



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

It has been so wonderful to see our students back at McLeod. We have missed you!

We are all working to get used to being in school full time again after many, many months. I'm sure you have noticed that your kids are extra tired. We notice at school as well. 😊 I really encourage you to get children to bed early as they are using their brains and bodies more and more.

Please don't forget to do the Daily Health Check each morning with your children. If your child has any symptoms of a common cold, flu or COVID-19 they must stay home. We then strongly encourage you to call the 811 COVID Health Line and follow their advice. Students should also not return to school until all of their symptoms have resolved. It is also very important that you call the school to report any absences due to illness. Thank you for your support to keep us all healthy.

We want to stay in touch with you. Our newsletter e-mail list is the best way for us to do this. Please connect with Ms. Lindsay to make sure you are on the list. You can also check out our school website, our McLeod PAC Facebook page and the SD91 Facebook page for the most up-to-date info.

We have been working hard to learn how to navigate our world at McLeod in the time of a global pandemic. I have been extremely proud of how open our students have been to learn new things and how quickly they are making it just part of what we do. Please ask your kids about the fun ways we have reinforced the guidelines in school. Last week we did a virtual Goose Chase scavenger hunt. Classes took pictures of themselves doing different tasks with our Health and Safety guidelines throughout the school. The pictures are posted on our school TVs so we can see them all each day. We also all watched a great movie/music video made by our amazing McLeod Cares Leaders showing us how to make sure we are keeping safe.

Speaking of technology, on Monday we had our first virtual, travelling assembly. It was a fun way to get

many of our classes involved, introduce our new staff and remind ourselves of some important things at McLeod like minimizing our lost and found, not bring nuts to school, sharing kindness messages and t-shirt Tuesdays.

There are some very important days coming up:

Monday, September 21st at 5:00 is our first PAC meeting.

Tuesday, September 22nd is individual picture day.

Thursday, September 24th is Crazy Hair Day and our school Terry Fox Run. Please see the note from Mrs. Nemethy about our Terry Fox fundraising this year. Let's colour Mr. Reimer and Ms. Lindsay's hair!!!

Wednesday, September 30th is Orange Shirt Day.

Please return the Technology and Verification pages to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

It is our goal to work together with you and the kids to help our McLeod students' 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:

Sept 21: PAC Meeting - 5:00

Board Meeting - 6:00 SBO

Sept 22: Picture Day

Sept 24: Terry Fox Run

Crazy Hair Day

Sept 30: Orange Shirt Day

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

W. L. McLeod Elementary School DAILY SCHEDULE September 2020-2021

Welcome BELL/DPA	8:50am
Primary Team Recess	10:20am - 10:35am
Intermediate Team Recess	10:40am - 10:55am
Primary Team Lunch	11:45am - 12:30pm (eat 11:45-12:00)
Intermediate Team Lunch	12:15am - 1:03pm (eat 12:15-12:30)
General Dismissal BELL	2:56pm
Final BELL (bus line-up)	3:13pm



SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE NEWS

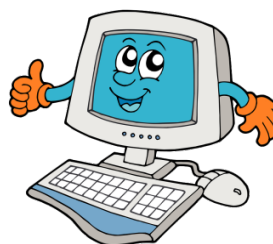


School Board Meeting **Monday, September 21, 2020** **6:00 pm**

Location: Integris Community Theatre
At Nechako Valley Secondary School, Vanderhoof

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 so that seating arrangements for appropriate social distancing can be made.



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



EXTRA SUPPORT

We are very proud that we offer additional support and connection for students of Aboriginal ancestry at our school. In BC schools, students/families can self-identify as being of Aboriginal ancestry. There is no paperwork or "proof" required. Please contact Ms. Hart if you are interested in finding out more about this service at our school.



CONTACTING ME

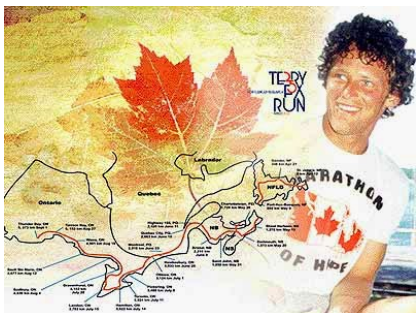
Each year I ask parents to connect with me by text. I have great plans to be able send you all pictures of your kids doing great things around the school.

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



On September 24th our school will be participating in the Terry Fox Run. It is the 40th anniversary of the event. For the two weeks leading up to it we have challenged our students and staff to walk many laps of our school grounds during morning DPA, and to raise more money than we did last year (\$780.65) for the Terry Fox Foundation. We are challenging each class to raise at least \$40 and our staff to raise a minimum of \$250. If we reach our goal of raising more than last year, then Mr. Reimer and Ms. Swanson will dye their hair a colour chosen by the top primary and intermediate classes. Start bringing your money in and start counting your laps!



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School



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



September 30, 2020

Daily Health Check

1. Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea or vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discolouration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

School District 91 Bussing protocols for COVID 19



Welcome back for the new school year of 2020-21. The transportation Department has been working on some new procedures and practices for the return of all our Learners.

Some of these new things will be:

--Assigned seating on all buses to keep contact down to a minimum. Students will be seated in family groups or learning cohorts, whenever possible.

--Grade 8 to 12 students (7 to 12 in Vanderhoof) will be required to wear masks when riding the bus. The District is providing 2 reusable masks to Students which they will be responsible to keep safe and clean. Elementary students *are not required* to wear masks.

--Buses will be disinfected daily by the driver after each morning and afternoon route.

It is vitally important that Parent/Guardians monitor their child(ren) for any COVID19, common cold, fever, influenza, or other infectious respiratory symptoms prior to sending them out to the bus stop.

We would also like to remind parents to have their children wash their hands with soap and water before leaving their home in the morning.

If you have any inquiries regarding bussing please call your local bus garage:

Burns Lake Bus Garage 250-692-3130
Fort St. James Bus Garage 250-996-7835

Fraser Lake Bus Garage 250-699-6995
Vanderhoof Bus Garage 250-567-9618

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**PARENTS/GUARDIANS** of bus students are asked to be sure to update phone numbers in your child(ren)'s file as we use a messaging system to notify parents of bus cancellations and bus delays.



In School District 91, we value communication with parents/guardians and are always looking to improve the ways we can do this. In September 2018, the district launched a new service to improve and enhance how the district and schools communicate with you. School Messenger is a notification service that is used by many districts in Canada including Central Okanagan and Kamloops-Thompson here in BC.

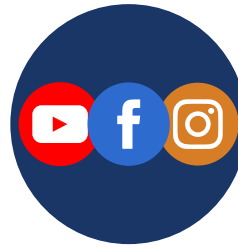
School Messenger will allow our district to provide timely and important communication through a variety of options. With the School Messenger service, we can easily communicate information about:

- Weather delays
- Transportation issues
- School events
- Emergency situations
- Last minute cancellations
- Daily attendance for high school students

School Messenger also plays an important role in emergency situations. This service has the capability to send information to thousands of people in a matter of seconds from the District office, which will benefit parents/guardians and our staff.

Parents and Guardians have the option to download the School Messenger App for Apple or Android phones and tablets. The app allows users to customize their preferences and the ability to review and save messages. We believe in strong communication with you and are always looking at ways to improve the ways we can do this as a district.

Student contact information is automatically uploaded from our school information system based on the email addresses and phone numbers that you have provided to your child's school. To ensure we can reach you, this information must be current and accurate. If there are changes to your contact information, please call or visit your child's school.





## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school District utilizes the School Messenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number:

For CANADA-BASED numbers: 978338

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

School Messenger will never sell or give out your contact information and is compliant with BC FOIPOP regulations.



Opt-In from  
your mobile now!



Just send "Y" or  
"Yes" to 978338.

(For Canada-based numbers).



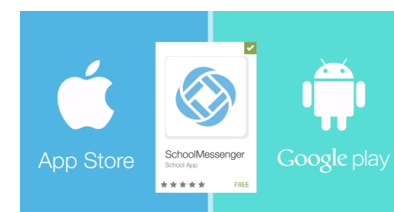
If you would like to keep all your school and district messages in one place, please download the app to save all information.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact your local school or view these online resources below.

For more information on School Messenger:  
<https://vimeo.com/180768415>

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger/Pages/default.aspx>

School messenger app sign up:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMumTtQOUj4>



\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt) for more info.



# SEPTEMBER 2020 MENU



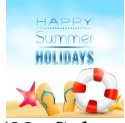
Each meal is 5.00 (reg). or 6.00 (lg).

**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                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                 | 1<br><br>(No School)                                                                                                                              | 2<br><br>(No School)                                           | 3<br><br>(No School)                                                                                                                                                               | 4<br><br>(No School)                                                                                                 |
| 7<br><b>Labour Day</b><br>(No School)<br>     | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9                                                                                                                                               | 10 <b>WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL</b><br>First Day of School<br>for Students (A to J)<br><br>Hot Dogs<br>Fruit & Veggies                                                               | 11 <b>WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL</b><br>First Day of School<br>for Students (K to Z)<br><br>Hot Dogs<br>Fruit & Veggies |
| 14<br>Perogy Casserole<br>                   | 15<br>Meatballs in a<br>mushroom gravy<br>                                                                                                      | 16<br>Sausage, Hashbrowns<br>& Eggs<br>                      | 17<br>Ham & Cheese Bun<br>Fruit & Veggies<br>                                                                                                                                     | 18<br>Chicken Strips<br>Fruit & Veggies<br>                                                                        |
| 21<br>Frittata<br>Fruit & Veggies<br>        | 22<br>Meatloaf<br>Fruit & Veggies<br><br><b>PICTURE DAY</b>  | 23<br>French Toast<br>Fruit Salad<br>                        | 24<br><br>Roast Chicken<br>Caesar Salad<br><b>TERRY FOX RUN</b><br><b>CRAZY HAIR DAY</b><br> | 25<br><b>DISTRICT PLANNING DAY</b><br>(No School)<br>                                                              |
| 28<br>Spaghetti<br>Caesar Salad<br>Fruit<br> | 29<br>Chicken Ranch Wrap<br>Fruit<br>                                                                                                           | 30<br>Pancakes<br>Ham & Fruit<br><b>ORANGE SHIRT DAY</b><br> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |