



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



We are grateful to live, work, and play on the unceded, ancestral territories of fourteen First Nations representing the Dakelh, Nedut'en and Wet'suwet'en peoples.

December 6, 2023

250-567-2267

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

Issue 14

Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

We are collecting food to support the Vanderhoof Kin Club Santa's Anonymous hampers for 2023. We will collect non-perishable items until December 8. Thank you for your support of each other!

Our 2023 Christmas Concert, "Santa's Holiday Hoedown" is getting closer. We are so excited that we are going to perform live on stage this year. The shows will be at 1:00 on Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20. Because of space and safety, we will have limited capacity. Families will only be able to attend **ONE** performance. The 19th will be for families with last names from A to J and on the 20th we will welcome families from K to Z. We know this isn't entirely straight forward, but we will do our best to make it work. We were hoping to live stream this year, but it looks like that is not possible. We will record the show though.

If you are a caregiver who will be able to help us as a chaperone on one or both of our ski and snowboard trips to Murray Ridge in February please see the note in this newsletter about the new SD91 volunteer policy.

And I can't go without acknowledging what a wonderful past week and weekend it was. So many things to be grateful for.

Thank you to Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Johnny and the classes who made the spectacular decorations for the McDonald's Christmas tree. So fantastic! Please drop by McDonald's to have a look.

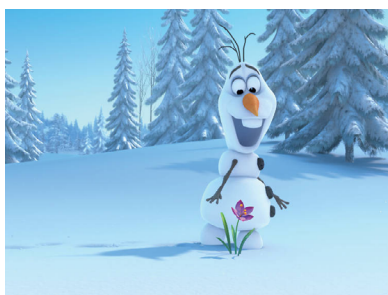
There are no words to express gratitude for our McLeod Craft Fair. It was a huge success. Thank you so much to everyone involved including (but probably missing some):

- Our PAC – Mrs. Manwaring and her leadership and organization along with the planning committee of Mrs. Tanninen and Mrs. Martinen.
- Ms. Lindsay for all her work at the office to make it happen
- Everyone in the kitchen under the guidance of Mrs. Tanninen and Mrs. Kuoppala. The food was great. It was so nice to see so many caregivers and staff who volunteered as well.
- Numerous caregivers who came by to help set up, help vendors get set up, help during the fair and clean up
- Classes who made Christmas decorations
- Mrs. Filipe and Mrs. A. and team for the yummy cupcakes.
- And, I can't go without saying thank you to our crazy Craft Fair Club. They worked weeks before the craft fair and then both Friday and Saturday. They had so much energy but they did well in true Proud to be McLeod fashion. And now I think they might be able to move a table properly? Maybe?

Thank you everyone!!!!

Remember, our theme this year is "**An attitude of GRATITUDE.**" 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 are trying to be kind to our earth and reduce the amount of paper we use at school. We will send out the front page of the newsletter and the Hot Lunch Menu in a hard copy, but the rest of the newsletter will be sent electronically. Please call the office to get your name on our newsletter e-mail list, or, try out our new QR code to the newsletter!





DECEMBER 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
* Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or Gluten free* *(V) indicates vegetarian option is available if pre-requested*				1 Chow Mien  Learning Updates and Core Competency Self-Assessments HOME
4 Pork Roast and Potatoes 	5 Pancakes (V) 	6 Beef Stew 	7 Roasted Chicken and Fried Rice with Salad Bar 	8 Bacon Alfredo 
11 Taco Casserole 	12 Sausage and Eggs (V) 	13 Pulled Pork 	14 Ham and Potato Soup with Salad Bar  Pajama Day	15 Turkey Dinner For everyone (hosted by PAC) 
18 Perogy Casserole (V) 	19 French Toast (V)  CHRISTMAS CONCERT	20 Ham and Cheese Bun  CHRISTMAS CONCERT	21 Spaghetti and Salad Bar (V) 	22 Chicken Caesar Wrap 
25 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 	26 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 	27 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 	28 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 	29 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 

More McLeod News



McLeod 2023 Christmas Concert

We are so happy to be bring our annual Christmas Concert back to our stage this year. We will be performing in the afternoon Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20.

Seating is limited and families will only be able to attend ONE performance.

Tuesday, December 19

~ last names A to J

Wednesday, December 20

~ last names K to Z.

Please contact Ms. Lindsay if you need to make alternate arrangements.

The show will be recorded (no live stream).

Holiday Care

Connexus Community Resources

Counselling and support programming for children, youth, and families.
Ph. 250-567-9205

Carrier Sekani Family Services

Holistic health and wellness services for Carrier and Sekani people, including youth services and maternal child health.
Ph. 250-567-2900

Neighbourlink

Food bank and Wednesday hot lunches
Ph. 250-567-9007 to register for food bank or to call for emergency food

Kids Help Phone

Ph. 1-800-668-6868 (toll free)
Txt. Kids text WELLNESS to 686868
Available 24hrs/day to Canadians aged 5 to 29. Confidential and anonymous care from professional counsellors.

Wellness Together Canada: Mental Health and Substance Use Support

Get connected to mental health and substance use support, resources, and counselling with a mental health professional.
Ph. 1-866-585-0445 to speak with a Program Navigator
Txt. Adults text WELLNESS to 741741
Web. <https://ca.portal.qs/#>
Available 24/7 to everyone.

Hope for Wellness Help Line

1-855-242-3310 (toll free)
Available to all Indigenous people who need immediate crisis intervention.
Telephone and online counselling.



Please like our [PAC Facebook Page](#) to stay up to date with what is going on in the school!



Please Label Snow Gear

Please ensure all outdoor snow gear (mitts, toques, coats, snowpants and boots) are labeled with your child's name.



COMING SOON:

Dec 14: Pajama Day
Dec 15: Turkey Dinner (at lunch)
Dec 19: Christmas Concert at 1:00
Dec 20: Christmas Concert at 1:00
Dec 22: Last day of school for 2023
Dec 25 - Jan 5: WINTER BREAK
Jan 8: Welcome Back

SKI and SNOWBOARD TRIP CHAPERONES



We have booked our grade 4-6 trips to Murray Ridge for February 2024. We will need chaperones to join us.

SD91 has a new policy that chaperones on trips such as this will need to complete extra paperwork including a Criminal Record Check. If you will be helping us as a chaperone for this event, please drop by the RCMP station as soon as possible and ask for a CRC to volunteer with a school. Once you have the CRC, bring it to the school and we will have one more form for you to complete.

Thank you in advance for your help!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

- We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day. That is why the Province's [ChildCareBC plan](#) is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.
- The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care.
- While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.
- This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all.

Who should fill out this survey?

If you have children attending Kindergarten to Grade 7 at a B.C. school, we want to hear from you about your family's child care needs.

What will this survey be used for?

The survey results will be used to support planning for future initiatives under the ChildCareBC plan. All responses are voluntary and anonymous; you and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Information received will be combined and shared with your school and district as a summary.

How do I complete the survey?

The survey is now available online at: <https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1731> and will take 10-15 minutes to complete.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Education and Childcare

Community News



Scan here for the School District Proposed Policy Updates



2024 Nechako Nordics Ski Program

The objective of The Jackrabbit Program is for children (ages 4-12) to learn basic cross country ski skills and to instill a lifelong interest in the sport, thereby enhancing their quality of life and health!

REGISTRATION for The Jackrabbit Program can be made online at:

<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=32959&lan=1&cartlevel=1>

Lessons start January 6th (January 13th for Bunnies) and run on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm and Saturdays from 10:00am-12:00pm.

To avoid being disappointed please register as soon as possible as space is limited!!!

For more information, please visit our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1302526809779153>, our Webpage at:
<https://nechakonsc.weebly.com/>

For any other questions please reach out to Steph Roller or Sammy Morin at:

svonroller@gmail.com samantha.morin.message@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone out on the trails!



THE NORTHERN ORCHESTRA OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
PRESENTS...

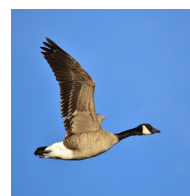
A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



Prince George: Saturday Matinée, December 9, at 2:30
1st Baptist Church; 483 Gillett st, Prince George

Vanderhoof: Sunday, December 10, at 2:30
The Gospel Chapel; 448 Connaught st, Vanderhoof

Admission by donation at door



An important message from Batman regarding this time of year:



HOLIDAY SKATE SCHEDULE

VANDERHOOF ARENA 2023



Dec. 17	1-4 PM Figure Skating Ice Show	Dec 31	12-1 PM Drop-in Hockey
	4:15-5:15 PM Public Skating		1:15-2:15 PM Public Skating
	5:30-6:30 PM Drop In Hockey		2-4:00 PM Drop-in Speed Skating
	6:45-7:45 PM Public Skating		4:15-5:15 PM Public Skating
Dec. 19-21	12-1 PM Public Skating		5:30-6:30 PM Drop-in Hockey
Dec. 22	12-1 PM Drop-in Hockey	Jan. 1 (STAT)	12-1 PM Drop-in Hockey
Dec. 22-23	Muckers Christmas Tournament		1:15-2:15 PM Public Skating
Dec. 24	4:14-5:15 PM Public Skating	Jan. 2-4	10:45-11:45 AM Public Skating
	5:30-6:30 PM Drop-in Hockey		12-1 PM Drop-in Hockey
	6:45-7:45 PM Public Skating		1:15-2:15 PM Public Skating
Dec. 25 (STAT)	12-1 PM Drop-in Hockey		2:30-3:30 PM Drop-in Hockey
	1:15-2:15 PM Public Skating	Jan 5	Same as Jan 2-4, then
Dec. 26 (STAT)	12-1 PM Drop-in Hockey		3:45-6:15 PM Minor Hockey
	1:15-2:15 PM Public Skating		6:30-8:30 PM Drop-in Speed Skating
Dec. 27-29	10:45-11:45 PM Public Skating	Jan. 6	8:45-10:45 AM Minor Hockey
	12-1 PM Drop-in Hockey		11-3:45 AM Figure Skating Jamboree
	1:15-2:15 PM Public Skating		4-5:45 PM Datchako
	2:30-3:30 PM Drop-in Hockey		6-8:30 PM Minor Hockey
Dec 30	12-1 PM Drop-in Hockey	Jan. 7	8-9:30 AM Minor Hockey
	1:15-2:15 PM Public Skating		10-11 AM Muckers
	2:30-3:45 PM Drop-in Figure Skating		11:15-3:30 AM Minor Hockey
	4-5:45 PM Datchako		4:15-5:15 PM Public Skating
			5:30-6:30 PM Drop-in Hockey
			6:45-7:45 PM Public Skating
			8-9 PM Ladies Hockey

Happy Holidays!

*all private ice bookings must be made prior to Dec 20th.



Blackwater Mine

Tim Hortons.

Coastal GasLink



Jan 8-regular

scheduling resumes

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

November 25, December 9, & 16, 2023
11:00 am - 4:00 PM

December 2 (Parade of Lights)

3:00pm - 6:30pm, 8:00pm - 9:00pm

At the Co-op Mall (188 E Stewart St)

Free to anyone who would like to come visit with Santa and get/take pictures.

Sponsored by
Four Rivers Co-operative
B & K Fawcett



THE NECHAKO FIGURE SKATING CLUB PRESENTS...

Christmas in the Country

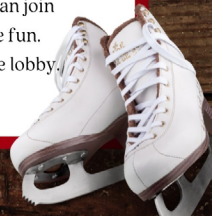
Join us at the Vanderhoof Arena for our annual Christmas Skating Showcase and Fundraiser.

**SUNDAY 17 DEC 2023
1PM**

**ADMISSION BY
DONATION**

**FAMILY SANTA SKATE
1:45PM-3:15PM**

After the show family & friends can join Santa on the ice for some festive fun. Skates and Helmets available in the lobby.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 91
VIRTUAL CLEARING HOUSE
NECHAKO LAKES

auction.sd91.bc.ca

Online auction site of SD91 assets

Updated often - check it often!



Scan the QR Code to go to the website!