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Buy your Spooky Snack	Hold & Secure, Lockdown, & Evacuation Drill (Flex - 9:50am) Buy your Spooky Snack	International Student Luncheon (Library) Pumpkin Carving Contest Last day to buy Spooky Snack	School Photo Retakes Haunted House 2025 Hosted by Theatre McNair Pumpkin Carving contest No Tricks, All treats Fundraiser - Unity and Peace	Halloween Fashion Show Hosted by Student Council Spooky Snacks Distribution during Block B Gr. 9 Take our Kids to Work permission Forms due																																																																																																																		
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PJ Day	BBO Dad + Soccer Mom	Twin Day	Fall Colours	Halloween																																																																																																																		

Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
"The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice."
 Peggy O'Mara

This insight highlights a profound truth: a child's self-belief is shaped by the voices that surround them, especially those of parents and educators.

An inner voice is the internal dialogue formed through years of external influence. When adults speak to children with kindness, encouragement, and compassion, they help cultivate a positive inner voice—one that reinforces resilience, self-worth, and confidence. Conversely, harsh or indifferent communication can foster self-doubt and insecurity.

A strong inner voice acts as a child's internal guide, empowering them to face challenges with courage and determination. It reminds them of their strengths, their potential, and the unwavering support of those who believe in them.

To nurture this voice, let children overhear your praise. Speak openly about their efforts, accomplishments, and character. Let them hear how proud you are, how much you care, and how deeply you believe in them. These affirmations become the foundation of their inner strength, echoing in moments when they need it most.

Ultimately, every interaction with a child is an opportunity to shape their self-perception. By consistently modeling empathy, encouragement, and belief in their abilities, we help build a resilient inner voice—one that will guide them not only through childhood, but throughout their lives.

At McNair we champion students and their learning.

Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment Cancelled

The Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment on November 5th has been cancelled by the Ministry of Education due to the BC General Employees' Union (BCGEU) strike action. The next session will be in January 2026. The Ministry has confirmed that early admission to post-secondary institutions in B.C. will not be impacted by the cancellation.

Take Our Kids To Work Day November 5, 2025

The Richmond School Board, in cooperation with The Students Commission of Canada, business, labour and the community, is proud to support Gr. 9 students in Richmond going to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. [Permission form](#) must be returned no later than Friday, October 31st.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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
Dec 1	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55 am)
Dec 1	Staff Meeting (after school)
Dec 2	Health & Safety Meeting
Dec 3	Mini School Potluck
Dec 4	Winter Music Concert
Dec 4	School Based Team Meeting

Haunted House 2025

Theatre McNair is proud to announce the return of our annual Halloween tradition, on **Thursday October 30th**. The Haunted House is a longstanding McNair tradition and always provides some excellent scares. The Stagecraft classes under the direction of Mr. Wallace have been working very hard designing and transforming the theatre space for your enjoyment.

The Haunted House open to the general school community at break and lunch, but teachers may book their classes during blocks B & C. Admission is \$2. First come, first served!

Poinsettia Fundraiser deadline is Friday, November 14th

Help support Matthew McNair Secondary School by support the winter flowers fundraiser. Please visit our fundraising website and select from a variety of flowers and arrangements to support McNair School.

Pick at McNair on Monday, December 1st.

Go to: mcnairfundraiser.growingsmilesfundraising.com