



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

It has been a fabulous start to 2026-2027. On Tuesday we had our first assembly of the year and today was our first fire drill. Next Wednesday we will do our first lockdown drill. These drills are so important to ensure our staff and students know what to do in the case of an emergency. We are constantly impressed with our big team and how seriously and successfully they complete these drills.

Friday is Crazy Hair and Fun Day. What more could we ask for?! We can't wait to see your creative hair while we enjoy our grade 6 planned activities.

Please contact Ms. Lindsay at our office to get on our e-mail newsletter list to get full copies of our newsletter each week.

Don't forget that our Open House/Ice Cream Social is tomorrow night on Thursday, September 17th from 6:00 to 7:30. After visiting classrooms, we invite you and your family to our gym where you can all enjoy an ice cream sundae and meet other McLeod families. We'd like to thank our PAC for hosting this event. If you can offer a bit of extra assistance to help us serve ice cream, please let me know as soon as possible. At 7:00 our PAC will be having their first meeting of the year in our TLC. We invite all caregivers to come out and join us.

Our school-wide theme for this year is "BELIEVE, LEARN and GROW." In October we are working on Growth Mindset & Goal Setting. We will be learning that everyone can learn, improve, and grow.

If you haven't returned the Verification Page (the purple paper) 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.

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

We would like to remind you that doors in our school are **locked** apart from the front door. Adults should **only** enter through the front door. Please **sign in and out** at the office. Please **do not go to classrooms** without permission from our office staff.

COMING SOON:

- Sept 17: Ice Cream Social Open House - 6-7:30 PM
PAC Meeting--7:00 PM
- Sept 18: Fun Day
Crazy Hair Day
- Sept 24: Picture Day (individual)
- Sept 25: District Planning Day (**No School for Students**)
- Sept 28: Terry Fox Run
- Sept 29: School Day for honouring National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)
- Sept 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation—**NO SCHOOL**



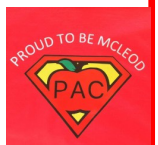
See the
whole
newsletter

We love your help! If you are planning to be a volunteer at our school in any way this year or in the future you will require a Criminal Record Check which includes a vulnerable sector check. **Please drop by the school to get a letter from Ms. Lindsay to take to the RCMP station. You will need this letter to do your CRC.**

W.L. McLeod PAC Corner
wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com



First PAC Meeting
Sept. 17th at 7:00 PM
in the TLC



SEPTEMBER MENU

Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Total Amount: _____

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

Student price - \$5.00. Staff price - \$6.00. Cheques should be made payable to SD91.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 SUMMER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)	2 SUMMER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)	3 SUMMER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)	4 SUMMER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
7 LABOUR DAY (NO SCHOOL)	8 First day of school 12:00 - dismissal (no lunch)	9 Spaghetti 	10 Quesadilla 	11 Butter Chicken 
14 Sloppy Joes 	15 Perogy Casserole 	16 Corn Chowder Soup 	17 Chicken Caesar Wrap  6:00-7:30 Ice Cream Social 7:00 – PAC meeting	18 Lasagna  Fun Day and Crazy Hair Day
21 Chicken Strips 	22 Beef Broccoli 	23 Mac and Cheese 	24 Ham & Cheese Bun  Picture Day (individual)	25 DISTRICT PLANNING DAY (NO SCHOOL)
28 Pizza Bagels  Terry Fox Run	29 Tuscan Chicken  Orange Shirt Day (honouring of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)	30 NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (NO SCHOOL)		

*** Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or gluten free. Gluten sensitive options are available if pre-requested.***

(V) indicates vegetarian option is available if pre-requested

Link to Meal Manage



Instructions to Meal
Manage

McLEOD IS

NOT FREE.



Thanks for
keeping our
McLeod
family safe.

No peanuts, Brazil nuts and hazelnuts
(including peanut butter and Nutella)
PLEASE.

Grade 5/6 Hockey Academy

Monday and Tuesday, 1:15 to 2:30. Students will bus to the arena and walk back to McLeod with EBUS teachers in time for busses.

Register at <https://t.formtimers.com/dx2SF0>.

Registration will open on Monday, September 21 at 9:00. Registration will close when full.

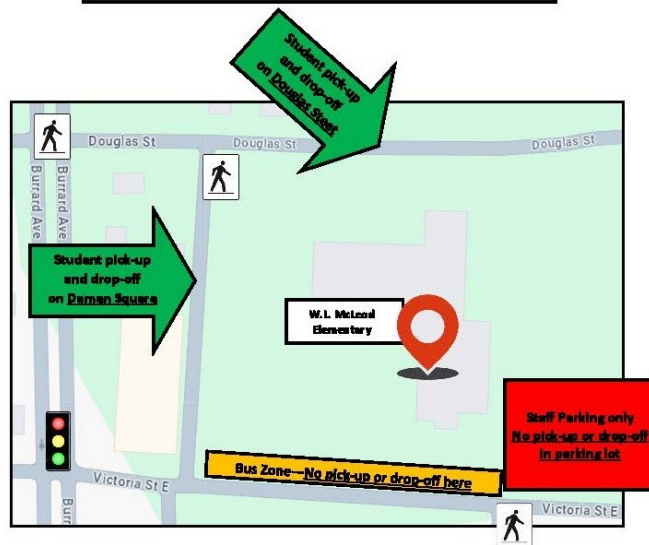


**Thank you for keeping McLeod scent free
(including essential oils).
We appreciate your support for our students**

Please have all after-school messages to the office by 2:45 to ensure that we have time to get the message to the students.

Thanks!

Student Pick-up & Drop-off
at W.L. McLeod Elementary



Please help keep our students, caregivers, and staff safe. **NO drop off and pick up in the school bus zone (on either side of the street) or in our staff parking lot.** Please use Douglas Street and Damon Square as drop-off and pick up options.



Vanderhoof Elementary School/W. L. McLeod Elementary School
PHOTO ARCHIVE
1960 to 2005

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC-rDH5APAO>



Please like our PAC
Facebook page to stay up to date with
what is going on in the school!

<https://www.facebook.com/WLMPAC>



McLeod is a very busy place. It is vital that we know who is in our building and why. ALL adults MUST report to the office, sign in on our sign in sheet, and connect with Ms. Lindsay. Ms. Lindsay will let you know if it is appropriate for you to proceed into the school. To minimize disruption to classes we will be happy to make deliveries to classes or to call students to the office. Please work with our staff to support student safety and success.



We are very proud that we offer additional support and connection for students of Indigenous 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 support at our school.

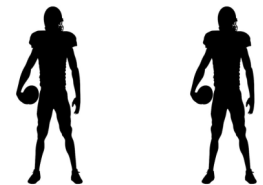


Flag and tackle football registration in Vanderhoof is open for boys and girls.

Practice Tuesday and Thursday with games with PG on the weekend.

Tykes 2019-2020 and Atoms 2017-2018 flag and Pee wee 2014-2016 tackle. Cost this season is free.

[Register Here](#)



BACK-TO-SCHOOL COMMUNITY GATHERING



When: Tuesday, September 22 • 5 PM – 7 PM
Where: The Gathering Place – Saik'uz Band Office
Contact: education@saikuz.com

Fun activities and meals are provided



Please do not send bags of unpopped popcorn or the KD cups for lunches. It takes too long to cook in the microwave and we end up running out of time to eat. They also burn in the microwave too easily.

Thank you!

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 lblade@sd91.bc.ca

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91

We're Hiring!



BURNS LAKE, FORT ST. JAMES, FRANCOIS LAKE,
FRASER LAKE, GRANISLE, GRASSY PLAINS, VANDERHOOF



Positions Include:

- Administrative Assistants
- Before & After School Care Workers
- Bus Drivers/Bus Monitors/Bus Washers
- Custodians
- Indigenous Education Advocates
- Learning Support Workers
- Meal Program Workers
- Morning/Noon/Bus/Playground Supervisors
- Personal Attendant - Autism
- Personal Care Worker
- Trades/Maintenance
- Youth Care Workers

SCAN THE QR CODE, OR VISIT
WWW.SD91.BC.CA/SUPPORTSTAFFPOSTINGS
TO VIEW OUR CURRENT VACANCIES, INCLUDING OUR
CASUAL LISTS!



JOIN US FOR

K-12 TUTORING

Every Tuesday
& Thursday

Starting September 8
from 3:30m pm to 5:30 pm



EDUCATION DEPT PRESENTS

CULTURAL DAYS

September 17th, October 6th and 27th
November 10th and 24th,
December 9th

3 pm - 7 pm
The Gathering Place
Saik'uz Band Office

Cultural Activities
Light Meals
Everyone Welcome

Have Questions? Contact:
education@saikuz.com | 250-567-9293

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Drop In BEST MOMS & DADS & CAREGIVERS GROUP

AT NEIGHBOURLINK

MONDAYS 10 AM - 1 PM
THURSDAYS 3:30PM - 6:30PM

DINNER PROVIDED

Come check us out!

We are in the back of
Neighbourlink behind
Act II Thrift Store.
(side entrance)
189 Columbia St E

CRAFTS FOR ADULTS,
GAMES & CRAFTS FOR KIDS
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Parents
striving to be
the best they
can be for
their children!



Welcome to McLeod!

McLeod Families are invited on
Thursday, September 17

Open House &
Ice Cream Social

6:00-7:30pm

PAC Meeting

7:00pm

Call 250-567-2267 for more
information or go to Facebook:
www.facebook.com/WLMPAC





AUDITIONS

For grade 1 to 6 students.

Tuesday, September 29th at lunch

Thursday, October 1st at lunch

Friday, October 2nd at lunch

You just need to come to one time and
be ready to sing a song

(Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star or Happy Birthday are good ones!)

MESSAGES FROM THE BC MINISTRY of EDUCATION

B.C.'s Welcoming Schools – NEW

- Launching this school year, B.C.'s Welcoming Schools is focused on fostering learning environments where all students feel safe, welcome, connected, and supported, and can focus on learning.
- A new landing page brings together existing resources and provides updated policy, guidance, and tools for schools, districts and families to support learning, promotion, prevention, and response efforts across a range of topic areas.
- Additional information and resources will be shared on the B.C.'s Welcoming Schools webpage throughout the 2026-27 school year.

erage Training – Registration Open

- In partnership with Safer Schools Together (SST), the ministry offers training at no cost to school and district safety team members as well as students and families. Training sessions are offered in-person and online and are focused on supporting school and online safety.
- The 2026-27 erage training schedule is now available, with student, family and Digital Threat Assessment sessions open for registration through December 2026. Additional training sessions will be added throughout the school year.

all Social Media Safety Campaign – NEW

- The Province is leading an online social media campaign this fall focused on digital safety and consent.
- Intended for youth aged 10-15 and their parents, caregivers, and trusted adults, the campaign is designed to raise awareness about safe online behaviours and encourage help-seeking and reporting when online harms occur.
- The campaign will begin in late September, with campaign materials to be shared in the coming weeks. Districts and schools are encouraged to share campaign messages and materials with appropriate members of their school communities to promote awareness.

Back-to-school literacy and numeracy package for families

- A back-to-school package is available to help families of kindergarten to Grade 3 students understand their children's learning at school.
- The package includes information about early literacy screening and highlights learning in English Language Arts, Français langue seconde and Mathematics. It also provides information about the curriculum and examples of proficient learning.
- [2026-27 Letter to parents and caregivers of kindergarten to Grade 3 students](#)
- The letter includes links to the following resources:
 - [Early literacy screening information: Parent and caregiver brochure](#)
 - Helps parents and caregivers understand early literacy screening, its purpose and how it supports children's reading development
 - The brochure is also available in French: [Brochure d'information sur le dépistage précoce de la littératie](#). Additional languages will be available this fall
 - Pathways to Proficiency parent guides
 - Guides for parents and caregivers of students in kindergarten to Grade 3 are available, covering [language arts](#) and [mathematics](#)
 - These guides help families understand their child's learning, the foundational skills they will develop during the school year and what proficient learning may look like by the end of the school year
 - All 12 guides are available on the BC Learning Pathways website in English and French