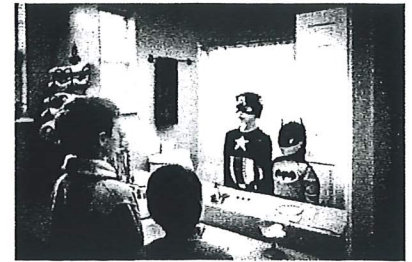




The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



Sept 8, 2021

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Issue 01

Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Welcome back! It was thrilling to see everyone yesterday. With all my heart I wish I could hug every student. For now, please know I am smiling and sharing my pride from behind my mask.

I'd like to say a special welcome to our new students and families including all our many, many new Kindergarten students. We are so excited to welcome new teachers including Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. MacDonald, and Ms. Ko. Mrs. Erin Baker will be with us as a counsellor every Tuesday and we are very lucky that Mrs. Toth will be sharing her Numeracy leadership with us one day each week as well. We are also happy to let you know that Mrs. Dyck and Ms. Soaryn are joining us as Learning Support Workers. We still have a few postings out, so our McLeod team is going to get even bigger. We love welcoming new people to our McLeod family.

I have attached a one-pager that summarizes our COVID Health and Safety Guidelines. Please never hesitate to connect with us with questions or feedback. We will do our very best to make sure we communicate with you, especially about any changes that may happen. To ensure you are up to date please make sure you are on our school newsletter e-mail list (just call Ms. Lindsay to sign-up) and check out our school website and our PAC Facebook page. **Don't forget to do the Daily Health Check every morning.**

Sadly, we are going to postpone our Open House/Ice Cream Social this year. We just don't think we can responsibly hold an event such as this at this time. Let's hope we can do it later in the year. Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet at the school at 7:00 pm, more details in next week's news letter.

There is nothing more important to us then keeping our McLeod family safe. For this reason, McLeod will be a NUT FREE school again this year. It is essential that we do our best to keep our students and staff with life-threatening allergies as safe as possible. No peanuts, brazil nuts or hazelnuts (ie – Nutella) will be permitted in our building. If a student brings any food to school containing these ingredients,

the item will be returned home to you. We are also working with Public Health to ensure our staff are trained in the necessary procedures in the event of an anaphylactic reaction. THANK YOU for your kindness and caring as we look after our kids and adults.

Each year we have a theme for the year. Last year we worked on, and sang about, WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! This year our theme is WEB – Where Everybody Belongs.

This newsletter includes LOTS of information, and we hope you will take the time to check it all out. Please have a look at our Technology Policy and Permission, a brochure about the SD91 Violence Threat/Risk Assessment: Fair Notice and Process and a Parent Guide to Emergency Planning. You will also find a registration verification form. Please read it over and make any changes about information for us. It is especially important this year that we have the correct contact information including emergency contact info. At the end of the form, you will also find a list of items to double check as well. Please return the Technology and Verification pages to your child's teacher as soon as possible. You can find more information like our McLeod Code of Conduct in the front section of your child's agenda, and I encourage you to take the time to read it through.

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.

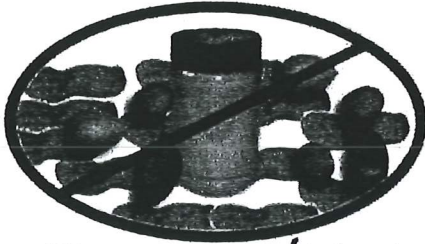
Proud to be McLeod

Ms. L. Hart

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



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free 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.

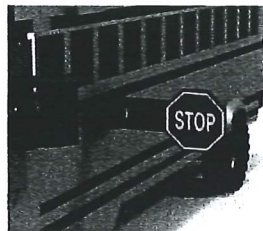
Turns out, I need to carry my phone around more to get that done. That being said, I really do like to be able to contact parents by text when needed. Please send me a text at 250-567-8539 so I can add you to my contacts.

~Ms. Hart

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. You can do your health check through the app (BC K-12 Daily Health Checker) or this website:

[https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/
healthcheck?execution=e1s1](https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1)

**PARKING
LOT**



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.

Students and adults **MUST NOT** be running between busses across Victoria St. Please use the crosswalk.

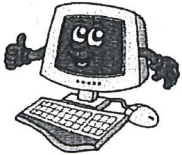
Our school goals are that our McLeod students will be:

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.



Vanderhoof Minor Football Association is looking for more players in grades 2 to 7.

Check out information about practices, registration and more on the Vanderhoof Minor Football Association Facebook page



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

At the Board meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021, the following policies were given various readings:

- 500.2 – Appeals Procedures Bylaw – 2nd Reading
- 602.1 – Locally Developed Courses and Instructional Materials – 1st and 2nd Readings for removal
- 602.4 – Board/Authority Authorized Courses – 1st and 2nd Readings
- 602.6 – Childcare Programs in School District Facilities – 1st Reading

Please visit <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations> to view the draft policies. Please click on the "feedback" link located above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The closing date for comments is September 15, 2021.

COMING SOON:

Sept 16: PAC Meeting—7:00

Sept 17: Fun Day

Sept 23: Crazy Hair Day

Sept 24: District Planning Day—No School for Students

Sept 28: Picture Day

Sept 29: Terry Fox Run

Sept 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation—No School

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

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!



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.



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

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.

2021/2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Re: Student Accident Insurance

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

The Board is empowered to make available the insuremykids® Protection Plan for students through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Participation in such a program is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian.

This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable rates. Benefits included are:

- dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
- total and permanent disability
- paralysis/loss of use
- special disability benefits
- death benefits

If your child participates in co-curricular activities or activities outside the school day, there is a plan tailored to your needs. All rates are one-time annual premiums. Family rates for 3 or more children are also offered.

The insurance agreement is between **you** and **Reliable Life Insurance Company**. If you wish to subscribe, you may apply 24/7 directly on-line at www.insuremykids.com.

Any questions should be directed to Reliable Life Insurance Company toll free at 1-800-463-KIDS (5437).

Student Accident Insurance is especially valuable for today's active children.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Darlene Turner
Secretary-Treasurer

McLeod Elementary School Lunch Program

September 2021

Welcome Back!

Summer has flown by and we are starting the school year with a BRAND NEW kitchen😊!

And our *Amazing Hot Lunch* program is all rearing to go!!

Our PAC will be overseeing our Meals Program using the Farm to School protocol. This is a wonderful program as we here at W. L. McLeod are very fortunate to have healthy meals prepared for us, using as much locally grown foods as possible. All meals will be pre-plated at this point. There will be a hand sanitizer station to be used by all students. It is VERY IMPORTANT that after sanitizing, students MUST NOT TOUCH their faces, hair or clothing, or other students.

Mrs. Heather Campbell-Stewart and Mrs. Alona Santos are our Farm-to-School champions and will be preparing the meals.

Mrs. Campbell-Stewart would love to get your menu ideas, but please keep in mind that the Guidelines for Foods Served in BC Schools must be followed.

The price for a student meal remains \$5.00, however, if you pre-pay & pre-order at least 10 meals in a month then each meal is discounted to \$4.50. A subsidy program is also available for families needing assistance. Please feel free to contact myself or your child's teacher if you would like further information about our meals subsidy program.

Students should hand in their orders before 9:00am. If a child comes to school without a lunch, we will try to contact the parents, to confirm that they should be supplied with a meal. They will be charged for the meal. **If there is a field trip and you have pre-paid for a Hot Lunch, a bagged lunch will be sent with your child on the field trip.** Please keep track of the dates you have pre-ordered Hot Lunch.

Please pay for meals in advance with either cash or cheque and if paying by cheque, please make **cheques payable to SD 91**. At this point, we do not accept E-transfers.

Be sure to send a morning snack for your child.

Forks, spoons, sauces/dressings, etc are not provided for students who bring their own lunch.

Students that are absent on a day that they have ordered a lunch will receive a credit on a future date of their choice, (please plan ahead). A credit slip will be issued for missed meals and MUST accompany the request as it is difficult to keep track of almost 300 students who have credits as they are often not used immediately.

If a student comes to school late and is buying a lunch that day, they will need to advise me at the office upon arrival. Also, our Backpack program is in need of **500mL** food containers. Please send them to the office with your child if you have any you would like to rehome.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you

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Meals Coordinator

Violence Threat/Risk Assessment: Fair Notice and Process

What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture. Threats will be taken seriously, responded to and investigated.

When is a Violence Threat/Risk Assessment started?

A Violence Threat/Risk Assessment will be started by behaviours such as:

- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- Verbal/written threats to harm or kill others or self
- Internet threats to harm or kill others or self
- Possession of weapons (including replicas)
- Bomb threats and fire setting.
- Or similar behaviours

What happens in a Violence Threat/Risk Assessment?

When a threat making or high risk behaviour is reported to the principal, the principal will activate the protocol and a team appropriate to the situation will be set up. Once the team has been activated, interviews may be held with the student(s), the threat maker, parents and the staff, to determine the level of risk and to plan an appropriate response. The team may include people from the community such as RCMP or counsellors.

What are the purposes of a Violence Threat/Risk Assessment?

The purposes of a Violence Threat/Risk Assessment are:

- To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- To begin to understand the factors that contribute to the threat maker's behaviour
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan to address the emotional and physical needs of the threat maker
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.



Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students and community members must report all threat related behaviours to the principal. The principal will then activate the initial response.

Can I refuse to be part of the Student Threat Assessment process?

In order to ensure a safe and caring environment a threat assessment needs to be completed. It is important for everyone involved to engage in the process. If there is a reluctance to participate, the process will still be completed.

School District No. 91 Values

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents, and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.

Fair Notice: Violence Threat/Risk Assessment

It is important that all students and staff of School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) be allowed to work in an environment free from harm. Threat making behaviour will not be tolerated. All threats and all high risk behaviours will be investigated and acted on accordingly. This may involve other agencies and Ministries including the RCMP. If your child is involved in threat making behaviour you will be contacted. (Code of Conduct Policy 502.1)

Violence Threat/Risk Assessment: Fair Notice

School District No. 91

(Nechako Lakes)

153 East Connaught St.

Vanderhoof B.C.

Phone: 250-567-2284

Fax: 250-567-4639

Where can I get further information?

Please discuss this information with your children so that they understand the intent. Should you require further clarification, please contact your school principal or Manu Madhok, Superintendent of Schools at 250-567-2284.

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)



School District No. 91
Phone: 250-567-2284



W. L. McLeod Technology Policy

Technology refers to cell phones, IPADs, IPODs, video games, cameras, etc.

Technology is part of our school in many ways but it must not interfere with our learning, kindness and caring. It is expected that students will follow the discretion of the teachers regarding technology use for learning. Technology that interferes with a student's kindness and caring will be subject to confiscation by an adult.

Students in grades K to 3 are not to bring technology to school.

Grade 4 to 6 students may bring technology to school but:

1. The school takes no responsibility for the technology.
2. The technology must be left in the student's locker during class time unless requested by the teacher for a learning activity.
3. Taking pictures, videotaping and recording is not allowed (including by cell phone).
4. Technology is not to be used during a lockdown.
5. Students must follow the W.L. McLeod Responsible Internet Use Policy.
6. Students must follow all COVID-19 Guidelines while using technology including minimizing physical contact and not touching things that belong to others.

If a student does not follow the above policy:

1. the technology will be confiscated and given to the principal,
2. the parent/guardian will be asked to come to the school to claim the technology, and
3. the student may not be permitted to bring any technology to school for the remainder of the school year.

Ecole W. L. McLeod Elementary School

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RESPONSIBLE INTERNET & TECHNOLOGY USE

The computer system is owned by the school. This Responsible Internet & Technology Use statement helps protect students, staff and the school by clearly stating what use of the computer resources and technology is acceptable and what is not.

- **I will ask permission before using the internet.**
- **I will only look at or delete my own files**
- **I will only use e-mail when my teacher has approved it. The messages I send will be polite and sensible.**
- **I will not use the internet or technology to inappropriately communicate with others (i.e. cyber-bullying, making threats, etc.)**
- **I understand that I must never give my home address or phone number, or arrange to meet someone.**
- **I will not use internet chat.**
- **If I see anything I am unhappy with or I receive messages I do not like, I will tell a teacher immediately.**
- **I understand that the school may check my computer files and the internet sites I visit.**
- **I understand that if I deliberately break these rules, I may not be allowed to use the internet or computers.**

The school may exercise its right to monitor the use of the school's computer systems, including access to websites, the interception of e-mail and the deletion of inappropriate materials where it believes unauthorized use of the school's computer system is or may be taking place, or the system is or may be being used for criminal purposes or for storing unauthorized or unlawful text, imagery or sound.

Summary of COVID-19 Protocols at September 2021

All guidelines will follow the directions of the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Office and are subject to change.

The following
will continue
September:

- Mask wearing for all staff, students in grades 4-12 and visitors, when indoors and on buses.
- Mask wearing for K – 3 is encouraged when indoors and on buses but remains a family/caregiver choice.
- Encouraging eligible students and staff to get vaccinated.
- Daily Health Check for students and staff.
- Staying home when sick and going home as soon as possible if sick at school.
- Students who are feeling sick will wait for caregivers in the designated health room or an alternate space with 2M distance from others.
- Daily attendance record keeping for students, staff and visitors. All visitors will sign in at our office.
- HVAC protocols to ensure maximizing outside air. Our ventilation systems have been inspected and meet provincial guidelines.
- Regular hand hygiene (hand washing or applying hand sanitizer) will occur throughout the day:
 - when entering/leaving the classroom or other spaces in the school including our playground,
 - before and after eating,
 - before and after using shared equipment (ie – computers, PE, etc.).
- Encouraging sneezing etiquette.
- Cleaning of surfaces used by someone who has become sick.
- Store bought treats may be brought in by families. Individually portioned treats are best and need to be handed out by staff following regular food-safe practices (ie. clean hands before handing out food).
- In our gym classes:
 - Masks will continue to be worn but may be removed during high-intensity physical activity.
 - Students will continue to perform hand hygiene before and after gym.

The following
will return in
September:

- Extra-curricular activities and sports.
- Carpets and soft furnishing in classrooms.
- Assemblies. When we gather, we will follow room capacities and we will encourage spreading out as much as possible in the space.
- Visitors are permitted but we encourage everyone to book an appointment.

The following
will NOT
continue in
September:

- Cohorts / Learning groups.
- Physical distancing of 2M.
- Daytime custodians
- Remote or hybrid learning options.

Information still
awaiting
clarification:

- COVID notifications. The School District is waiting for information about the process.
- Homemade treats at school.

Ecole W. L. McLeod Elementary School

Responsible Internet Use

Please complete, sign and return to the school

Student: _____

Grade: _____

Student Agreement

I have read or reviewed the school Rules for Responsible Internet Use and the McLeod Technology Policy. I will use the computer system, the internet and technology in a responsible way and follow these rules at all times.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Consent for Internet Access

I have read and understood the school rules for responsible internet use and give permission for my child to access the internet. I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure students cannot access inappropriate materials. I understand that the school cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of all materials accessed through the internet.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please print name: _____

Parent's consent for web publication of work and photographs

_____ I agree that, if selected, my son/daughter's work or photograph may be published on the school web site (<http://wlm.sd91.bc.ca>). I also agree that school photographs that may include my child may be published subject to the school rules that photographs will not clearly identify individuals and that full names will not be used.

_____ Please do not publish work or photographs of my child.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



W.L. McLeod Elementary School

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)

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Phone (250) 567-2267

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September 2021

Welcome back to another great year at McLeod. It is very important that we have your current contact information on file. Please take a moment and complete the following. Thank you so much!

Student's Name: _____

Student's Address: _____

First number to call in an emergency:

Parent/Guardian Name #1: _____

Relationship to child: _____ (example: Mom/Dad/Aunt/Uncle/Guardian)

Telephone number: _____ Cell number: _____

Work number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Second Number to call in an emergency:

Parent/Guardian Name #2: _____

Relationship to child: _____ (example: Mom/Dad/Aunt/Uncle/Guardian)

Telephone number: _____ Cell number: _____

Work number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Street address: _____

RR # or PO Box # _____ Town: _____

Mailing Address: _____

In case we cannot reach you at the above numbers please provide us with an emergency contact. Thank you.

Name of Emergency Contact #1: _____ Relationship _____

Telephone number: _____ Cell number: _____

Name of Emergency Contact #2: _____ Relationship _____

Telephone number: _____ Cell number: _____



SEPTEMBER 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 	2 	4 
6 	7 1st Day Back 1/2 Day 	8 Ham & Cheese Buns 	9 Hot Dogs 	10 Chicken Caesar Wrap 
13 Spaghetti 	14 French Toast 	15 Perogy Casserole 	16 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup  6-7:30pm Ice Cream Social Open House (tentative) *7pm PAC Meeting	17 Sweet & Sour Meatballs  FUNKY DAY 
20 Sloppy Joes 	21 Pancakes & Sausages 	22 Snacker Plate 	23 Pizza Bagel  Crazy Hair Day 	24 Pro- D Day 
27 Taco Salad 	28 Ham & Cheese Frittata  PICTURE DAY 	29 Chicken Ranch Wrap  Terry Fox Run 	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School) 	

