

October 20 – October 24, 2025

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Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
The Power of Relationships in Learning: Fire can warm or consume. Water can quench or drown. Wind can soothe or cut. So too with human relationships—they hold the power to build or break, to nurture or neglect, to heal or harm.

Last week, McNair students received their Informal Learning Updates. For some, it was a moment of affirmation—evidence of growth, effort, and progress over the past six to seven weeks. For others, it was a difficult day, marked by struggle and concern about their academic trajectory. But what does struggle truly signify? Isn't it the precursor to growth? We often hear, "To succeed, one must first fail." If failure is inevitable, why isn't success?

Success can be inevitable—but only when students are surrounded by relationships that empower them to rise after falling. Healthy relationships are the foundation of resilience. They are the agents of change, and the most profound intervention in the face of adversity is human connection. Kindness, care, and love are not just emotional comforts—they are catalysts for learning. Traditional narratives of success emphasize motivation, discipline, and hard work. Yet these traits flourish only when students feel safe enough to try again after a setback. Failure often brings hopelessness, self-doubt, and a loss of confidence. Without the emotional scaffolding to process these feelings, students may disengage entirely from learning.

Strong relationships do more than improve happiness and well-being—they buffer against the emotional toll of failure. Research shows that anxiety and worry impair performance. Supportive connections offer the security needed to reframe setbacks, reignite curiosity, and restore belief in one's potential. Even in moments of disappointment, healthy relationships release endorphins, making space for reflection, renewal, and growth.

As educators, families, and mentors, our greatest tool is not the curriculum—it is the connection. When we invest in relationships, we make success not just possible, but inevitable.

At McNair we champion students and their learning.

OUR FOCUS IS ON engaging our students and staff in creating a more equitable school and a more aware community. At McNair we have more than 30 student-led clubs, with the primary purpose of most clubs being, "serve others." These clubs give back to our community, particularly to those who are less privileged. McNair students volunteer their time and raise money to support those that are less fortunate, those that need a helping hand and those that have been marginalized. **Together we are stronger."**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 28	Hold & Secure, Lockdown, & Evacuation Drill (Flex - 9:50am)
Oct 30	School Photo Retakes
Oct 30	Haunted House
Nov 3	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55 am)
Nov 3	Staff Meeting (after school)
Nov 4	Health & Safety Meeting
Nov 5	Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
Nov 5	Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment
Nov 6	School Based Team Meeting
Nov 7	Suggested Marks Cutoff
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 11	Remembrance Day - School Closed
Nov 12	Ed Fac Meeting
Nov 14	Learning Updates Due 8:00am
Nov 17	SCC Meeting
Nov 19	Learning Updates Published on MyEdBC
Nov 19	Parent-Teacher Conference Bookings Open
Nov 19	Mini School Meeting
Nov 20	Earthquake & Evacuation Drill (Block A - 9:15am)
Nov 20	School Based Team Meeting
Nov 21	Post-Secondary Fair (9:30-11:30)
Nov 24	Pep Rally and Basketball Home Opener
Nov 24	VCH Immunization Clinic
Nov 26	Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm)
Nov 26	Early Dismissal
Nov 27	Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm & 5-7pm)
Nov 27	Early Dismissal
Nov 28	Pro-D Day

Take Our Kids To Work Day

The Richmond School Board, in cooperation with The Students Commission of Canada, business, labour and the community, is proud to be involved in this initiative which supports students as they begin to identify and develop personal interests, passions and competencies. On **November 5, 2025**, Gr. 9 students in Richmond will go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. **Students are asked to return [the permission form](#) to the school office no later than Friday, October 31st.**

Poinsettia Fundraiser deadline is Friday, November 14th

Please visit our fundraising website and select from a variety of flowers and arrangements: Poinsettias (red and white), Indoor Tropical Planter, Holiday Wreath, Succulent Bowl, Hanging Greenery Bough, and Outdoor Greenery Arrangement **Pick at McNair on Monday, December 1st.**

Go to: mcnairfundraiser.growingsmilesfundraising.com

Grade 12 Student Transcript (TVR) Review

All grade 12 students will receive their course credit transcripts on Wednesday, October 22nd. This is an opportunity for Students to ensure their credits and marks are correct before sending them to Post-Secondary institutions.