes of an educated citizen (presentation to take place in Gr. 12)



At McNair we will be addressing a number of these requirements through Senior Planning classes. Ms. Becerril is the student contact for Graduation Transitions for 2007-2008.

Congratulations to the Ministry of Education Scholarship Winners 2006-2007!

Congratulations Shaylene Beaudry, Allen Carbungco, Adam Chan, Chak Pang Chun, Dorita Lam, Jennifer Leung, Jia-Yi Li, Ho Tung Lo, Alisha Parmar and Cheng-Tze Wang winners of \$1000.00 Provincial scholarships.

NEW Service for Parents

Parents dealing with youth who are using or misusing substances

Richmond Addiction Services Society - Youth & Family Program is offering a counselor facilitated support group on every first and third Monday of the month. Please note they are closed on holiday Mondays.

There will be an on-going open group and there is no registration required. 6:00 - 7:30 pm at 13 - 8120 Cook Rd. Richmond. For more information please call Rick or Christine at 604-278-4156.

EVAN DUNFEE AWARD



Top Grade 11 Male Athlete

Congratulations to Evan Dunfee who was recognized at our grade 11 assembly as the top Grade 11 Male athlete of 2006-2007. Evan's award followed the results of the B.C. High School Track and Field Championship where Evan's winning time in race walking also set both a B.C. High school record and the B.C. Juvenile Record. Evan won every race walking event he entered last year as well as competing as a cross country runner. As holder of the Canadian Youth Record in race walking, Evan is the youngest athlete in Canada to be named to the Canadian Team 12. This program identifies athletes who are strong possibilities to compete for Canada in the 2012 Olympics which will be held in London, England.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED



McNair would appreciate any parent volunteers who can participate in our daily Early Warning call outs.

It would be Monday to Friday, starting @9:40 a.m. for approximately one half to one hour, calling families of students who require contact due to an unexcused absence. Please call the office at 604-668-6575.

Daily Attendance

If your son or daughter is going to be absent or unduly late on a particular day during the year, we ask that you telephone the **school office at (604) 668-6575.**



PE DEPARTMENT

The Fall Season is up and running. Here are the outstanding teams and coaches that we have at McNair: Good luck Marlins in your upcoming seasons!!!

Fall Season

Sr. Girls Field Hockey
Cross Country
Badminton (Sr.)
Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball
Gr. 9 Girls Volleyball
Gr. 10 Girls Volleyball
Sr. Boys Volleyball
Sr. Boys Soccer
Gr. 9 Rugby

Ms. Moore & Mrs. Blair
Mrs. Warwick & Ms. Hunt
Mr. McLellan
Chanel Gonzales & Nada Hanna (Mrs. Watson)
Ranika Sharma (Ms. Hunt)
Hillary Barnes & Bianca Verde Rios
Mr. Tuerlings
Ms Zanikos and Mr. Barenscott
Mr. Young, Mr. Tuerlings & Mr. Platzer



If you have any question or concerns regarding athletics at McNair please see Mr. Dhaliwal.

UNITY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The Unity Basketball Tournament took place on September 28, 29, 30 at McNair Secondary. This Indo-Canadian tournament featured our Senior Boys and Girls basketball teams.

This Tournament donated \$1000 to our Basketball Scholarship Fund and featured some of the best local talent from our province. Donations will also be taken for the Scholarship. The Tournament Organizing Committee would like this to be an annual event to give back to the youth at McNair. For more information on this tournament please contact Mr. Dhaliwal at the school.

Attention Grade 12 Parents and Students!!! Parent Sponsored Dry After Grad

This is the premiere Dry After Grad Party for McNair. This event is a **parent driven - organization. Fund raising and sponsoring is all being done by parent volunteers.** In order to raise money there will be one fundraising event instead of numerous fundraising activities (because we know how busy everyone is).

Each grade 12 student will be asked to bring a booklet of tickets home to sell - 10 tickets@ \$10.00 each. This will be 100.00 raised per student and will include their ticket to the dry after grad party. There will be weekly prize draws starting November 5th, and a grand prize the week of dry grad.

We would like 100 percent participation. Please encourage your children to participate in fundraising and to plan to attend. Statistics show that most alcohol related injuries/deaths occur on grad night. Lets keep our kids safe! We are also looking for parents and students to help with this event. Please contact Cherelle by phone at 604-306-0632 or email at: info@cherellejardine.com

Information For Parents

INDIVIDUAL CLASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance is taken in each class during the day. If a student is absent first period and the school has not been notified, the school **will** phone home. If a student is missing from a later class but was at school earlier in the day, you may be telephoned by an administrator, teacher, or counselor. Regular attendance is necessary for successful learning, which is the primary goal we share with our students and their families, regardless of whether they are in Grade 8 or Grade 12.

EARLY DISMISSAL

If students need to leave the school during the day, please send them with a dated note, signed by a parent, indicating when we should dismiss them. Students should bring the note to the office before school starts, or at break. **The student must sign-out at the office before he/she leaves** (with a note or parental permission only).

PICK UP AND DROP OFF OF STUDENTS

Help us make McNair a safe school and a good neighbour by doing what you can to ease the problem of traffic congestion. Please do not enter the north side parking lot from No. 4 Road as this creates an unsafe situation for those exiting from the drop off area. Please respect Enter and Exit signs. We encourage students to walk or bike to school as much as possible as it greatly helps reduce traffic congestion around the school. If you must drop off or pick up a student, please do so before 8:00 a.m. and do not stop in the parking lot, but proceed to the drop off area in front of the school

CERTIFICATE OF COMMITMENT

In October all students will be asked to reaffirm their commitment to keeping Matthew McNair Secondary School a bully free zone. All will be signing a Certificate of Commitment to McNair's Golden Rule which states: ***Accept and respect the right of others to be different than you and allow them their personal space and boundaries without interference.*** Their signed certificates will be on display in the main office as evidence of our mission to be the best and keep McNair a safe and positive environment for all!!

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are not to be used, seen, or heard during class time. Please **do not** call your child on his/her cell phone during class time. In case of an emergency please call the school office at (604) 668-6575 and we will contact your child for you.

ATTENDANCE – Regular attendance is a key to success in school!

The work rate in a semester school is rapid so missing class time puts students behind very quickly. If students must miss time for any reason, they need to account to the teacher for absences. A phone call must be made to the school office by a parent/guardian the morning of an absence, or a written explanation is required, signed by a parent or guardian. Skipping a class is not acceptable.

PROTECT PERSONAL BELONGINGS: LEAVE THEM AT HOME!

Students have been advised not to bring MP3 Players, i-pods, expensive cell phones or other valuable personal technologies to school. **The best defense against acts of theft is to not bring valuable items to school. Protect your belongings and do not leave money or other valuables in an unattended bag, locker or changing room. Students should LEAVE VALUABLES AT HOME!**

MEDICAL INFORMATION FORMS

It is extremely important that the school office has an up to date Medical Information Form on file. In case of illness or emergency we need to be able to reach parents or emergency contacts. If you have a purple Medical Information Form enclosed with this newsletter we have not had this form returned to the school office this fall. Please return the completed form (with email address) ASAP. If there is no purple Medical Form with this newsletter we do have a current one on file.

McNAIR SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

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| Friday, October 19 | Professional Development Day |
| Wednesday, November 7 | Take your Kids to Work Day (Grade 9's) |
| Friday, November 9 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Monday, November 12 | Remembrance Day (School Closed) |
| Friday, November 23 | Report Cards Issued |
| Wednesday, November 28 | <i>Parent /Teacher Conferences 2-4 pm</i> |
| Thursday, November 29 | <i>Parent /Teacher Conferences 2-4 & 6-8 pm</i> |
| Friday, November 30 | Professional Development Day |
| Friday, December 21 | School closes for Winter break |
| Sat. Dec. 22 - January 6 | Winter Vacation |
| Monday, January 7 | School Reopens |
| Friday, January 25 | Semester One classes end |
| January 28 - February 1 | Semester One Exam Week |
| Monday, February 4 | First Day of Classes Semester Two |
| Friday, February 8 | Semester One Report Cards Issued |
| Friday, February 29 | Professional Development Day |
| Friday, March 14 | Last Day - School closes for Spring Break |
| March 15 - March 25 | Spring Vacation (School Closed) |
| Friday, March 21 | Good Friday (school closed) |
| Monday, March 24 | Easter Monday (school closed) |
| Wednesday, March 26 | School Reopens after Spring Break |
| Friday, April 18 | Report Cards issued |
| Wednesday, April 23 | <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-4 pm</i> |
| Thursday, April 24 | <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-4 & 6-8 pm</i> |
| Friday, April 25 | Professional Development Day |
| Friday, May 16 | Professional Development Day |
| Mon. May 19 | Victoria Day (school closed) |
| Friday, June 13 | Semester Two classes end (all grades) |
| June 17-26 | Semester Two Exams |
| Thursday, June 26 | Final Report Cards Distributed |
| Friday, June 27 | Administrative Day |



WEB PAGE NEWSLETTER & MEDIA

If for any reason, you do not want your child's picture or name on our web page, in our newsletter or in the media, please complete a Parental Non Consent form available in the office.

LOG ON TO THE McNAIR WEB SITE

Email: McNair@richmond.sd38.bc.ca

WebSite: <http://public.sd38.bc.ca:8004/~McNairWeb>

Please take advantage of the McNair Web Page by logging on to receive up to date information about school events, news items and other relevant McNair news.

McNair Bell Schedule

2007 - 2008

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| Warning Bell | 8:15 |
| A Block | 8:20 - 9:32 |
| Silent Reading (B Block) | 9:37 - 9:57 |
| B Block | 9:57 - 11:10 |
| Break | 11:10 - 11:28 |
| C Block | 11:33 - 12:45 |
| Lunch | 12:45 - 1:28 |
| Warning Bell | 1:28 |
| D Block | 1:33 - 2:45 |



Field Trips

Many of our staff organize field trips as enrichment experiences for students in particular classes and programs. These field trips offer an additional learning opportunity beyond the classroom setting. To date the following field trips have taken place:

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| Mini School Grades 8 - 12 | Strathcona |
| Grade 8 retreat | Capilano Regional Park, UBC Ropes Challenge, Deas Island Park |
| Mandarin 9A, 11A | Sun Sui Wah Restaurant |
| Photo 10 -12 | Richmond Art Gallery |
| Photo 10-12 | Vanier Park |

The following field trips have been planned or are in the process of being planned:

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| Communications 12 | Norman Rothstein Theatre | Mini school | Whistler ski trip - February |
| Law 12 | Provincial and Supreme Courts | Jazz Band | 7th and 8th |
| Band 9 -12 | Whistler - Nov. 2- 4 | Jazz Band | Envisions Jazz Festival - Feb. |
| Fine Arts 8 | Artists For Kids Gallery | Band 9 -12 | Jazz Day - Gateway Theatre |
| Science 9 (Ms. Hunt) | Seymour Fish Hatchery | Europe Trip | Kiwanis Festival - March 5 - 16 |
| Art 9- 12 | Vancouver Art Gallery | Mini 9s | March 13 - 28 |
| Biology 11 | Vancouver Aquarium | Band / Choir Tour | Timberline Ranch - April |
| Science and Tech 11 | Science World | Strings and Choir Chapters, | Oregon - April 23 - 27 |
| ESL classes | Skating - Minoru Arena | Richmond | To be determined - early May |
| English 12 | Planet Laser and Bard on the Beach | Mini 11s | Tofino Surfing - May |
| Cafeteria / Cook Training | Aldor Acres Dairy Centre | Mini 12s | Bamfield - May |
| Cafeteria / Cook Training | Golden Valley Specialty Mushroom Farm | Mini 10s | Saltspring Island (May) and |
| Cafeteria | Honeybee Centre | Mini 8s | UBC Science Fair |
| Mandarin students | Dim Sum Luncheon / Chinese | International students | Victoria - Legislature and Museum |
| Humanities | Cultural Centre | PE 11 - 12 | Tofino Camping Trip |
| PE 8 -12 | World Religion Tour | Athletics | A range of tournaments |
| PE 8- 12 | Blackcomb skiing - Jan. | | |
| | Blackcomb skiing - March | | |

KEY TO SUCCESS:

At McNair, we believe that all students can be successful if they follow these 4 principles everyday:

1. Attend classes on time.
2. Be responsible for learning – participate in your classes.
3. Complete all work to the best of your ability.
4. Cooperate with other students and school staff.



CAREER CENTRE NEWS

Senior students are urged to visit the Career Centre website on <http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews> for updated information on post-secondary education & application for admission, careers, employment, volunteerism, scholarships, entrance tests, etc. We suggest that students check the “Hot News” section of the Newsletter found on this website weekly, so that they do not miss out on any important information.

McNair's Career Centre has doubled its hours of service to students beginning this September. Our career counselors are now available for student appointments as follows:

Ms. Mia Matterson is at McNair Mondays and Wednesdays: 11:45 am - 3:00 pm

Mr. Jon Lee-Son is at McNair Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 am - 11:15 am

The Career Centre is also open Fridays - alternating mornings and afternoons - see Career Centre times posted on the Career Centre office door located in the Student Services area.

Introducing McNairs' School Nurse

Welcome to Ms. Judy Dale is our new school nurse. Her office hours at McNair are 9:00 am - 11:00am Mondays. Ms. Dale is located in Student Services during this time.

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS WANTED!

School District No. 38 (Richmond) requires Noon Hour Supervisors for Elementary and Secondary Schools to supervise students in school buildings and grounds for 1.5 hours per day during the lunch break

Preference will be given to applicants who have experience supervising groups of children and teens. This experience can come from volunteering on field trips with the school, coaching sports teams, a leadership role with Girl Guides, Boys Scouts, or Youth programs in the Community Center and/or church. Applicants must be able to report to any school location on short notice. First Aid training would be an asset.

The salary is \$20.00 per hour, which includes 4% holiday pay.

Application forms are available at the school board office between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you are qualified, please submit a completed application form to: **Personnel Services 2nd floor, Richmond School Board, 7811 Granville Avenue, Richmond, BC V6Y 3E3**