



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.

Sept 18, 2024

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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Thank you to everyone who made our Open House/Ice Cream Social such a success. It was an amazing turnout! Thanks to our McLeod Cares Leaders, our caregiver volunteers and Mrs. Snow for their extra work. Did you know we started our Ice Cream Social as a tribute to Prairiedale School? When it closed, and new families joined McLeod, we wanted to make sure we carried on this Prairiedale tradition. We always want to make things better at McLeod so if you have any feedback about the event please let me know.

It was great to see some new people out to our PAC meeting. We invite caregivers and family members to attend any time. You can join in person or online. At our first PAC meeting of this year a new executive was elected. Dannilee Marttinen will remain as secretary and Cheryl Kuoppala as treasurer. We are still looking for a chair and vice-chair. Our PAC would love to hear from you if you are interested in even sharing one of these positions. Also, please join our PAC Facebook page to keep up to date on all things McLeod (<https://www.facebook.com/WLMPAC>).

We have started working on our Be a Bridge theme and our year pledge. In September we are working on "I will be the one to reach out and say hello." We are encouraging students to welcome others and talking about the power of random acts of kindness that cause a ripple effect.

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.

In October we are starting the new Munch-a-Lunch hot lunch ordering system. Please see this newsletter for more information about this. It's new for all of us so we will all figure it out together.

Tomorrow is Crazy Hair Day. Friday is a District Planning Day and our entire staff will be participating in the 5th Annual Indigenous Education Conference. There is NO SCHOOL for students.

A heads-up to everyone that we are going to do a special version of our panorama picture this year. We are going to take it on Friday, September 27th on the day we acknowledge National Truth and Reconciliation Day. We hope, as usual, everyone will wear orange in honour of EVERY CHILD MATTERS, and we will take a school picture that shares how important this message is at McLeod. At this time our individual picture day will be October 9th and our retake and class pictures day is set for October 29th. We will communicate with you if this changes.

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

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COMING SOON:

Sept 19: Crazy Hair Day

Sept 20: District Planning Day - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Sept 26: Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

Sept 27: School day honouring Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Sept 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - **NO SCHOOL**



SEPTEMBER 2024 MENU



Each meal is \$6.00. 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
2 Labor Day	3 ½ day Dismissal at 12:00.	4 Spaghetti (V) 	5 Frittata (V)  Just B4 Registration	6 Pizza Bagels (V) 
9 Roast Chicken 	10 Grilled Cheese (V) 	11 Pancakes and Eggs (V) 	12 Fish Sticks  Open House/Ice Cream Social 6:00-7:30 7:00 PAC Meeting	13 Chicken Chow Mien  Fun Day!
16 Sweet and Sour Meatballs with Rice 	17 French Toast (V) 	18 Beef Barley Soup 	19 Turkey Sandwich  Crazy Hair Day	20 District Planning Day (No School)
23 Sausage and Eggs (V) 	24 Roast Beef and Cheese Bun 	25 Perogy Casserole (V) 	26 Chicken Strips  Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	27 Lasagna  School Honoring of National Truth and Reconciliation Day 11:00 Panorama Pic
30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation				



W. L. McLeod Elementary School Feeding Futures Hot Lunch Program



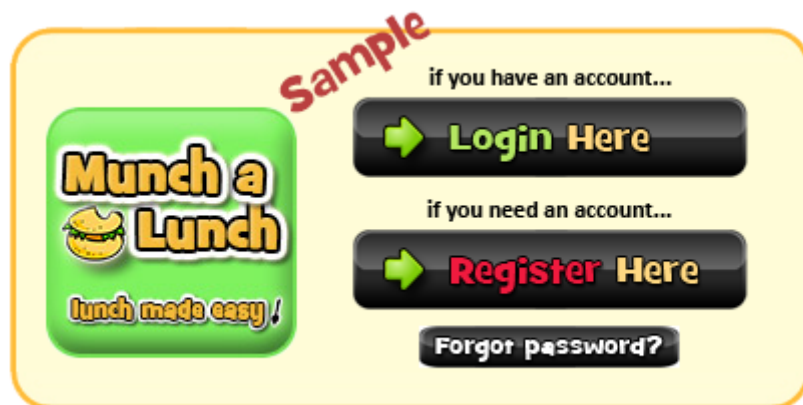
Hello McLeod family!

As you already know, the McLeod Farm to School PAC Program is now the SD91/BC Feeding Futures Program. We can't make this change without a HUGE thank you to the many adults who have worked tirelessly and selflessly for over a decade to create an incredible hot lunch program. We will forever be so proud of our home-grown success.

As part of the new Feeding Futures Program, we will now be using MunchaLunch.com for hot lunch ordering. You can pay for your orders online using a credit card (Visa/Mastercard), debit-credit card, Google Pay, Apple Pay or pre-paid credit card. The website will be ready to go for registration and ordering meals starting on Monday, September 23rd for meals starting on Wednesday, October 1st. We will still accept paper orders at the office, but we encourage everyone to use Munch-a-lunch as much as possible please.

HOW TO REGISTER.

- 1) Go to [MunchaLunch](https://MunchaLunch.com)
- 2) Click the "**Register Here**" button (as shown below). The system will guide you through.
- 3) After adding your children, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order.
- 4) Next time, just click the "**Login Here**" button to access your account.



This is a new system for all of us so we will work together to make the transition as easy as we can. Please don't hesitate to call the school with any questions or feedback.

Proud to be McLeod,
Ms. Hart



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





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 Indigenous 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.



Thank you for keeping McLeod scent free
 (including essential oils).



Nechako Figure Skating Club

**Do you have a child ready to skate?
 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Nechako Figure Skating Club (NFSC) has programs for children and youth of all ages! Come out and join us for a fun year!

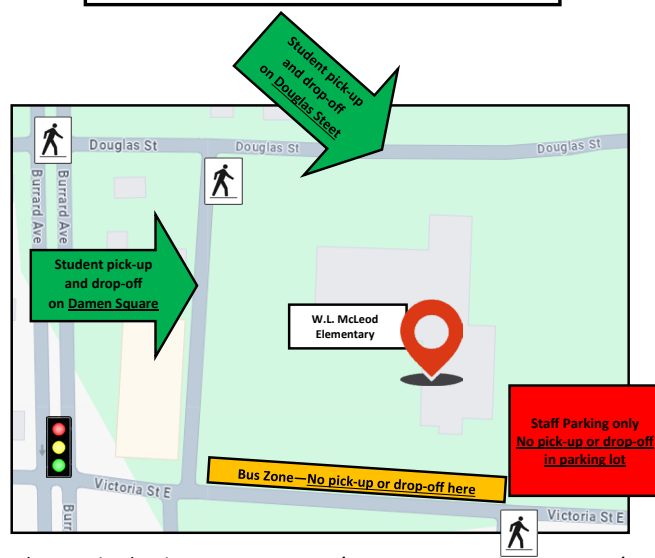
REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://nechakofsc.uplifterinc.com/registration>

Contact : nechakofsc@gmail.com

www.nechakofsc.com

**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.

SEPT - JUNE
ONLY 10 SPOTS
AVAILABLE!

***2024/25 REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!**

Just B4 PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



Tues & Thurs
1:15 - 3:15 pm



**FEE: \$117
PER MONTH**

SAFE & INCLUSIVE
 OPEN TO CHILDREN AGES 3 AND 4
 NOT ALREADY ENROLLED IN
 PRESCHOOL

**W.L. McLeod Elementary School
 Vanderhoof**

Registration opens at 10 am on Sept 5!
 Bring your child's care card & birth
 certificate.
 Families can apply for Affordable Child
 Care Benefits!

**Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club
2024 - 2025 Season**



Registration is Open!!

From beginners to advanced skaters from age 4 years to adult.

Speed skates available for rent.

Low cost, fun and fast winter sport!

Must be 4 years old on or before June 30th.

Questions? Contact Terry Lazaruk 250-570-8444.

Registration link: <https://icereg.ca/#!/events/vanderhoof-clippers-speed-skating-club-20242025-2025>

vanderhoofspeedskating@gmail.com



**I will be the one
to reach out
and say hello.**

Is your elementary aged child struggling socially or emotionally at school? Have they experienced an adverse or traumatic event that they are having difficulty processing? Have there been family changes or losses that are impacting their mood and/or behaviour? Maybe school counselling can help.

If you are considering school counselling for your child please visit the **SD91 Counsellor's Corner** website. Under the Services tab there is an informative article titled "**Does My Child Need to See a School Counsellor?**", which can help you decide if school counselling is the right fit. You will also find instructions on the referral process, updated lists of each counsellor's school assignments, and loads of information and resources pertaining to a variety of mental health issues.

To find the website you can Google **SD91 Counsellor's Corner** or click on the link found on the Inclusive Education page of the SD91 website.



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



Check out our McLeod website

wlm.sd91.bc.ca/



MCLEOD IS **NOT FREE.**



Thanks for
keeping our
McLeod
family safe.

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



Pro-D Day Scavenger Hunt

Cost: Free

Looking for some Pro-D Day fun? Look no further! Join us for a scavenger hunt and roasting hot dogs!

Ages: 7 - 9 Years

Date: Friday, September 20, 2024

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Location: 478 1st Street, Vanderhoof (Vanderhoof Museum)

For more information, contact:

Brittney Wall

Phone: (250) 567-0956

Email: bwall@connexus.ca



SAIK'UZ FIRST NATION

K-12 TUTORING



Tutoring

Tuesday & Thursday
4:00pm - 5:00pm

📍 Saik'uz Band Office

🍴 Snacks Provided

The Parents, Guardians, Aunties or Uncles
are Encouraged to Join!

Attendance
Incentives



Strong Start

W.L. McLeod



Mon-
FRI
9am-12pm

FREE Drop-in program for all families
with young children ages 0-5 years old

Contact info: Phone: 250-567-2267
Email: mjohn@sdgs.bc.ca



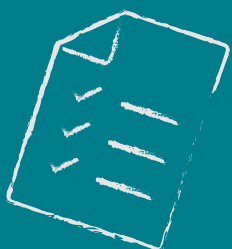
"TALK ABOUT LEARNING TIME"

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

"Talk About Learning Time" conferences are held two times a year at all schools, once in October and once in March.

These are opportunities for families and teachers to discuss their child's progress to support learning. The sessions are 10–15 minutes long, and there is value for all parents to attend even if your child is doing well in school. Other options can be arranged if you cannot attend.

Talk About Learning Time – Goals:



- Build a cooperative relationship with the teacher to support learning
- Discuss information about your child and any concerns
- Set action plans for improvement and support
- Answer questions about recent provincial changes in assessment and reporting student learning

Before the Conference:

- Confirm whether to attend with or without your child
- Ask your child about their feelings about school and any specific topics they want discussed

Make a brief list of topics you want to discuss such as:

- What are my child's strengths?
- What areas are of concern?
- Is my child engaged in class?
- Does my child seem happy at school?
- How can I support my child at home?



During the Conference:

- Be on time and mindful of time constraints
- Stay relaxed and be yourself and prioritize your important questions
- Inquire about your child's progress if they receive additional support
- Seek clarification on curriculum and resources
- Ask for ways to support learning at home and examples of your child's work
- Show your appreciation for the teacher's time and effort



After the Conference:

- Discuss the conference with your child
- Highlight positive points and ways to improve
- Communicate any plans made with the teacher to your child
- Stay in touch with the teacher during the school year

Other Helpful Hints:

- Double-check your appointment time and length of the meeting
- Maintain a positive attitude, recognizing that everyone is on the same team
- Acknowledge what is working well before concerns are brought forward
- Provide specific examples when explaining key points
- Listen carefully and be open to different perspectives
- Stay objective, focus on your child's needs, and steps forward
- While in-person sessions are the best way to collaborate with teachers, other options, such as phone meetings, can be arranged



Links and Resources:

www.sd91.bc.ca > Student & Families > Parent Resources



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DPAC**

**Please contact your school principal for
more information.**

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