



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



April 5, 2023

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<http://wlm.sd91.bc.ca>

Issue 26

Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Welcome back everyone! I hope your break was great. It is sure nice to see the sunshine and warmer temperatures. We've still got snow on the playground but it's disappearing fast.

This week we are only here for 4 days with the Easter weekend approaching but we are filling it up full. Tomorrow we will do our annual Egg Hunt sponsored by our One McLeod Council.

It's April so that means it is Shrek month. Our 14th Proud to be McLeod Production hits the stage on April 27th to 29th. Shows are at 7:00 each night with an extra matinee on the 29th at 1:00. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a family of four or more. Tickets are available at the school office, Wallace Studios or the Vanderhoof Department Store. Shrek is a very funny and entertaining show. We hope you can all join us.

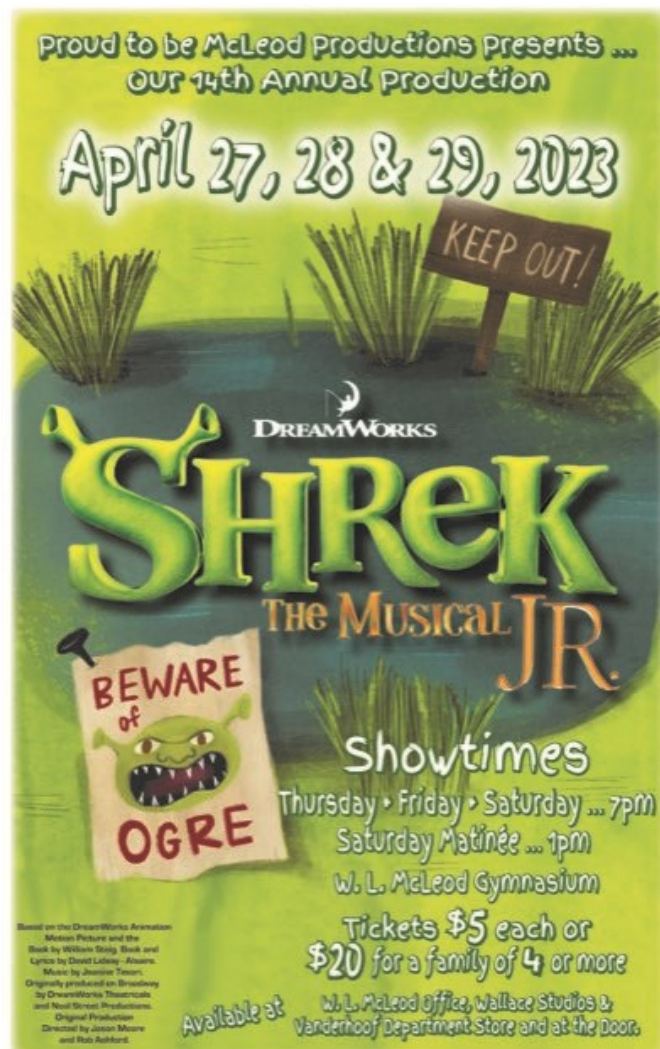
We know it was big ask to find a home for a Japanese teacher and her two kids for April. We have changed plans and hope to welcome a single Japanese teacher in September. Please let us know if you and your family would be interested in hosting Masumi Ishikawa for all or part of 2023-2024.

Remember, our theme this year is "Me, You and Us!" 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:

April 5: PAC Meeting—5 PM
April 7: Good Friday—No School
April 10: Easter Monday—No School
April 21: Hat Day
April 28: Pro-D Day—No School



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

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



APRIL 2023 MENU

Each meal is \$5.00 (reg) or \$4.50 for 10 or more meals/month
Please Pre-Order and Pre-pay

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! **Cheques should be made payable to SD91**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Pizza Bagel 	4 Pancakes 	5 Chicken Caesar Wrap  5:00 PAC Meeting	6 Hamburger Stew & Mashed Potatoes 	7 GOOD FRIDAY
10 EASTER MONDAY	11 Sausage & Eggs 	12 Perogy Casserole 	13 Snack Plate 	14 Lasagna 
17 Sloppy Joes 	18 French Toast 	19 Bacon, Lettuce and Cheese Wrap 	20 Chicken Quesadilla 	21 Bacon Alfredo  Hat Day
24 Roast Chicken 	25 Taco Wraps 	26 Ham & Cheese Buns 	27 Hamburgers 	28 PRO-D DAY SHREK



Vanderhoof Youth Slow Pitch Registration is now open!



Registrations close April 6, 2023.

You can register online at:

[2023 Youth Slow-Pitch Registration | Zone4 Online Registration](#)

Or contact Kris Scott to fill out a hard copy.

Check out our Facebook page for updates and information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Youthsoftball/>



School Board Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2023

6:00 pm

**FSJSS Small Gym
Fort St. James, BC**

Important Public Attendance Notice:

Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.

Due to limited space and seating availability, please reserve your seat prior to noon on meeting day if you wish to attend in person.

Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

Contact:

Heather Silver

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
250-567-2284 ext. 244

hsilver@sd91.bc.ca

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!

Lindsay



W.L. McLeod PAC Meeting

April 5th

5:00 in the TLC
and on TEAMS



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_MDlyYjVhNDAtOGEzMi00YWQxLWFjZktZiRjMjJkNmFiYWMz%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



MCLEOD IS

NOT FREE.



Thanks for
keeping our
McLeod
family safe.

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

Japanese teacher at McLeod ~ new possibility

DEAR MCLEOD CAREGIVER,

Following up on our past wonderful experiences with this program, we are thrilled to have an opportunity to welcome back another volunteer Japanese “cultural ambassador in-residence” who will introduce the culture, customs and language of Japan to our students.

Masumi Ishikawa would serve as our Japanese teaching assistant from Tokyo. The program enriches our students with the culture, customs and language of Japan and provides a unique cross-cultural experience, focusing on the diversity of world cultures. There is no cost to our school. I can share Masumi’s profile if you are interested.

The Opportunity

- International Internship Programs (IIP) is a Tokyo-based international exchange organization that has placed Asian teaching assistants in leading schools across Canada and the U.S for more than 30 years. To date, more than 3,000 schools have hosted a Japanese teaching assistant, enriching their students’ lives.

Cross-Cultural Exchange: The program provides our students with a unique opportunity to gain first-hand cross-cultural experience, one that sparks a stronger connection with other countries and the world around us. Our Japanese cultural ambassador will volunteer time, energy and expertise, supporting our staff and enabling our students to learn about Japan, Asia and ways of life different from their own.

Timing: Masumi would arrive to Start the school year in September and remain until March. Host families are needed for part or all of this time.

Host Family

- In order to bring this wonderful opportunity back to our community, we need to identify one or more host families who would enjoy hosting our Japanese teaching assistant.
- Hosting creates a rich, memorable opportunity to experience cultural exchange within your home, learn about Japanese traditions, and make a lifelong friend in Japan.

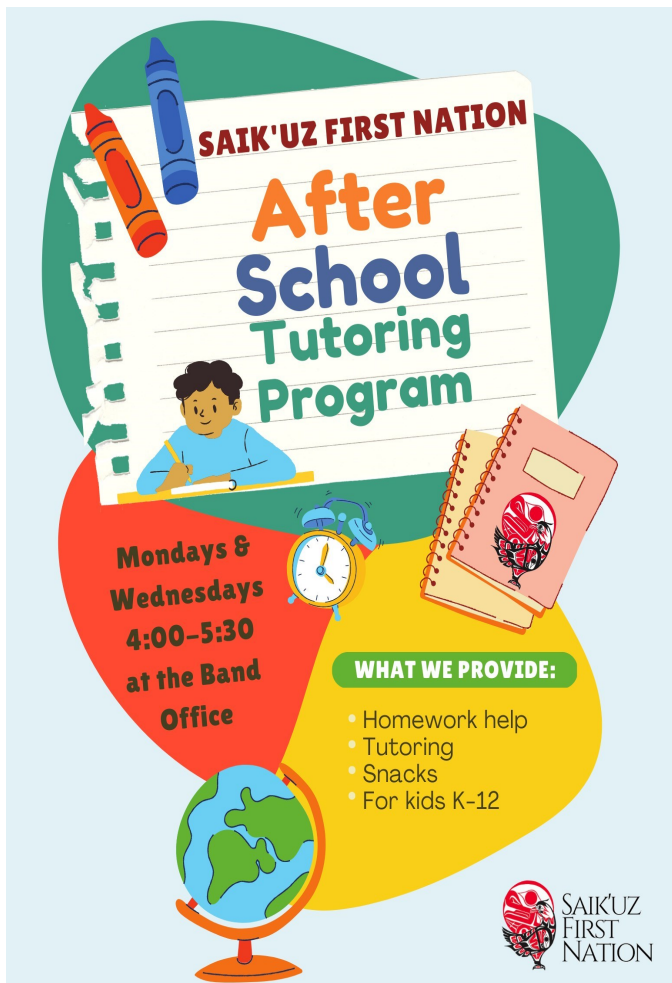
Masumi will contribute \$400/mo. to the host family to help defray the cost of shared meals, etc.

Please email or call the office at your earliest convenience if you would like to bring this unique cultural experience to your home and family, hosting Masumi for all or part of her stay with us.

I look forward to hearing from interested families!

Thank you,
Ms. Hart





39 fun ways kids can play outside this spring

Spring offers so many play opportunities for kids. Here's how to make the most of it!

[39 fun ways kids can play outside this spring – Active For Life](#)





Child Care Survey

Open to all parents/caregivers who reside within SD 91 boundaries

TELL US YOUR CHILD CARE NEEDS (INFANT TO 12 YEARS)

SURVEY WINDOW: APR 11-MAY 11

Click [here](#) to complete the 5-minute survey.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

W.L. McLeod Strong Start

Strong Start is a free drop-in program here at our school for families with children 0-5 years old.

We are open Monday to Thursday mornings 9am-12pm, and an extra evening class on Wednesdays 3:30pm-6:00pm. Closed on Fridays.

Connect on our Facebook page: W.L. McLeod Strong Start, or email smeads@sd91.bc.ca




How do you solve a problem?

Use your WITS!

Walk Away
Ignore
Talk it Out
Seek Help

www.witsprogram.ca

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



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

Existing Policies 505.1 and 505.2

Policy 505.1

Student Records

The Board of Education, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), shall maintain and safeguard student records. The Board will provide copies of records to the student(s) or parents/guardians, subject to statutory limitations and Board regulations. Copies of student records will also be provided to appropriate agencies or institutions in accordance with statutory requirements and Board regulations.

For the purposes of this policy, "Student Record", as defined by the *School Act*, means: "**student record**" means a record of information in written or electronic form pertaining to

- (a) a student or francophone student, or
- (b) a child registered under section 13 with a school or a francophone school, but does not include
- (c) a record prepared by a person if that person is the only person with access to the record, or
- (d) a record of a report under section 14 (1) or 16 (3)(b) of the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* or of information that forms the basis for a report under section 14 (1) of that Act;

Current as of September 30, 2016

The Board of Education, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), recognizes the student's right to privacy and affirms that all student records be treated as confidential. The Board further recommends that very sensitive personal records be retained separately in a confidential file to ensure they cannot be accessed by anyone other than those with a need to know.

For the purpose of this policy, "need to know" means that only those who are directly and actively providing a specific service or performing a professional duty in relation to a student need to know, or require access to all or portions of a student's personal records.

The Board affirms that the collection and use of a student's personal information is for the purposes of planning and administering each student's educational program and meeting the school board's statutory obligations.

Objectives:

1. To maintain and safeguard student records.
2. To provide controlled access to student records.
3. To provide copies of records to students or parents/guardians or to agencies or institutions on behalf of students when appropriate requests are made.
4. To maximize the value of student records.

Relevant Ministry of Education References:

- *School Act, Section 79*
- *Ministerial Order: Student Records Disclosure Order*
- *Ministerial Order: Permanent Student Record Card Order*
- *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

Policy 505.2

Access to Student Records by Parents or Students

The Board of Education, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), recognizes that any information or record about or referring to a particular student is considered to be the personal information of the student, to which she/he, and the parents/guardian, have the right of access, when the student is of school age. When the student reaches the age of majority then only he/she has the right of access.

The Board recognizes, however, that access to a record is not absolute and is subject to the provisions the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. There may be circumstances where the school district may withhold personal information from students or their parents if the disclosure of the information could harm the safety or mental or physical health of the student, or of another person.

The Board acknowledges that the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* gives students and their parents the right to appeal the district's decision to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The procedures for access to student records are specified in the Regulations accompanying this policy.

Combined Policy Proposal:

Policy 505.1

Student Records and Access to Student Records by Parents or Students

The Board of Education (the “Board”) affirms that student records are collected and used only for the purposes of:

- planning and administering each student’s educational program, and
- meeting the Board’s statutory obligations.

Student records are defined in the School Act, section 79.

It is the policy of the Board that, subject to statutory limitations and Board regulations:

- each student has a right to privacy
- all student records must be treated as confidential
- each student has the right to access their student records
- the student’s parents/guardians have the right to access the student’s records only while the student is under the age of majority
- upon request, student records will be provided to the student or the student’s parents/guardians
- copies of student records will also be provided to appropriate agencies or institutions.

The Board recognizes, however, that access to a record is not absolute and is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. There may be circumstances where the School District may withhold personal information from students or their parents if the disclosure of the information could harm the safety and/or mental or physical health of the student, or of another person.

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- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

2022 - 23 District Calendar

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APPROVED HOLIDAYS

Labour Day	September 5
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	September 30
Thanksgiving	October 10
Remembrance Day	November 11
Winter Break	December 19 - January 2
Family Day	February 20
Spring Break	March 20 - 31
Good Friday	April 7
Easter Monday	April 10
Victoria Day	May 22
First Day of Classes <i>Students AM only</i>	September 6
Last day of Classes <i>Students AM only</i>	June 29

Legend

	Public Holiday
	Pro-D Day (No Students)
	First/Last Day of Classes (Students AM only)
	Operational Day (No Students)
	District Planning Day (No Students)
	Winter/Spring Break

Professional Development Days & District Planning Day

Sep. 23 - District Planning Day
Oct. 21 - Provincial Pro-D Day
Nov. 25 - Pro-D
Feb. 10 - Pro-D
Apr. 28 - Zone Pro-D Day
May 12 - District Pro-D

2025-26 DISTRICT CALENDAR

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GOVERNMENT APPROVED HOLIDAYS:

July 1	Canada Day
August 4	BC Day
September 1	Labour Day
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
October 13	Thanksgiving
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Years Day
February 16	Family Day
April 3	Good Friday
May 18	Victoria Day

PROPOSED START & END DAYS

September 2	Opening Day (morning only)
June 25	Closing Day (morning only)
June 26	Operational Day (no students)

PROPOSED EXTENDED BREAKS:

Summer	July 1 - August 29
Winter	December 22 - January 2
Spring	March 23 - April 6

TENTATIVE PRO-D & PLANNING DAYS

September 19	District Planning Day
October 24	Provincial Pro-D Day
November 21	Pro-D Day
February 6	Pro-D Day
April 24	Zone Pro-D Day
May 8	District Pro-D Day

Instructional Non-Instructional Vacation Period Statutory Holiday

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OBSERVATION OF STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

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START & END DAYS

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Instructional	Non-Instructional	Vacation Period	Statutory Holiday
Observation of Statutory Holiday that falls on a weekend			

2024-25 DISTRICT CALENDAR

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GOVERNMENT APPROVED HOLIDAYS:

July 1	Canada Day
August 5	BC Day
September 2	Labour Day
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
October 14	Thanksgiving
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Years Day
February 17	Family Day
April 18	Good Friday
May 19	Victoria Day

START & END DAYS

September 3	Opening Day (morning only)
June 26	Closing Day (morning only)
June 27	Operational Day (no students)

EXTENDED BREAKS:

Summer	July 1 - August 30
Winter	December 23 - January 3
Spring	March 24 - April 4

TENTATIVE PRO-D & PLANNING DAYS

September 20	District Planning Day
October 25	Provincial Pro-D Day
November 22	Pro-D Day
February 7	Pro-D Day
April 25	Zone Pro-D Day
May 9	District Pro-D Day

Instructional Non-Instructional Vacation Period Statutory Holiday