



# The Prowler

*the news of the week  
les nouvelles de la semaine*



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Happy Heart Month everyone!

Wednesday, February 25th is PINK SHIRT DAY 2026. It's the day we love to honour everything we think is important all the time – kindness, caring and inclusion. This year we are going to learn about paying it forward and have a little fun at the same time. There are four steps:

1. COLLECT - regular size boxes of cereal (260 grams) from our school community and the Vanderhoof community.
2. DECORATE - with messages of kindness, caring and inclusion.
3. FUN – the Great Cereal Box Dominio Challenge
4. DONATE - the boxes of cereal with their kindness messages to NeighbourLink.

Please start sending in those boxes of cereal and spread the word throughout our community.

McLeod will celebrate Share the Love Day on Thursday, February 26. School District 91 Share the Love 2026 is on February 26 and 27 this year to honour Zero Discrimination Day on Sunday, March 1st. Our McLeod plans will include a Teams presentation for all students by Misha Oak and a Heart Group celebrating kindness, caring and inclusion. At 3:30 on the 26th Misha is also doing a staff/caregiver presentation on Teams. All are welcome. You can learn more about Misha at <https://mischaoak.com/>. Here is his message:

#### ***Joy in Difference (from Misha):***

*Being different and appreciating other people's differences is a joy, and it's important to celebrate and accept each other's differences across all ages. Instead of looking at others who are different from us as a problem, we can all look to each other for inspiration and for how to see the best in ourselves.*

*Everyone's identity is different. Some things we will have in common with others, and others we won't. Differences exist in how we look, our families, what we can and cannot do, the stories of how we came to be here, and where we will all go in life.*

*Our job in life is not to judge others, but to see the best in others. Everyone has dreams in life, and our*

*job is to support people's dreams, be each other's cheerleaders, and not stand in their way. When you are a cheerleader for others, they will be cheerleaders for you too, and then we can all reach our full potential together and make the future of our dreams possible.*

Don't forget that this Friday is a Pro-d Day.

In February we are working on *Listen with your Heart* in our **"LET'S COMMUNICATE TO CONNECT"** focus. We'll be learning about recognizing that there are different points-of-view and how we can agree or disagree respectfully.

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

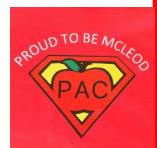
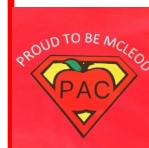


See the  
whole  
newsletter

We would like to remind you that doors in our school are **locked** apart from the front door. Adults should **only** enter through the front door. Please **sign in and out** at the office. Please **do not go to classrooms** without permission from our office staff.

**W.L. McLeod PAC Corner**  
[wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com](mailto:wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com)

Have a great week!



# February/March 2026 MENU

Student name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ 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 lunch for your child on these days. **Cheques should be made payable to SD91.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pancakes and Sausage 	3 Beef Stew 	4 Chicken and Rice Casserole 	5 Pizza Bagel  Primary Soccer Play Day	6 Pro-D Day
9 Eggs and Sausage 	10 Chicken Chow Mein 	11 Taco Salad 	12 Mac and Cheese 	13 Filipino Pork Steak 
16 Family Day	17 Spaghetti 	18 French Toast 	19 Salmon Salad Wrap 	20 BBQ Chicken  McLeod School Science Fair
23 Chili 	24 Tuscan Chicken 	25 Quesadilla  PINK SHIRT DAY	26 Hot Dogs 	27 Chicken Caesar Wrap 
MARCH 2 Corn Chowder 	3 Taco Casserole  SD91 District Science Fair	4 Shake & Bake-Style Chicken Legs 	5 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich 	6 Asian-Style Beef and Potato Stir-Fry  LEARNING UPDATES HOME
9 Fish Sticks 	10 2:00-6:00 Talk About Learning Time (12:00 Early Dismissal)	11 Snack Plate 	12 Beef Broccoli  Basketball Play Day	13 Chicken Noodle Soup  Crazy, Green Backward Day
March 14 to 29 - HAPPY SPRING BREAK!				
30 Spaghetti 	31 Chicken Ranch Wrap 			

\* Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or Gluten free\* \*(V) indicates vegetarian option is available if pre-requested\*

Link to Meal Manage



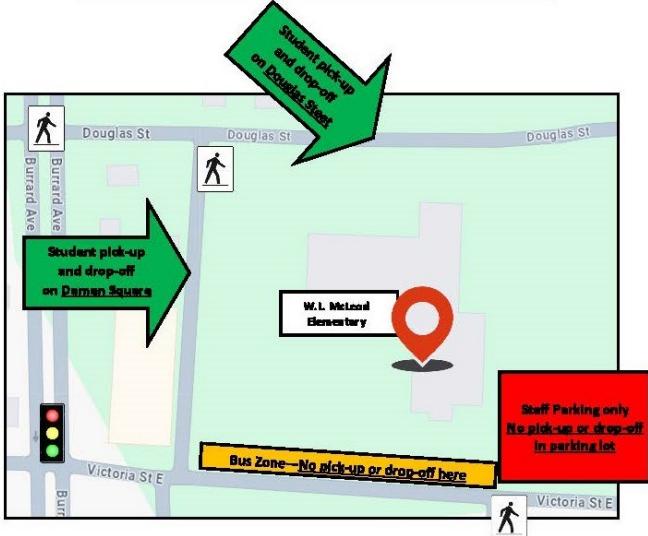
Instructions to Meal  
Manage

FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2026



All cereal will be donated to our community through Neighbourlink.

### 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.

### COMING SOON:

- Feb 6: Pro-D Day—No School
- Feb 13: 100th Day/Valentine's Day Celebrations
- Feb 16: Family Day—NO SCHOOL
- Feb 20: McLeod Science Fair
- Feb 25: Pink Shirt Day

Kindergarten registration is now open. Spread the word! Caregivers can drop by McLeod anytime to register.

We love your help! If you are planning to be a volunteer at our school in any way this year or in the future you will require a Criminal Record Check. **If you are ready to do your check please drop by the school to get a letter from Ms. Lindsay so it is free.** You can pop into our local RCMP detachment to do this or there is more info at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/crime-prevention/criminal-record-check>.

Thank you!

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 [lblade@sd91.bc.ca](mailto:lblade@sd91.bc.ca)



CHECK OUT OUR MCLEOD WEBSITE

[WLM.SD91.BC.CA/](http://WLM.SD91.BC.CA/)

## Children, Youth & Family Services Activity Calendar

FEBRUARY / 2026



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Families Matter Drop In Group Available At All Office Hours 1		2 You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FS SS & FLESS	3	4 You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS	5	6 PRO-D DAY Mad Scientists 10:00 am-03:00 pm (6-12 y/o) 7
8	9 You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FS SS & FLESS	10	11 You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS	12	13	14 Valentines Baking 03:00 pm-04:30 pm (6-12 y/o)
15 STAT - CLOSED Family Day 16	16 You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FS SS & FLESS	17	18 You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS	19	20	21 Crafting Time 03:00 pm-04:30 pm (6-12 y/o)
22	23 You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FS SS & FLESS	24	25	26 You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS	27	28 Outdoor exploration 03:00 pm-04:30 pm (6-12 y/o)

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

### Please Label Snow Gear

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



How do you solve a problem?

Use your **WITS!**



W Walk Away  
I Ignore  
T Talk it Out  
S Seek Help

[www.witsprogram.ca](http://www.witsprogram.ca)



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



February 6 & 7, 2025

10AM-3PM

The Gathering Place  
(Saik'uz Band Office)  
135 Joseph Street

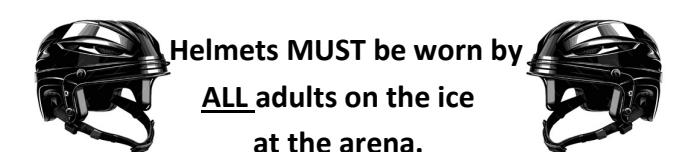
Everyone Welcome!

Indoor & Outdoor Activities!

Lunch Provided

Competitions & Prizes!

Have Questions? Contact:  
[education@saikuz.com](mailto:education@saikuz.com)  
250-567-9293



This includes staff and caregiver volunteers

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91

# We're Hiring!

BURNS LAKE, FORT ST. JAMES, FRANCOIS LAKE,  
FRASER LAKE, GRANISLE, GRASSY PLAINS, VANDERHOOF



## Positions Include:

- Administrative Assistants
- Before & After School Care Workers
- Bus Drivers/Bus Monitors/Bus Washers
- Custodians
- Indigenous Education Advocates
- Learning Support Workers
- Meal Program Workers
- Morning/Noon/Bus/Playground Supervisors
- Personal Attendant - Autism
- Personal Care Worker
- Trades/Maintenance
- Youth Care Workers

SCAN THE QR CODE, OR VISIT  
WWW.SD91.BC.CA/SUPPORTSTAFFPOSTINGS  
TO VIEW OUR CURRENT VACANCIES, INCLUDING OUR  
CASUAL LISTS!



McLEOD IS  
**NUT FREE.**



Thanks for  
keeping our  
McLeod  
family safe.

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



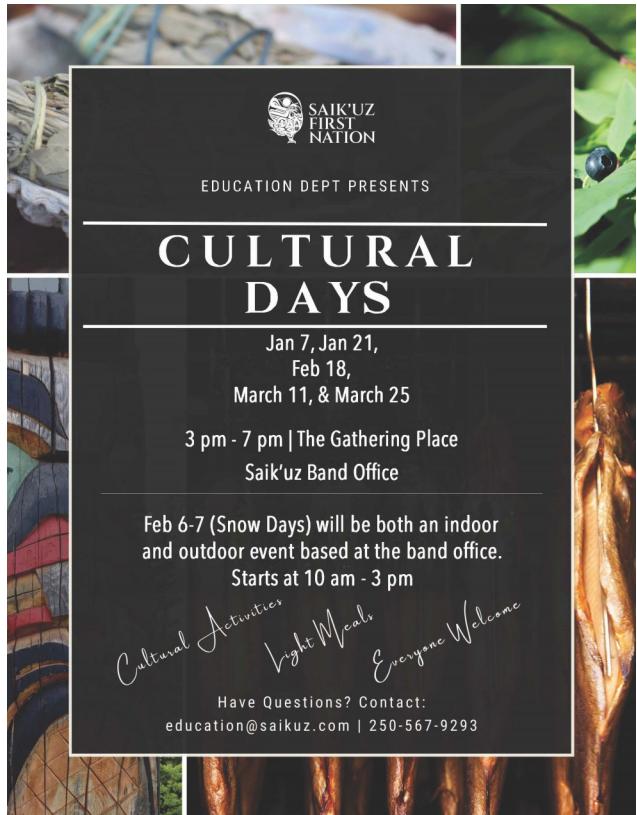
Vanderhoof Elementary School/W. L. McLeod Elementary School  
PHOTO ARCHIVE  
1960 to 2005

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC-rDH5APAQ>

## T-Shirt Tuesdays



Please wear your McLeod wardrobe every  
Tuesday. It's a great way to show your  
school spirit! Anything McLeod works.  
We love homemade stuff too!



SAIK'UZ FIRST NATION

EDUCATION DEPT PRESENTS

## CULTURAL DAYS

Jan 7, Jan 21,  
Feb 18,  
March 11, & March 25

3 pm - 7 pm | The Gathering Place  
Saik'uz Band Office

Feb 6-7 (Snow Days) will be both an indoor  
and outdoor event based at the band office.  
Starts at 10 am - 3 pm

*Cultural Activities  
Light Meals  
Everyone Welcome*

Have Questions? Contact:  
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Talking, listening, and sharing  
help us understand and care for one another.

- ★ What is Communication
- 💡 Skills of Listening and Sp...
- 🤝 Teamwork
- ❓ Asking questions
- 👉 Conflict resolution



### Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback  
until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026.

[Policy 101.1.1 – Trustee Elections – Bylaw](#)

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the [SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage](#).



## School Board Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2026  
6:30 pm

**School Board Office**  
**Vanderhoof, 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 request your seat in advance 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 visit [www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information](http://www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information) for the Teams link.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit [www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes](http://www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes).

Contact:

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[hsilver@sd91.bc.ca](mailto:hsilver@sd91.bc.ca)



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



Please do not send bags of unpopped popcorn or the KD cups for lunches. It takes too long to cook in the microwave and we end up running out of time to eat. They also burn in the microwave too easily.

Thank you!



# Recreation Schedule

February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
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Little Learners 10am-11am   3-5 Yrs Y Theatre 1pm-2pm   3-5 Yrs Winter Create  3:30PM-4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	2 Little Artists 10am-11am   3-5 Yrs Dino Crafts 1pm - 2pm   3-5 Yrs Science Day 3:30PM -4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	3 Little Movers 10am-11am 3-5 Yrs Story Time 11:30am-12:30pm   0-3 Winter Crafts  3:30PM -4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	4 Tiny Tumblers 10am-11am   0-3 Yrs Winter Art 1pm-2pm   3-5 Yrs WinterExploration  3:30PM-4:30PM 6-12 Yr	5 Pro-D Day - Tie Dye   9:30am - 3:30pm 6-12 yrs	6	7	8
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## Facility Hours

Monday-Friday • 8:00am-5:30pm  
186 Columbia Street, Vanderhoof

Contact: vcc@bc.ymca.ca

(250) 570-9505

Register online: mynbc.ca

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