

April 14, 2020



Hadi, Bonjour and Hello McLeod family,

The school is so different without you. We truly miss your smiles, your laughter and your hugs. But, don't worry, we will be back together at some point and this will help us to remember just how important we are to each other. For now, please keep doing YOUR JOB. Keep physically distancing to keep everyone safe and look for ways to grow your heart and grow your brain at home.

Last week all of our staff did a McLeod Health and Safety Orientation for COVID-19. We learned lots about washing our hands, social distancing, how to sneeze and cough without getting others sick and so much more. We continue to be super careful at McLeod to make sure our school is clean and all the adults in the building are keeping healthy.

By now you should have had a first conversation with a teacher from McLeod. This initial talk was to make sure we could gather all the information we need to get ready for our next steps. If you haven't heard from anyone at the school by the end of the day on Tuesday, April 14th, we'd appreciate it if you can give us a call (250-567-2267) or text Ms. Hart (250-567-8539) as it means we are having a hard time getting through to you. Starting this week, you will begin to work with your own teachers on a learning plan that fits you.

We are excited to let you know that McLeod is the Vanderhoof host for the Essential Service Workers Child Care. We are beginning on Wednesday, April 15th with our first group of children and more families are joining us the following week. We are extremely proud that we can help out the people in our community who are working to get these jobs done so we can all be safe. We are so grateful to each and every one of them.

Don't forget to make our promise every day. It's a slightly new one - *"It's a new day at home (with McLeod in my heart) and I'm going to fill it with learning and kindness and caring!"*

We are here to continue to help our students to use THEIR HEADS AND THEIR HEARTS to be the children and adults who can take on the world. Please feel free to contact the school if you ever have any questions or concerns. **Please don't hesitate to let us know if there is any way we can help you.** We are in this together!

Proud to be McLeod

Ms. L. Hart

If you wish to be added to our newsletter listserv please send a request to Mrs. Bailey at lbailey@sd91.bc.ca. It will help you stay up-to-date with McLeod news now and in the future.



Please work with your child's classroom teacher if you wish pick-up of your child's things in the next little while.

Support and Supporting

If you are a family who may need assistance such as food or supplies during this time, please let Ms. Hart, our office or your child's teacher know. We are working to make sure families in our community have the food and supplies they need.

If you are a family who has what they need and can help others, please contact Ms. Hart, our office or your child's teacher as well. Cash in an envelope or cheques made out to SD91 can be dropped off to the greeter at the McLeod front door. Please do not bring food items at this time.

THANK YOU MCLEOD FAMILY!

Our children are little heros, too.



Missing their grandparents, extended family, friends and school.

Lack of normal routines.
Loss of structure to their day.

Parents who are stressed, worried, scared and just *different*.

Overhearing talk and news without an understanding of what they hear.

NoCrySolution.com

Give your little hero more cuddles, more one-on-one playtime, and an extra dose of patience and forgiveness.



CALLING ALL FAMILIES

Unfamiliar number?
No Caller ID?
It may be your teacher calling!



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If you are Facebook user please stay up-to-date on information through:

SD91 Page

<https://www.facebook.com/SD91BC/>
(look for an April 9th letter from our Superintendent, Manu Madhok)

McLeod Elementary PAC Page
<https://www.facebook.com/WLMPAC/>

Our **McLeod Website** also has lots of information:
<https://wlm.sd91.bc.ca/>

There are many of you who have had or are about to have a birthday. I'm sorry I can't give you your HEART and BRAIN in person, but I will have them waiting for you when you return to school.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

our Spring Break babies – Alexis V., Riley V., Phena, Hudson P., Brice, Aiden, Rylan, Lauchlen, Ashton L., Mie, Ruger, C., Chaz, Mrs. Nash and Ms. Larson

our April 6th to 11th babies – Allie, Jaxx, Aileena, Zoe H., Annika P. and Bailey

our April 12th to 18th babies – Alice, Taylor, Stetson, Owen P. and Mme Caron.



YOUR CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK.

It is important that we look after ourselves and each other more than ever right now.

Mrs. M-G and Mrs. Worthington shared this link with a great little song to help us feel a bit better. And we love to sing at McLeod.

My challenge to you for this week is to learn this song and sing it
LOUD and PROUD each day!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IE6jnezy1MU>.