



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Grade 4 caregivers and families please don't forget to complete the Ministry of Education electronic anonymous Student Learning Survey. Not only will you be giving us great feedback to make McLeod even better, you will also be helping your child's class to win donuts for the class with the highest return percentage and we will enter your name into a draw for pizza for your family. If you need another copy of the letter about this survey, please let me know or just go directly to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm and follow the easy instructions. If you do it this way, please send me a quick message so I can make sure you are entered into the pizza draw. Please complete this by Thursday, June 22nd. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for doing the Daily Health Check for each of your children every day.

We continue to work together with you and the kids to help our McLeod students become children and adults who can take on the world. Please feel free to contact the school if you ever have any questions or concerns. **WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!**

Proud to be McLeod,
Ms. L. Hart

One more note from Ms. Hart

After years of exploring ways to better communicate children's learning to families, this year we have formed a report card committee to explore the question, "How can we transform reporting and assessment to be more effective for learners, families, and educators?"

As part of our work, we are proposing an addition to our report cards for 2021-2022. This enhanced report card would include a section that visually depicts literacy progress each term in relation to grade level expectations. For students who are working on a unique literacy goal, such as our students with an Individual Education Plan, we would show the progress in relations to this goal.

We feel strongly that learning is about growth and that report cards are one tool for communicating more effectively about that growth. We hope this new format is one step to help us do this better. Please have a look at the proposed design in this newsletter. We would love your feedback and ideas. In future newsletters I will be sharing more ideas from our Report Card committee.

McLeod Report Card Proposed Addition—SAMPLE

Here it is! This section would be added near the beginning of the report card before the section for each subject.

What do you think? Please let us know.

	Kindergarten			Grade 1			Grade 2			Grade 3			Grade 4			Grade 5			Grade 6		
	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Reading										1	2	3									

Legend: Reading Level Term 1: ●

Reading Level Term 2: ●

Reading Level Term 3: ●

■ = Grade Level Expectations

□ = Personal Goal

This report describes the students learning progress based on provincial learning expectations for each grade level. It is intended to inform about learning successes and to guide improvement efforts when needed. Please remember learning is a continuous journey and this report card is simply a snap shot of learning at this time.



Tips to Maintain Children's Daily Routines



Children need structure and consistency to feel safe and secure. Come up with a daily plan, write it down, and put it up somewhere that everyone can see it.

- Regular bedtimes
 - Use age-appropriate unwinding routines before going to bed, such as reading a book, listening to gentle music, or drinking a glass of warm milk.
 - Make a sleep-friendly environment an hour before bed-time. Turn off electronics and lights to create a calming space.
- Regular mealtimes
 - Encourage a healthy diet and use mealtimes as an opportunity to spend quality time with the family.
- Regular physical activities
 - Make it fun for children and let them have an idea of a place for physical activity.
 - Be consistent; Start with 20 minutes and gradually increase the time.



**THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING THAT
WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

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.



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

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!





Tips to Ensure Online Safety for Children

- Be a good role model with your own online behaviours
- Learn about technology, programs, and social platforms that your child is involved with and pay attention to what they are doing online
- Establish time limits and set clear boundaries for the acceptable use of technology
- Encourage a balanced approach, be an informed parent, and engage in your child's online activities
- Make your child accountable for their actions and explain to them the risks of online world
- Let your child know that you are a safe resource to have an open conversation regarding their online activity

Taken from the White Hatter. For more information follow their website's link in the caption



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



CONTACTING ME

Each year I ask parents to connect with me by text. I have great plans to be able to 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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dear SD 91 Parents and Guardians,

On March 29th, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced increased measures to keep British Columbians safe. As part of those measures, Dr. Henry announced an expanded mask mandate which now requires students in grades 4 to 12 to wear a non-medical mask or face covering while indoors and on school buses, both within and outside of their learning group. Students in grades K -3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors and on school buses but are not required to do so.

For our elementary students this will be a new expectation and our teachers will spend the first few days following Easter Monday to help students adjust to this change. We suggest that you send your child to school in a clean mask and with a spare that they are used to wearing. Schools will have disposable masks available if students forget their mask. Please click the following links for a video and poster containing a reminder of how to wear a face mask.

Students will be able to remove their masks while outside, including at recess, lunchtime and while learning outside. As the weather improves, teachers will continue to look for opportunities to move their classes outside.

How to wear a mask video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvLA--hGU70...>

How to wear a mask poster: http://www.bccdc.ca/.../COVID19_SurgicalMaskPoster.pdf





School Board Meeting

Monday, April 19, 2021

6:00 pm

Meeting will be held Virtually

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.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

May 17, 2021

June 14, 2021

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>



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

**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.

2021 Honouring Diversity Speaker Series

Welcomes

DR. LEYTON SCHNELLETT

April 20, 2021
5 pm
Microsoft TEAMS

Please come and join our parent and student panelists for this dialogue with Dr. Schnellert who will engage us with central ideas from middle years philosophy connecting research regarding young adolescent development, teaching and curriculum.

Please send questions to info@sd91.bc.ca. You can register and access recordings at www.honouringdiversity8.com



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.

Vanderhoof Community Pitch-In

Saturday, April 24th

Register for your route via Facebook
or email nechakowri@gmail.com



How will it happen this year?

1. Register for your route through Facebook or email
2. On April 24, pick up your bags at one of the locations listed below
3. Help clean up our community!
4. Bring bags back to the location you picked up bags from and leave the full bags beside a garbage can for pick up

Bags will be placed at:

- ❖ *Riverside Park*
- ❖ *Ferland Park*
- ❖ *NVSS South Parking Lot*
- ❖ *Bradley Park*
- ❖ *Leiding Park*
- ❖ *Vanderview Park*

*****Please bring your own gloves*****

In Partnership with:

- **Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative**
- **District of Vanderhoof**
- **Pitch-In Canada**





APRIL 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  (No School)	2  GOOD FRIDAY (No School)
5 EASTER MONDAY (No School) 	6 Pancakes & Sausages 	7 Roast Chicken 	8 Taco Salad 	9 Chicken Caesar Wrap 
12 Spaghetti 	13 Crepes & Ham 	14 Ham & Cheese Bun 	15 Chicken Strips 	16 Turkey Sub 
19 Pizza Bagels  5:00pm PAC Meeting	20 Sausage & Eggs 	21 Perogy Casserole 	22 Enchiladas 	23 PRO-D DAY 
26 Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Tomato Soup 	27 French Toast 	28 Lasagna 	29 Chicken Alfredo 	30 Sweet & Sour Meatballs w/ rice 