

# The Prowler

# the news of the week les nouvelles de la semaine

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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas! Our halls are full of the sounds of our kids rehearsing for our 2019 Christmas Concert, "I Need a Little Christmas Vacation." Shows will be at 1:00 and 7:00 on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars. I encourage you to join us for the afternoon show if you can as our night show is even busier.

We are almost at the end of our SPIRIT OF HEALTHY KIDS challenge. Please don't forget to send in your child's signed form. We need those forms to submit them for our chance to be honoured with \$5,000 from the Prince George and Northern Health to support our proposal to enhance our Back Pack Program and our hampers for families who need a bit more.

As you may have heard, our community is in need of FOOD. The Kinettes are working on the Christmas Hampers and the donations this year are slim. Even our donations are not what they usually are. Let's help out – in 2 days!! On Thursday and Friday please send in as much non-perishable food items as you can. We can do it McLeod!

Please check out the info in this newsletter about the possibility of a Japanese teacher at McLeod starting in the Spring. We've had three Japanese teachers at our school in the past and it's always been a wonderful experience. We are looking for host families before we can take the next step to invite a teacher. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting for some or part of a year.

Thursday is the best day of the year. It's Pajama Day!!!

It is our goal to work together with you and the kids to help McLeod students USE THEIR HEADS AND THEIR HEARTS to be the 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 are in this together!

Proud to be McLeod

Ms. L. Hart

Coming Soon:

Dec 12: PJ Day

Dec 19: Christmas Concert 1:00 and 7:00

(Students please arrive by 6:30)

Dec 20: Turkey Dinner

Dec 23 – Jan 3: Winter Break

\*NO SCHOOL\*

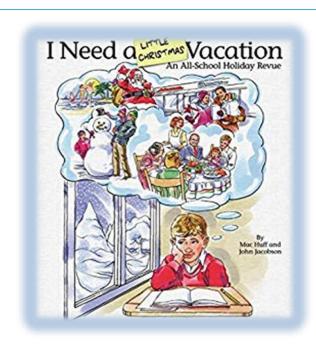
**Jan 6:** Back to school! Happy 2020!

NVSS Winter Concert - Dec 12 – NVSS Gymnasium

Doors open at 6:30pm. Concert starts at 7pm. Students need to be in the band room before 6:30pm in full concert dress.

Our Lost & Found is getting very full!

Please come and take a look to see if any of the items belong to your family (3)



Please join us for our McLeod Christmas Concert 2019 at 1:00 and 7:00 on Thursday, December 19

When a photographer can't change a scene, he changes his angles and lens to capture the best of that scene. Similarly, when you can't change a situation in your life, change your perspective to get the best out of that situation.

Be a filter, not a sponge.



Thanks for remembering this is a



Peanut/Nut Free School



"As winter sets in we would just like to remind parents of Kindergarten, Grade one, and Grade two, that ride our school buses, that there must be someone at the bus stop to meet the students. We do not drop these students off if no one is there to meet them. We do this for the safety of these students. If parents would like these students dropped off without someone there to meet them, they need to contact the bus garage in their area."

Vanderhoof: 250-567-9618 ext. 1

If you would like to help save paper and be added to our Newsletter email list, please send your email address to lbailey@sd91.bc.ca

## THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY!

School District 91 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 4 & 7 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between: January  $15^{th}$  and February  $21^{st}$ , 2020.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/

WEB SITE!

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

Parent FAQs:

http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/

If you don't want your child to participate please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at <a href="mail@help.ubc.ca">mdi@help.ubc.ca</a>.

#### **CONTACTING ME**

Each year I ask me by text. I have send you all doing great things



parents to connect with great plans to be able pictures of your kids around the school.

Turns out, I need to carry my phone around more to get that done. ① 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.

## Come check out the Nechako Figure Skating Club we perform our annual Christmas Show!

Sunday at 1:00

All of our skaters have been working hard at putting on a great show, and would love for you to come and check it out!

Following the show will be a Family Skate with Santa, so bring your skates, or borrow some from the arena! We will also be hosting a silent auction with lots of great items as well as our popular cookie/treat trays!

Admission is by donation and we hope to see you there!



Let's all use our WITS at

Please have all items you'd like to add to the newsletter to Mrs. Bailey by **noon** on Tuesday's.

Any submissions after noon will be put in the following week's newsletter. Please email <a href="mailto:lbailey@sd91.bc.ca">lbailey@sd91.bc.ca</a>

## Thank you

#### Important notice!



If you are making new or alternate I for your child(ren), you must contain at 250-567-9618 ext. 1 before 1:30 the change.

Due to buses being at full capacity time, we are unable to accommoda

### Child Care in B.C. - Public Survey As

part of our on-going efforts to ensure Childcare BC is meeting the needs of families, you will be asked about your familiarity and experience with existing Childcare BC programs, how you find out about and secure child care, and your opinions on issues that may inform future programs and services.

Please visit sd91.bc.ca or the school website to find the link to the survey We are thrilled to have an opportunity to welcome a volunteer Japanese "cultural ambassador in-residence" back to McLeod to introduce the culture, customs and language of Japan to our students. The program is a unique cross-cultural experience for McLeod that provides our students with first-hand exposure to the diversity of world cultures. Our possible Japanese teacher is Haruka.

#### The Opportunity

- <u>International Internship Programs</u> (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.
- <u>Cross-Cultural Exchange</u>: The program provides our students with a unique opportunity to gain firsthand cross-cultural experience, one that sparks a stronger connection with other countries and the world around us. Our Japanese cultural ambassador will volunteer her time, energy and expertise, support our staff, and enable our students to learn about Japan, Asia and ways of life different from their own.
- <u>Timing</u>: Haruka would arrive this coming April, travel during the summer, and return to us in the fall to volunteer through the following March.

### **Host Family**

- In order to bring this wonderful opportunity back to our McLeod 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.
- Haruka will contribute a stipend of \$400/mo. to her host family.

If we can find one or more host families, we can have Haruka enrich our students with the culture, customs and language of Japan and support our staff.

Please let Ms. Hart know if you are interested in this great experience.



We are one of only six schools in Northern BC who have been selected for a chance to win \$5000 to support families in our community.

## Join the challenge!

Track your reading, physical activity, healthy choices, and giving back between December 2 and December 13.



We are aiming for 100% participation.

Every student in our school can practice healthy habits and help us reach our goal.



# YES, I'd like to purchase a copy of the 2019 WL McLeod Christmas Concert "I Need a Little Christmas Vacation".

\$5 per email address to		copy of the concert (no DVDs).	
Email:		(add more emails on the back)	TOTAL \$
Student:	Teacher:	<u> </u>	=

Please include payment with this order form! Send money and form to school by Thursday, December 19. Links will be sent out before Christmas! This is a PAC Fundraiser. Thank you for your support!



## DECEMBER 2019 MENU



# fach meal is 5.00 (reg), or 6.00 (lg). PLEASE PRE-ORDER AND PRE-PAY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Roast Beef PAC Clara Clark	3 Salad Bar + Chowmein	4 Crepes	Salad Bar + Beef Vegetable Soup	Salad Bar + Sloppy Joes
Meatloaf	10 Salad Bar + Frittata	11 French Toast	Salad Bar + Pizza Rolls Pajama Day	13 Salad Bar + Chili 2:00 ♥ Heart Groups
hicken Strips	17 Salad Bar + Pierogi Casserole	18 Sausage & Eggs	Salad Bar + Spaghetti Christmas Concert (1:00pm.& 7:00pm)	*Free Turkey Dinner Thank you PAC
School Not in Session	School Not in Session	Christmas Day	School Not in Session	School Not in Session
School Not in Session	School Not in Session	New Year's Day Happy New Year!	School Not in Session	School Not in Session