



# The Prowler

the news of the week  
les nouvelles de la semaine



February 25, 2026

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Issue 23

Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Our School Science Fair was a huge success. It was amazing to see how many caregivers came out to support our scientists. We are very proud of our grade 4-6 students and the work they did to learn about the scientific method and share their learning with students and guests. Some of these students will represent McLeod at the SD91 District Science Fair on March 3rd.

Today is PINK SHIRT DAY 2026. We hope you are wearing pink to honour kindness, caring and inclusion. Thank you for your donations of cereal for our cereal box domino challenge. We are so pleased to be paying it forward to NeighbourLink so our decorated boxes of cereal will be shared throughout our community. Our goal is that kindness, caring and inclusion is the way we live life always and we are going to keep focusing on it tomorrow on our McLeod Share the Love Day. This is just prior to Zero Discrimination Day on Sunday, March 1st. Our McLeod plans include:

- a Teams presentation for all SD91 students by Mischa Oak
- a Heart Group continuing our on-going work to live the message of kindness, caring and inclusion by being a bucket filler. We are excited to share the book, **All Are Neighbors** (<https://youtu.be/7aAGvDM1gos?feature=shared>) as part of this learning.
- 3:30 - staff/caregiver presentation on Teams. All are welcome.

You can learn more about Misha at <https://mischaoak.com/>. His message is in this newsletter as well.

Our Term Two Talk About Learning Time afternoon is on Tuesday, March 10th. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 this day and we welcome you to make an appointment between 2:00 to 6:00 to chat with your child's teacher. Please call Ms. Lindsay to book your appointment.

In February we will finish up our Listening with your Heart work in our "LET'S COMMUNICATE TO CONNECT" focus. We're going to watch some videos of what we have done in the past to celebrate Pink Shirt Day.

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

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

*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.*

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

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.



See the  
whole  
newsletter

# 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



Pink shirt day is a celebration of kindness, caring and inclusion.

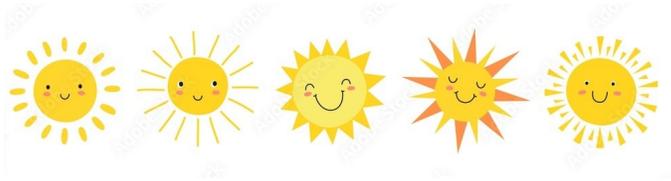
McLeod is kindly asking for donations of unopened 260g boxes of cereal. We are going to decorate them with Pink Shirt Day messages and do the Cereal Box Domino Challenge.

All cereal will be donated to our community through Neighbourlink.

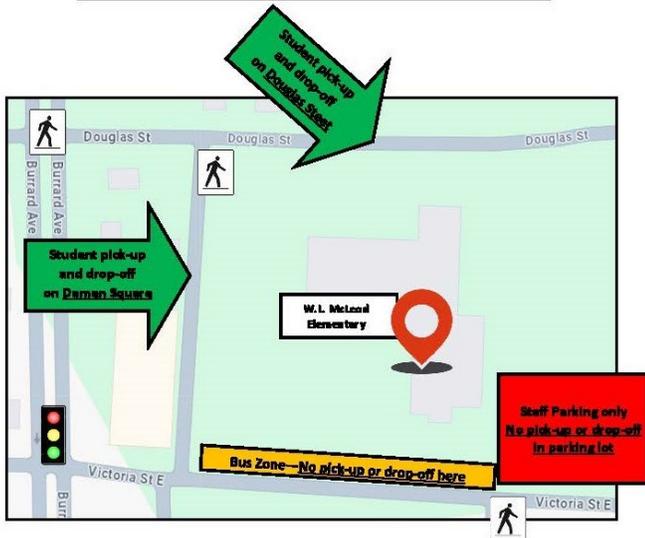
## COMING SOON:

- Feb 25: Pink Shirt Day
- Mar 3: District Science Fair
- Mar 10: Talk About Learning Time—  
12:00 Dismissal
- Mar 12: Basketball Play Day
- Mar 13: Crazy, Green Backward Day
- Mar 16—27: SPRING BREAK

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



### 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.

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!



CHECK OUT OUR MCLEOD WEBSITE

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

# Children, Youth & Family Services Activity Calendar

FEBRUARY / 2026

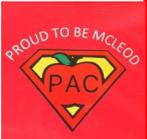


SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Families Matter Drop In Group Available At All Office Hours 1	2	You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS 3	4	You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS 5	PRO-D DAY 6 Mad Scientists 10:00 am-03:00 pm (6-12 y/o)	7
8	9	You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS 10	11	You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00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

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)

**W.L. McLeod PAC Corner**  
wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com

Have a great week!

**Please Label Snow Gear**

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



**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES**

**VIRTUAL CLEARING HOUSE**

Online auction site of SD91 assets  
Updated often - check it often!

[auction.sd91.bc.ca](http://auction.sd91.bc.ca)



Scan the QR Code to go to the website!

How do you solve a **problem?**

Use your **WITS!**

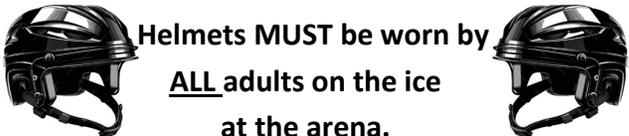
Walk Away  
Ignore  
Talk it Out  
Seek Help

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



**Helmets MUST be worn by ALL adults on the ice at the arena.**

This includes staff and caregiver volunteers



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

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!



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!

### MCLEOD IS

# **NOT FREE.**



Thanks for  
keeping our  
McLeod  
family safe.

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



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:  
education@saikuz.com | 250-567-9293



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
- ❤️ Heart listening



Bake sale on March 5th to fundraise for street hockey sticks for the primary students



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



## 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:

Heather Silver

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent  
250-567-2284 ext. 9003

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



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

## March 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Little Learners</b> 2 10am-11am   3-5 Yrs <b>Spring Crafts</b> 11:30am-12:30pm   3-5 <b>Outdoor Explore</b> 3:30PM-4:30PM   6-12Yrs	<b>Story Time</b> 3 10am-11am   0-3 Yrs <b>Spring Art</b> 11:30am-12:30pm   3-5 <b>Y Games</b>   3:30PM -4:30PM   6-12 Yrs	<b>Tiny Tumblers</b> 4 10am-11am   0-5 Yrs <b>Mini Games</b> 11:30am-12:30pm   3-5 <b>Spring Crafts</b>   3:30PM -4:30PM   6-12 Yrs	<b>Little Movers</b> 5 10am-11am   3-5 Yrs <b>Little Artists</b> 11:30am-12:30pm   3-5 <b>Science Day</b> 3:30pm - 4:30pm   6-12 Yrs	<b>Dino Crafts</b> 6 1:30pm-2:30pm   3-5 Yrs  <b>Y Create</b> 3:30PM - 4:30PM   6-12 Yrs	7	<b>Daylights Saving Time</b> 8 Starts
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<b>Spring Break Camp- Painted Rocks</b>   6-12 yrs   9:30am - 3:30pm	<b>Spring Break Camp - St. Patrick's Minute to Win It</b>   6-12 Yrs   9:30am - 3:30pm	<b>Spring Break Camp - Seed planters</b>   6-12 Yrs   9:30am - 3:30pm	<b>Spring Break Camp - Scavenger Hunt</b>   6-12 Yrs   9:30am - 3:30pm	<b>Spring Break Camp - Aquatic Centre</b>   6-12 yrs 9:30am - 3:30pm	21	22
<b>Spring Break Camp - Fun in the Park</b>   6-12 yrs 9:30am - 3:30pm	<b>Spring Break Camp - Mason Jar Craft</b>   6-12 Yrs   9:30am - 3:30pm	<b>Spring Break Camp - Outdoor Science Day</b>   6-12 Yrs   9:30am - 3:30pm	<b>Spring Break Camp - Sun Catchers</b>   6-12 Yrs   9:30am - 3:30pm	<b>Spring Break Camp - Aquatic Centre</b>   6-12 yrs 9:30am - 3:30pm	28	29
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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:** mynbcy.ca

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES**

### 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](#).



**Superintendent's Report to the Board**  
 Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, January 19, 2026.  
 You may find it under the Latest News heading at [www.sd91.bc.ca](http://www.sd91.bc.ca) or on our [Board of Education Updates](#) page.



### VANDERHOOF YOUTH SLOW PITCH 2026 SEASON REGISTRATION

**REGISTRATION OPENS:** FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS:** MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
**REGISTRATION CLOSES:** APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

**ALL REGISTRATION IS DONE THROUGH ZONE4:**



(<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=41263&lan=1&cartlevel=1>)

**PLEASE READ THE REGISTRATION FORM CAREFULLY:**

- ALL SPECIAL REQUESTS MUST BE MADE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION
- INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING AGE GROUPS ARE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT:**  
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