

September 16 – 20, 2024



THE MCNAIR WAAG

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<p>Regular Flex Time Begins Students must sign up online</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Earthquake Drill @10:30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PAC Meeting @7pm on Teams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dry Grad Meeting @7:45pm on Teams</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mini School Meeting @lunch</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meet the Teacher 7pm to 8 pm</p>																																																																																					

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Every student, every day, whatever it takes!

This will come as no surprise to anyone: “Parents and teachers want their students and children to succeed in school.” They both want to do what is best for their children; they want to help.

“Meet the Teacher” is usually the first opportunity for teachers and parents to connect and start building the bond required to support learners.

When educators reach out to parents as collaborators and partners in educating students, all stakeholders benefit. Parents feel empowered, and teachers feel supported in the learning and teaching process.

When parents feel informed and included in learning process, they have the opportunity to take an active role in reinforcing the learning that has occurred in the classroom. As teachers and parents support each other as active and committed partners working towards common educational goals at school and at home, they create the conditions that give students the opportunity to succeed. Teachers benefit because they have partners in the learning process.

However, the ones who benefit most from the teacher-parent partnerships are students. Students learn and grow because they have a team of adults supporting them at school and at home. They have a team of adults who believe in them and encourage them. They have a team of adults who help them set goals and hold themselves accountable at school and at home. If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself, both for teachers and students.

It takes effort and intention to create a systemic culture of family engagement; the results of which can have huge impact on a student’s success and their future. These partnerships create supportive school communities with everyone contributing to the success of students. **At McNair, we “Champion students and their learning.”**

Meet the Teacher Night September 19, 2024 @ 7pm

6:30 pm	McNair’s School Story - Large Gym
6:50 pm	Welcoming remarks in the Large Gym
7pm - 8pm	Parents/Guardians meet their child’s Teacher

Parent Schedule for Meet the Teacher 7pm to 8pm

Block A	7:00pm	7:08pm	A personalized Meet the Teacher schedule will be emailed to all parents prior to our Meet the Teacher Night.
Block B	7:12pm	7:20pm	
Block C	7:24pm	7:32pm	
Block D	7:36pm	7:44pm	
Off Timetable	7:48pm	7:56pm	

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 23	Terry Fox Run
Sept 24	The Other People Assemblies
Sept 25	Student Photo Day
Sept 26	Grade 8 Day “Making Connections”
Sept 27	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
Oct 1	Grad Boat Cruise
Oct 2	Collaboration Day
Oct 4	Loon Lake Music Trip

McNair Flex Time (Sign-up is required)

Each day, we allocate instructional time for “self-directed” personalized learning. During Flex Time, students engage in independent learning and pursue their learning with the support and mentorship of teachers. This approach empowers students with choice and ownership of their learning, while our staff members facilitate a supportive learning environment.

Guiding Principles for Flex Time

- Flex Time is Self-Directed, Self-Managed, and Self-Regulated
- Flex Time Enhances Curricular and Core Competency Development
- Flex Time Builds on Individual Passions
- Flex Time supports Self-Care, Self-Awareness, Physical/Mental Health

Flex Time Sign Up Procedures

To guarantee classroom space for all students and to help students plan for the effective use of their flex time, all students must sign up in advance for each day’s flex time. To sign up, students visit mcnair.myweeklyplanner.net and sign in with their student number. Students may choose any of their current teachers and must enter their plan/goal for each day. At the end of each week, we will email parents a summary of how their child made use of Flex Time.

Professional Development Day: Indigenous Focus

September 20nd is the first Professional Development Day of the 2024-2025 school year. This day is an opportunity for educators at McNair and across Richmond to engage in professional learning activities with a focus on acquiring new skills and knowledge to better support students. At McNair we will focus on supporting Indigenous students. Professional Development includes both a collective component, which provides opportunities for educators to collaborate with colleagues and share best practices, and an individual component that allows teachers to focus on their own professional growth and pedagogy.