



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

It is one week until Pink Shirt Day. It's on Wednesday, February 24th this year. This is the annual day to honour kindness, caring, inclusion, tolerance, understanding and celebrating differences and you can learn more about it at <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>. Thank you for your patience as we worked through the VERY cold weather to finally get our filming done for our music video, *We're All in This Together*. We will premiere the video on the 24th and don't forget to wear **LOTS OF PINK**.

Way to go to our many scientists who presented at our McLeod Science Fair yesterday. We have 10 students moving forward to the District Science Fair on the 25th.

Today was the first day of our mini-Carnaval. Three of our cohorts were outside for games in the afternoon and they enjoyed some yummy maple taffy. Our other three cohorts will do the same on Thursday. On Friday we will finish our celebration of French-Canadian culture with French BINGO and enjoying Beaver Tails.

Please don't forget to do the Daily Health Check with your children each day. Thank you for helping to keep us all safe.

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

COMING SOON:

Feb 17–19: Carnaval Activities (afternoons)
Feb 24: **Pink Shirt Day**
Feb 25: District Science Fair
Feb 26: Pro-D Day—**No School for Students**
Mar 5: Report Cards Home
Mar 15: Kindergarten Registration Opens
Mar 16: **Early Dismissal—Noon**
Student-Led Conferences

★ ALWAYS believe
that SOMETHING
WONDERFUL
is about to HAPPEN ★

In a world where you can be anything,

be kind



W.L McLeod PAC is hosting a Purdy's Easter Fundraiser



The fundraiser will run from February 12, 2021 to March 8, 2021.

Please keep an eye out for the Easter Bunny catalogue and help the PAC raise funds for our school.

All the money raised stays in the school, either in classroom support or towards special events like The Ice Cream Social, Carnival, Turkey Dinner or The Year End BBQ to name a few.



Have any questions, concerns or input, come join us for our next meeting March 8, 2021 by Zoom.

If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1206888-82531>

After you've signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Thank you so much!



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.



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



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



CONTACTING ME

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

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.

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!



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

**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.



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School

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



School Board Meeting

Monday, February 22, 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:

March 15, 2021

April 19, 2021

K – 12 ENHANCED GUIDELINES

Attention Parents / Guardians

Last Thursday, the Ministry of Education announced **updated health and safety guidelines** which will now require all K – 12 staff in schools and all students in middle and secondary schools to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas, including when they are in their learning groups. The only exceptions are when:

- They are sitting or standing at their seat or workstation in a classroom
- There is a barrier in place
- They are eating or drinking

Mask exemptions remain in place for students and staff who cannot wear a mask for health or behavioural reasons.

Even when wearing a mask, staff and students will still be required to maintain physical distance from people outside of their learning group.

Elementary school students are not required to wear masks and it remains a family decision.

If a student or staff member develops symptoms while at school, they must wear a mask while they are preparing to go home.

In addition to the evolving guidelines around masks, there have been some changes to the way that physical education and music classes are offered, primarily at the secondary level and as we work through these changes we will inform parents.

NEW K-12 HEALTH CHECK APP

The Ministry of Education has worked with Public Health and the BCCDC to create a daily health check website and mobile app for students and their parents to complete before heading to school in the morning. The website and app will contain the most up-to-date BC health guideline information.

The design of the app was developed in collaboration with BC students to create an age-appropriate user-experience. It will allow for students and their parents to make the best decisions on whether to attend school, not to attend school, or take other measures based on the information they provide.

The health check application will be available online as a [mobile enabled website](#), an [iPhone application](#), and a [Google Android application](#).

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE NEWS

At the Board meeting on Monday, January 18, 2021, the following policy was given first and second readings:

406.5 – Bullying and Harassment

Please visit <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations> to view the draft policy and regulation. Please click on the “feedback” link located above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The closing date for comments is February 17, 2021.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

February 22, 2021
March 15, 2021

Don't forget it is still winter out there!

We want to remind everyone that students should be dressed weather-appropriately for both the playground and busses. Here are some Winter Dressing Tips:

<https://www.kindercare.com/content-hub/articles/2016/november/winter-rules-the-art-of-dressing-your-kids-for-the-cold>

"Baby, It's Cold Outside!" 9 Winter Dressing Tips for Children



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.

Signed Canuck's Jersey Raffle



**All proceeds go to
BC Children's Hospital**

to buy equipment, conduct research
and provide services for sick and
injured children in BC.

Draw hosted by Vanderhoof Community for Kids

DRAW DATE
February 28th, 2021
@ Noon at Streamline Signs

Tickets \$5 each
for your chance to
own a Vancouver Canucks
Jersey signed by
#6 Brock Boeser

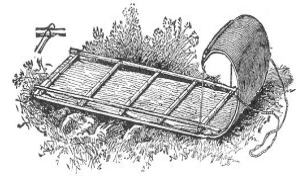
Tickets available at Streamline Signs, Vanderhoof Department Store, Wallace Studios, and other locations. Visit **@vanderhoofcfk** on Facebook to find out.



FEBRUARY 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 Spaghetti 	2 Crepes & Ham 	3 Taco Salad 	4 Caramel Chicken  Ski/Snowboard Day (Leclerc/ Corcoran cohort) 	5 Chicken Caesar Wrap 
8 Burritos 	9 Sausage & Eggs 	10 Perogy Casserole 	11 Stuffed Potatoes  Ski/Snowboard Day (Lawrence/ Vienneau cohort) 	12 Lasagna  Red/ Pink day/ 100th Day 
15  (No School)	16 French Toast  School Science Fair 	17 Ham & Cheese Buns  	18 Chicken Strips  	19 Sweet & Sour Meatballs w/ rice  
Afternoon Carnival Activities				
22 Roast Chicken 	23 Pancakes & Sausage 	24 Pork Cutlets in gravy  Pink Shirt Day 	25 Hamburgers 	26 PRO-D DAY Learning  Learning is the... through study, experie... knowledge acquired gaining knowledge acquir... knowledge acquir... is very...