



The Prowler

the news of the week

les nouvelles de la semaine

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

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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

We did it McLeod! We are the top school in the Spirit of Healthy Kids program. We won the \$5,000 in support of our project to enhance our Back Pack Program and our hampers for families who need a bit more. We are so happy to be honoured by Northern Health and the Prince George Cougars and we want to congratulate the other 5 finalist schools as well. All students at all of these schools were being extra physically active, reading and being kind and giving back so it's a win for everyone! I want to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Nemethy, Mrs. Lawrence and our amazing kitchen staff who took an extra leadership role for this challenge. I am extremely proud of our school. This is what McLeod is all about!

I have had a few phone calls from some of our concerned Vanderhoof citizens. They are noticing that students, especially those who live in the Victoria/Riverview area, are walking *with* traffic and on the road instead of using the cleared sidewalk to get to school. Please chat with children about traffic safety. It is extra dangerous out there when the roads are covered in snow. Thank you!

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:

Jan 17: Murray Ridge Day 2 (weather dependent)

Jan 20: New PAC mtg date (changed due to cold weather) 6:30 p.m. in the staff room

Jan 27: Classes in session *error on previous calendar*

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



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School

Important notice!



*If you are making new or alternate bus arrangements for your child(ren), you **must** contact the bus garage at **250-567-9618 ext. 1** before 1:30pm on the day of the change.*

Due to buses being at full capacity at the present time, we are unable to accommodate courtesy riders.



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.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE NEWS

At the Board meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019, the following Policy was given first and second reading:

- 202.1 – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
Please visit <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations> to view the draft policies and regulations. Please click on the “feedback” link located above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The closing date for comments is January 15, 2020.

BOARD MEETINGS – 6:00 PM

JANUARY 20, 2020

APRIL 20, 2020

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

MAY 25, 2020

MARCH 16, 2020

JUNE 15, 2020



**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 15th and February 21st, 2020.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

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

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 mdi@help.ubc.ca.



"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



Check out our McLeod website

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

Our Lost & Found is getting very full!

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



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



JANUARY 27 & 28, 2020

BECOMING AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE FOR YOUR CHILD

Join us to better understand how the School Act provides parents/guardians with the right to appeal any decision they feel significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student. Parents and guardians are their child's natural advocate, making sure their child's rights, needs and opinions are respected. Advocacy is about working to achieve a successful solution for the benefit of the child. This workshop will provide you with knowledge and tools to successfully handle situations that negatively impact your child's education and to navigate the school district Appeals Process (Section 11 of the School Act).



School District No. 91

District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC)



BC Confederation of
Parent Advisory Councils

SD91 DPAC Presents:

**'Becoming an Effective
Advocate for your Child'**

**By: John Gaipman,
Chief Executive Officer -
BC Confederation of
Parent Advisory
Councils (BCCPAC)**



Two Locations:

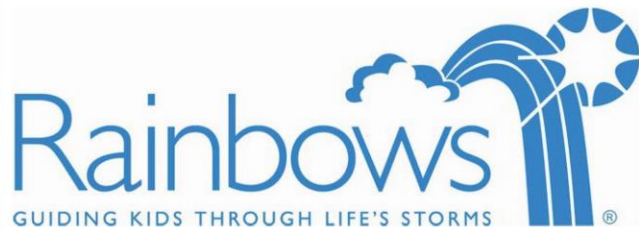
**Monday, January 27th
Burns Lake
LDSS
6:30 pm**

**Tuesday, January 28th
Vanderhoof
***Change in Location:
NVSS - Integris
Community Theatre
6:30 pm**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Work,
SD91 DPAC President

Email:
info@sd91.bc.ca



Rainbows

Guiding Kids Through Life's Storms

Rainbows programs are designed to assist children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, divorce or any other painful transition in their family to progress from Hurt through Healing to Hope.

12 week program for children ages 4-9
12 week program for parent/caregiver (optional)

Tuesdays beginning January 28th, 2020 | 157 West Victoria St. Vanderhoof
Registrations accepted until January 17, 2020

Questions?

Contact Paula Wylie
(250) 567-9205
pwylie@connexus.ca





JANUARY 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

13 Hamburger Stew 	14 Salad Bar + Pierogi Casserole 	15 French Toast 	16 Salad Bar + Beef Barley Soup  <i>Gr. 3 Ski School (Cross Country)</i> 	17 Salad Bar + Turkey Casserole  <i>Murray Ridge Ski Day (Kuoppala, Meads, Kadonaga & Vienneau)</i> 
20 Enchiladas  <i>6:30pm PAC Meeting (postponed from Jan. 13th)</i>	21 Salad Bar + Chicken Strips 	22 Sausage & Eggs 	23 Salad Bar + Turkey Rice Soup  <i>Gr. 3 Ski School (Cross Country)</i> 	24 Salad Bar + Sloppy Joes 
27 Pizza Subs 	28 Salad Bar + Frittata 	29 Crepes 	30 Salad Bar + Quesadilla  <i>Gr. 3 Ski School (Cross Country)</i> 	31 Salad Bar + Baked Beans  <i>2:00 ❤️ Heart Groups Beach Day</i> 