



# École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary

## NEWSLETTER

May, 2025

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### UPCOMING DATES:

May 5: Immunization Clinic  
May 8: PISA Survey  
May 9: Freezie Fridays  
May 11: Mothers' Day  
May 14: Grade 11 CLC (PLT)  
May 14: DAG Meeting 6pm  
May 14: PAC Meeting 7pm  
May 16: Pro-D Day, School Closed  
May 18: Victoria Day, School Closed  
May 20: Grade 7 Day  
May 21: At-Risk Interims Published  
May 22: Collaboration Day  
May 23: Freezie Fridays  
May 26 – 30: Mental Health Week  
May 27: District Indigenous Achievement Ceremony  
May 30: Freezie Fridays

### Principal's Message

As we turn the calendar to May, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past month and all we've shared as a school community. April was a vibrant month which showcased the many talents and achievements of our students.

We were treated to outstanding performances at the Jazz Music Fest, where students impressed us with their dedication, skill and passion. The Concours d'Art Oratoire highlighted the courage and eloquence of our French language learners. Parent-Teacher Conferences also gave us valuable time to connect around student progress and goals, strengthening the essential partnership between home and school.

Looking ahead, May promises to be just as meaningful. We are in the midst of planning our year-end Awards Ceremony, a time to recognize the hard work, growth and accomplishments of students across all grades. For our graduating class, the excitement is building as we prepare for Valedictory, the Dinner Dance and Dry After Grad – milestone events that mark the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

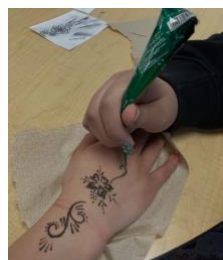
Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together we make McRoberts a place where students can thrive, celebrate their successes, and build lasting memories.

Ms. Vaughan

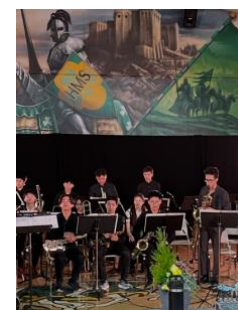
## April in Review

### EID CELEBRATION

On April 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Eid, the conclusion of Ramadan with music, delicious treats and henna art. Thank you to our student and staff organizers who made this a true celebration.



### RICHMOND JAZZ FESTIVAL



On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we hosted the Richmond Jazz Festival's final night. Congratulations to all the incredible musicians from around the district for sharing their love and passion for music, and for treating us to an amazing musical evening.

## MCROBERTS-BRIDGE ELEMENTARY BAND TRIP

Our McRoberts musicians had the honour of working with Bridge Elementary band students to learn and refine musical technique together. It was a wonderful community building exercise, and such a pleasure to see our secondary and elementary students working together.



## READING RIOT

Congratulations to our students who participated in this year's Reading Riot. On April 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated all our avid readers who participated in this year's Reading Riot. Congratulations McRoberts readers!

## CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE & FRENCH FESTIVAL



This month, we hosted our third annual Concours d'Art Oratoire and French Festival. Festivities included the Concours speech contest, as well as fun activities for families – face painting, balloon animals, food trucks, dancing and more. Thank you to the district organizers, and our student volunteers!

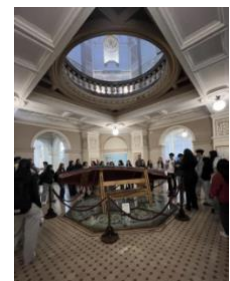
## NUMERACY SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTATION

McRoberts students showcased their numeracy skills in a special presentation to the Richmond School Board Trustees and Senior Staff at the SD38 School Board Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our students ran centres with hands-on presentations to illustrate the importance of financial literacy with real-world examples. Thank you to our students and staff who participated!



## VICTORIA FIELD TRIP APRIL 30

Our Grade 10s enjoyed an educational visit to Victoria, where they visited the B.C. Parliament Buildings, home to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, to learn about the structure and processes of our provincial government.



## Looking Forward: MAY, 2025

### MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

Music in our Schools (MIOS) is a series of concerts held at the Gateway Theatre highlighting school music programs. Concerts provide an opportunity for our young musicians to share their talents while performing onstage at a professional venue. The Richmond School District has vibrant and thriving music opportunities including choir, guitar, drumming, musical theatre, concert band, and jazz band programs.

Each Night is hosted by a different school at the Gateway Theatre. For more information and to buy tickets go to: <https://www.gatewaytheatre.com/events/music-in-our-schools-25/>

**McRoberts will be hosting on Thursday May 8th. Get your tickets today!**



### INTERNATIONAL JAPANESE STUDENT VISIT

We are excited to be hosting a group of students from Japan on May 14<sup>th</sup>, a visit organized by SD38's Richmond International Education program. Visiting students will shadow our students for the afternoon to experience the Canadian school system.

### PRO-D DAY MAY 16

On May 16<sup>th</sup> staff will be participating in the Richmond School District's Indigenous Learning Day, where we will focus on truth and reconciliation through story.

### VICTORIA DAY MAY 19

On May 19<sup>th</sup> school will be closed for Victoria Day. This statutory holiday commemorates Queen Victoria's birthday.

### GRADE 7 DAY MAY 20

Our Grade 8 Mentors are busy preparing an exciting morning where we will host our incoming grade 7s for a fun school tour and visit.

### AT-RISK INTERIMS MAY 21

At-Risk Interims will be published via email on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Only students who are at risk of failing will receive an At-Risk Interim. Please contact teachers directly with any questions or concerns.

### MENTAL HEALTH WEEK MAY 26 - 30

May is Mental Health Month, and we are planning in-class and school-wide activities to promote and support our community's mental health. More information to come.

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meets on the second Wednesday of the month. All parents are encouraged to join. This is a great way for parents to get involved in the school, learn more about how the school runs and what our students are learning, as well as supports that are in place for parents and families. **Please join us for our May PAC meeting on May 14th at 7pm in the library.**

## DRY AFTER GRAD (DAG)

What is Dry After Grad? DAG is a special all-night event crafted to provide our graduating class with a safe and inclusive environment, free from the influences of drugs or alcohol. The goal is to create lasting memories through a mix of engaging activities, games, and delicious food for our graduates. This event happens right after the Grad Dinner Dance and lasts until 5:00am the next day.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with DAG. Please consider helping out with this important event. It can only run with parent help! If you can help, please fill out this form: [DAG 25 Parent Volunteer Registration](#)

## FUNDRAISING

### FREEZIE FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

PAC will be selling Freezies at lunch on most Fridays in May. Students are encouraged to come to the foyer to get their \$2 Freezies!

### DAG BOTTLE DEPOSIT FUNDRAISER

A reminder that we are running our bottle deposit to fundraise for the 2025 Dry Grad account!

Simply go to any bottle depot that has Return-it Express (Ironwood location has it!) and find the printer, type in 604-379-4151 to print the QR code label for your clear or blue bag of bottles, stick the label on the bag and drop the bag in the receptacle. The bottle depot sorts them and puts the funds into the account!

### DAG CAR WASH

DAG has organized a Car Wash Fundraiser in the McRoberts Parking lot on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00pm. Hope to see you there!

## GRAD EVENTS & DEADLINES

**VALEDICTORY:** Round 3 of Ticket Sales Closes on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Round 4 Opens May 12 – 19, if tickets remain. Tickets can be purchased on Cash Online.

**DRY AFTER GRAD:** Tickets for our Dry After Grad are on sale until May 4 on Cash Online.

## Stay Connected!

Please stay connected and informed. Much of our communication happens via email, so please make sure we have updated email information, and check your email regularly for school updates. Please also check our website <https://mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca/> on a weekly basis and read the *Strikers Weekly* for important information about the week ahead. You can also follow us on [Instagram](#) at [hugh\\_mcroberts](#).

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