



The Prowler

the news of the week

les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,
Happy October!!

Our 22nd annual Ultimate Frisbee Tournament for ICORD was a big success. It was so much fun to watch the students play in their cohorts with as much enthusiasm as they would if it was a multi-school tournament. Some students even said, "We should do this every Friday!" Thank you to Mrs. Nemethy, Mme. Leclerc and all the coaches for making this day happen.

Our first Student-Led Conferences of this year will be on Thursday, October 20th, but they will look quite different this year. All discussions will happen by phone to minimize traffic from outside of our bubble in our school. I encourage you to phone Ms. Lindsay at the school to make a 15-minute appointment for this day between 1:00 and 5:00. We will ask your name, your child's name and the best contact number for the teacher to call you. If you feel an in-person meeting is necessary, we ask that you let Ms. Lindsay know and your child's teacher will contact you directly to organize this.

Thank you to our PAC and all the volunteers who helped at the beginning of the week to ease the transition to our new traffic flow at Damon Square. I can't stress enough how important it is that everyone, walkers and drivers, pay close attention at the Victoria and Damon Square intersection. There is A LOT going on here and it will take everyone's care and concern to keep children and families safe. Thank you!

I hope many people will be able to drop by the tent that will be on our front playground on Thursday, October 8th from 2:30 to 5:30. We will have Trish Johnny and Mel Labatch here from First Nations Health Authority. They will be doing a Naloxone Training. You can drop by anytime and it will only take about 15 minutes. You will leave with your own Naloxone kit. These 15 minutes could help you save a life one day!!

This Friday is graphic "t" day. Do you have a shirt with a great picture or saying? We'd love to see it.

Wednesday October 14th is our picture retake day. Pictures will be done for students who missed the first day as well. We will also be taking class pictures

and our 2020-2021 panorama shot. The kids will be a bit more spread out in the picture, but we think it's important to make sure we have memories of this unique year.

Please don't forget to do the Daily Health Check each morning. I am very grateful to all our families who are working with us to follow the COVID-19 guidelines.

It is our goal 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

no one is *you*
& that is
your *superpower*

COMING SOON:

Oct 12: Thanksgiving Day
Oct 9: Graphic "T" Day
Oct 14: DFS Fundraiser Due
Picture Retakes & Class Photos
Oct 16: Interims Home
Oct 19: PAC Meeting
Farm to School Meeting
Oct 20: Early Dismissal
Student Led Conferences
Oct 23: Pro D Day
Oct 26: Drop Everything and Read Day
Oct 30: Dress-Up 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

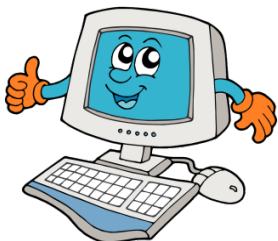


CONTACTING ME

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



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



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



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE NEWS

Have a great week!

BOARD MEETINGS

October 19, 2020
November 16, 2020
December 7, 2020

A Note from Our Counsellors

Parents and guardians, School District 91 and W.L. McLeod Elementary School would like you to know that Toni Dagenais, Todd Blattner, and Debbie Scott, three of our district counsellors, are working in our school four days a week.

Toni, Todd and Debbie will be working alongside staff and students in the school in a variety of ways. These may include helping to facilitate programs in the classroom, working with small groups on topics such as dealing with anxiety, building healthy relationships, etc. as it is suitable to a specific child, as well as some individual counselling. If you have any questions or concerns or would like your child to be able to access support through our school counsellor, please contact Libby Hart or Candace Lawrence at 250-567-2267.

In addition, if you are looking for longer-term individual support for your child, please contact the appropriate community agency(s) below:

Connexus Services

Phone: 250-567-9205 (Vanderhoof and Fraser Lake)

Phone: 250-996-7645 (Fort St. James)

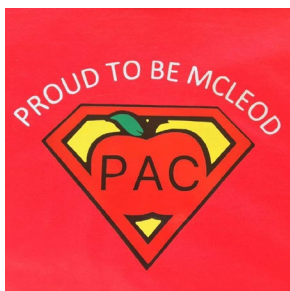
Carrier Sekani Family Services

Phone: 250-692-2387 (Burns Lake)

Phone: 250-567-2900 (Vanderhoof & Fraser Lake)

Phone: 250-996-7640 (Fort St. James)

DFS Fundraiser



October 6 - 14th



As dress-up day approaches, please remember that any treats brought to school must be NUT FREE. As well, we ask that students do not wear full face masks to school (mouth coverings are, of course, more than acceptable this year!) or bring any items that resemble a weapon. Both of these things can scare our little ones and make it more difficult for us to monitor our playground safely. Thank for your support.

T-Shirt Tuesday

Show your school spirit every Tuesday!

Each Tuesday at WL McLeod is "T-Shirt Tuesday". We all wear our McLeod shirts, and we encourage homemade t-shirts or one of our "PROUD TO BE McLEOD" shirts.

It's t-shirt order time again. Each year we order t-shirts with the "PROUD TO BE McLEOD" logo printed on the front. The t-shirts will be available in a variety of sizes & colours as well as short sleeve or long sleeve. Due to rising material expenses, the cost has also gone up.

The colour & sizes choices, as well as the cost, will be on an order form attached with the school's newsletter. Please stay tuned for details and time frame for our t-shirts sales.



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.



School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)
Transportation Dept.

P.O. Box 129, Vanderhoof, B.C. V0J 3A0

Telephone: (250) 567-9618

FAX: (250) 567-4572

<http://www.sd91.bc.ca>

Our Purpose: is to provide a safe, comfortable, pleasant environment for students to ride to and from school by: Meeting the needs of the District, Maintaining a positive image, Recognizing the challenges, Supporting mutually beneficial initiatives, Promoting harmonious relationships and mutual respect, Taking care of the little things...

SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: POOR VISIBILITY /ROAD CONDITIONS

On occasion we experience low visibility and or poor road conditions that compromise our ability to stop safely on public roadways. This can be as a result of dense fog, heavy snow or icy conditions.

In these situations our drivers use their best judgment to determine if the stop can be done safely in accordance with, "*Motor Vehicle Act and Regulation - Division 11.12. (1)(b)*". This regulation requires us to ensure that we can be seen a minimum of 60 meters. In these situations parents will need to make alternate arrangements for their children. If you suspect these conditions exist you can contact us to make alternate arrangements by contacting your Transportation Coordinator in your area.

Burns Lake:	(250) 692-3130	Sue Disher
Fraser Lake:	(250) 699-6995	Lisa Barnes
Vanderhoof:	(250) 567-9618 Ext. 1	Brenda Rivett
Fort St James:	(250) 996-7835	Frances Honeywell

SEVERE WEATHER/UNSAFE ROAD CONDITIONS

For the information of parents of children travelling by school bus during the winter months the Board of Education wishes to stress that no matter how good the busing system is, emergencies can happen so students should wear clothing suitable to the outside conditions.

All bus runs will be cancelled when the 5:00 am Transportation Department temperature is at -35 C or colder, or when the Manager of Transportation deems roads to be unsafe due to weather conditions. **If bus runs are cancelled in the a.m., there will be no bus runs in the p.m.** Schools will be open and students are encouraged to attend, if possible.

Early morning information will be available on the School District Website, School Messenger – notification service, local radio stations and Facebook.

Website: www.sd91.bc.ca

School Messenger: notification service

Facebook: available through the link on the school district website

Local Radio Stations:

- CBC (Prince George, Prince Rupert)
- CIRX The Goat (Vanderhoof / Prince George)
- CFBV The Moose (Bulkley Valley)
- CFTK Pure Country (Terrace)

Parents should ensure that their children explicitly understand that they should return home to warmth if there is substantial delay in the arrival of the school bus. Attempts to hitch-hike to school are not approved.

On days of low temperatures and/or severe wind chills, parents should carefully weigh the hazards involved in their children walking long distances to a bus or school, and make an appropriate decision with respect to attendance.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Yours truly,

Wayne Woods

Manager of Transportation
Phone: (250)567-9618



OCTOBER 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
			1 Taco Salad 	2 Hotdogs  ULTIMATE FRISBEE 
5 Enchiladas 	6 Sausage, Hashbrowns & Eggs 	7 Perogy Casserole 	8 Lasagna Caesar Salad 	9 Chicken Strips GRAPHIC T-SHIRT DAY 
12  (No School)	13 French Toast 	14 Meatballs in Gravy PICTURE RETAKE DAY (possible class pictures/ panorama) 	15 Ham & Cheese Buns BC Shake Out Earthquake Drill 	16 Mac & Cheese INTERIMS HOME 
19 Chicken Alfredo 	20 12:00 Dismissal 2:00-6:00pm Student - Led Conferences 	21 Ham & Potatoes TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY 	22 Roast Chicken & Fried Rice 	23 PRO- D DAY (No School) 
26 Turkey Pot Pie 	27 Pancakes 	28 Spaghetti 	29 Turkey Sub w/ potato salad 	30 Hamburgers DRESS- UP DAY ACTIVITIES 