



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

It was a wonderful first week back. I am very proud of our students and their focus on learning, kindness and caring.

This week brings some exciting events including the first classes for band 5 and 6. On Friday we will have our Fall Fun Day which will be planned by our grade 6 classes. We'll be outside for the morning so please make sure kids are ready for whatever the weather may be.

As I mentioned before, we have made the sad decision to postpone our Annual Ice Cream Social and Open House which was to happen on Thursday evening. We will go ahead with our first PAC meeting in our TLC room at 7:00. Please find the TEAMS link in this newsletter if you would like to join online. We hope to "see" many of you there.

For those of you that have little singers and dancers in your house, I am happy to announce that we are going to do what we can to do a Proud to be McLeod Production this year. Our show will be *The Wizard of Oz*. To help the high school out with some scheduling stuff, we will be doing our show later this year, at the end of April. That means auditions will be mid-October. More info to come. I can't wait to get performing again!

Our students were great detectives this week and they discovered that our theme for this year will be WEB – Where Everybody Belongs. The other thing we are going to zero in on this year is Number Sense (pun intended!). It is our goal to create KIDS WHO LOVE AND TRUST NUMBERS. We've got some very exciting things to tell you about to make this happen. We are focusing on Number Sense in classrooms, we have a new Numeracy Blitz intervention program, we will have a weekly number challenge on our fancy new whiteboard (check out the picture) and I'd like to introduce our **Notes on Numbers** feature. Each week will give you a thought or idea to help you join the Number Sense team with your own family. Many thanks to Ms. Roberta Toth for all her leadership and help with all of this.

If you haven't returned the Information

Verification Page and Technology Permission Form to the school, please do this as soon as possible. It's so important we have the most updated information to contact you if we need to.

Don't forget to do the Daily Health Check every morning.

It is our goal to work together with you and the kids to help our McLeod students become adults who can take on the world. Please feel free to contact the school if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Proud to be McLeod

Ms. L. Hart

COMING SOON:

Sept 16: PAC Meeting—7:00

Sept 17: Fun Day

Sept 23: Crazy Hair Day

Sept 24: District Planning Day—**No School for Students**

Sept 28: Picture Day

Sept 29: Terry Fox Run

Sept 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation—**No School**





Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School

**PARKING
LOT**



SAFETY



Please **DO NOT** use the staff parking lot (the lot by the EBUS entrance) to drop off or pick-up students. Students **MUST NOT** be walking through this parking lot at any time. Drop off angle parking is available on Damon Square (behind the strip mall). Thank you for your help to keep our kids safe.

Students and adults **MUST NOT** be running between busses across Victoria St. Please use the crosswalk.



CONTACTING ME

Each year I ask parents to connect with me by text. I have great plans to be able send you all pictures of your kids doing great things around the school.

Turns out, I need to carry my phone around more to get that done. That being said, I really do like to be able to contact parents by text when needed. Please send me a text at 250-567-8539 so I can add you to my contacts.

~Ms. Hart

Please don't forget to do the Daily Health Check each morning. We are very grateful to all our families who are working with us to follow the COVID-19 guidelines. You can do your health check through the app (BC K-12 Daily Health Checker) or this website:
<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

Please have all items you'd like to add to the newsletter to Ms. Lindsay by **noon** on Tuesday's. Any submissions after noon will be put in the following week's newsletter. Please email
lswanson@sd91.bc.ca

Thank you

Our school goals are that our McLeod students will be:

1. Literate as evidenced by grade 3 students meeting grade level expectations in reading in PM Benchmarks/GB+.
2. Socially Responsible Citizens as monitored through the School Learning Survey.
3. Numerate as evidenced by grade 3 students meeting grade level expectations on the DNA.



Vanderhoof Minor Football Association is looking for more players in grades 2 to 7.

Check out information about practices, registration and more on the Vanderhoof Minor Football Association Facebook page



Check out our McLeod website
<http://wlm.sd91.bc.ca/>

At the Board meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021, the following policies were given various readings:

- 500.2 – Appeals Procedures Bylaw – 2nd Reading
- 602.1 – Locally Developed Courses and Instructional Materials – 1st and 2nd Readings for removal
- 602.4 – Board/Authority Authorized Courses – 1st and 2nd Readings
- 602.6 – Childcare Programs in School District Facilities – 1st Reading

Please visit <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations> to view the draft policies. Please click on the “feedback” link located above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The closing date for comments is September 15, 2021.

T-Shirt Tuesdays



Please wear your McLeod wardrobe every Tuesday. It's a great way to show your school spirit and earn points for your house team. Anything McLeod works. We love homemade stuff too!

If you would like to help save paper and be added to our Newsletter email list, please send your email address to

lswanson@sd91.bc.ca

W.L. McLeod Strong Start

A free program here at our school for children ages 0-5, with their caregivers. Snack is provided.

Please sign up ahead of time (5 families allowed per day).

Our program runs every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 12pm.

And a new afternoon/evening class every Wednesday 3:30pm to 6:30pm!

Adults must wear a mask while in the building.

Check out our Facebook page “W.L. McLeod Strong Start” for updates and for the weekly sign-up!



School Board Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2021
6:00 pm

Public Attendance Notice:

***Due to current public health and safety requirements, we are requesting that members of the public interested in attending this meeting, contact Tracy Austin at taustin@sd91.bc.ca or 250-567-2284 prior to the meeting.



EXTRA SUPPORT

We are very proud that we offer additional support and connection for students of Aboriginal ancestry at our school. In BC schools students/families can self-identify as being of Aboriginal ancestry. There is no paperwork or "proof" required. Please contact Ms. Hart if you are interested in finding out more about this service at our school.

Notes on Numbers

We are so excited to have a new section in our newsletter called "Notes on Numbers"! Every week we will include an activity or tip to support your child in Math at home.

Week #1 – You are a Math teacher!

We all know that reading with a child helps literacy skills, and that playing sports in the backyard teaches the value of teamwork and being physically active. But where are the life lessons for mathematics? The truth is that we all use mathematics many times each day, but often don't realize it. From trips to the grocery store to swinging in a hammock, math is part of our daily lives.

Don't underestimate your own math skills. You can help your child learn math!

Counselling at McLeod

Toni Dagenais, Erin Baker, Todd Blattner and Debbie Scott, four of our SD#91 counsellors will be working in our school this year. They will be working alongside staff and students at W.L McLeod in a variety of ways. These may include helping to facilitate programs in the classroom, working with small groups on topics such as dealing with anxiety, building healthy relationships, etc. as it is suitable to a specific child. In addition, counsellors provide individual counselling. If you have any questions or concerns or you would like your child to be able to access support through our school counsellor, please contact Libby Hart or Candace Lawrence at 250-567-2267.

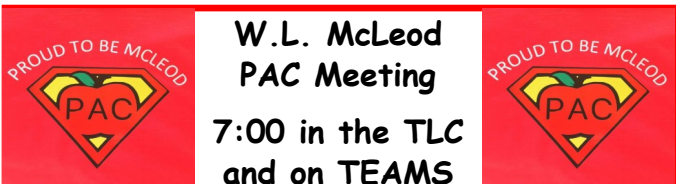
In addition, if you are looking for other longer-term individual support for your child, the following community agencies are available in the Vanderhoof area:

Connexus: 250-567-9205

Carrier Sekani Family Services: 250-567-2900



Let's all use our WITS at home and at school



Please come to The Learning Centre (room 15) or join us on TEAMS through this link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NDBjODQ2MDktN2VIMi00YTALThMDAtZjk4OTk2ZGQ1YTM1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224104c2a2-a3e0-4e86-9ef6-a387f80f7267%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22fbdef30a-4641-4f0a-8e77-a6977aa494d6%22%7d

Daily Health Check			
1. Key Symptoms of Illness*	Do you have any of the following key symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered “YES” to one of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ (excluding fever), your child should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, your child may return to school when they feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered “YES” to two or more of the questions included under ‘Symptoms of Illness’ or your child has a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, your child should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- ☐ If the COVID-19 test is positive, your child should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- ☐ If the COVID-19 test is negative, your child can return to school once symptoms have improved and they feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- ☐ If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, your child should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then they may return if they are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, your child can return to school when symptoms improve, and they feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you should seek testing for COVID19.

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor’s note) is not required to confirm the health status of any individual.

In Support of the **Food Banks of British Columbia**

Please Consider Donating This Year to the

11th
Annual



BC **THANKSGIVING**
FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, Sept. 25th

DONATION GUIDELINES

Please fill your bag with non-perishable food items and place it on your door step ready for pick up by 9:30 am on Saturday Sept 25. Our volunteers will pick up your donations. We will not ring your doorbell on collection day and will be wearing masks.

Your contribution will go directly to the food bank.

You may also drop off your donation at Your Independent Grocer, P&H Supplies, ACE Building Centre, and Co-op Foods

It's Easy To Donate

Just put unopened, non-perishable food items in a bag
and place them on your doorstep.

Specific **items of need** include:

Canned meat/fish	Rice
Canned fruit	Whole wheat pasta
Canned vegetables	Pasta sauce
Evaporated milk	Baby formula/food
Peanut butter	Baking needs

We do not solicit financial donations

We will NOT ring your door on collection day

Local food banks in our province help feed more than 100,000 people each month. These food banks do not receive government funding and rely solely on the public for donations. Many would go hungry if not for the generosity of neighbours like you. Your support will help fill individuals and families with hope during this Thanksgiving Season.



ALL PROCEEDS TO

*NeighbourLink
vanderhoof*

To view the results of Province wide donations and for further information, please visit

bctfooddrive.org

**P & H
SUPPLIES**

**TAKE
A
GANDER**

You're at home here.



Four Rivers Co-operative

**ACE Building
Centre**
Independent
Your Independent Grocer

[Click here to visit our Facebook page!](#)



JOYFUL JOURNEY!

Fun activities to support learning at home.

Summer Learning 2021

Families can help their children learn early reading skills

Find us on the SD91 website under Parent & Students

Click Here:
[Joyful Journey.](#)



SEND IN A PHOTO OR VIDEO OF YOU AND YOUR CHILD PLAYING ONE OF THE SUGGESTED GAMES TO WIN A PRIZE. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ENTERED TO WIN A CHILD'S BIKE AND HELMET.

**EMAIL PICS & VIDEOS TO:
JOYFULJOURNEY@SD91.BC.CA**



SEPTEMBER 2021 MENU

Each meal is 5.00 (reg). or 6.00 (lg).

PLEASE PRE-ORDER AND PRE-PAY



***Pre-paid & pre-ordered meals of more than 10/mth receive a discounted rate of \$4.50/meal**

Student's name _____ Teacher _____ \$ _____

If your child regularly receives a Hot Lunch, please check the menu for meals that they can not or will not eat. Please provide a lunch for your child on those days. Thank you

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 	2 	4 
6 	7 1st Day Back 1/2 Day 	8 Ham & Cheese Buns 	9 Hot Dogs 	10 Chicken Caesar Wrap 
13 Spaghetti 	14 French Toast 	15 Perogy Casserole 	16 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup  6-7:30pm Ice Cream Social Open House (tentative) *7pm PAC Meeting	17 Sweet & Sour Meatballs  
20 Sloppy Joes 	21 Pancakes & Sausages 	22 Snacker Plate 	23 Pizza Bagel  Crazy Hair Day 	24 Pro- D Day 
27 Taco Salad 	28 Ham & Cheese Frittata  	29 Chicken Ranch Wrap  Terry Fox Run 	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School) 	