



The Prowler

the news of the week

les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

The beginning of the year is always our time to learn and practice our safety drills. We have already done our first fire drill and lockdown drill. On Thursday this week we will all do the Great BC Shake Out, the earthquake drill. You can find out more about it at <https://www.shakeoutbc.ca/>.

Thank you to Melanie Labatch, Trish Johnny and Anzel Labatch-Patrick for the Harm Reduction training last weekend through First Nations Health Authority. It was very well attended by staff and caregivers which makes me super proud. I also want to share how impressed I was with Anzel, one of our grade 6 students, who did a fabulous job helping with the training. She was so mature, confident, and knowledgeable!

This Friday our first interim of the year will be coming home. This is our first official progress report. Communicating with your child's teacher is so important. We encourage you to reach out and connect at any time. As a follow-up to interims, our first Student-Led Conferences of this year will be on Thursday, October 20th but they will look quite different this year. They will be a little less like a Student-Led Conference and more of a caregiver-teacher conversation – but students are welcome to join in as well. 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.

Our next PAC meeting is on Monday, October 19th at 5:00 followed by our first Farm to School meeting at 6:00. Please join us in-person or by TEAMS. The meeting link will be posted on the PAC Facebook page.

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

IN AN EARTHQUAKE:



“EVERYONE YOU
WILL EVER MEET
KNOWS SOMETHING
YOU DON'T.”

-BILL NYE-

COMING SOON:

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



SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE NEWS

School Board Meeting **Monday, October 19, 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 physical distancing can be made.

BOARD MEETINGS

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



**For updates and more, please "Like" us on
Facebook WL McLeod Elementary PAC**

DFS - Due October 14, 2020

Colibri Online orders end date October 19, 2020

Fresh to You - Order forms home this week

-Orders due Thursday, October 22, 2020

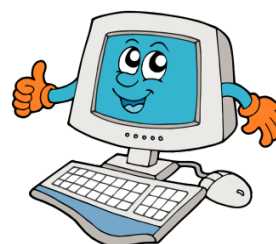
-Orders Arrive November 16-27, 2020

**Next PAC Meeting - Monday, October 19,
2020 @ 5:00PM**

Mrs. Lawrence's room & Online via Teams

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



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



**THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING THAT
WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**



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.



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

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)



*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.

Welcome to our 2020-2021 school year.

We know this year will be a bit different and challenge us to grow in new ways. One way we are growing is inviting you to join our meetings from home! We will be using the Microsoft Teams - all you need to do is contact Lindsay (250-567-2267) and let her know you would like the invitation emailed. Or email wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com. Click the link, sign in using your email address, and it is like you are in the room with us!

On the note of technology, you may have noticed our Colibri fundraiser was online only. I fully understand the challenges this creates, and missed it myself! But we managed to extend our deadline to October 19, 2020. So go order before you forget!

We also have DFS (due October 14-tomorrow!) and Fresh to You (Due October 22) available at this time.

You may also be wondering "Where do all these funds go?!" or "Why are we doing sooooo many fundraisers?" While this year looks different, and we are not certain what annual events we will be able to host this year, we know there are families that look forward to receiving these catalogues.

Participation is optional . All funds raised benefit the entire school and are not classroom specific.

Please join us at our monthly PAC meetings to be part of our discussion on distribution of funds and planning.

Below are a few examples of annual PAC funded events.

Turkey Dinner - December (School wide)

Ski S'kool - January-February (Grade 2, 3, 4)

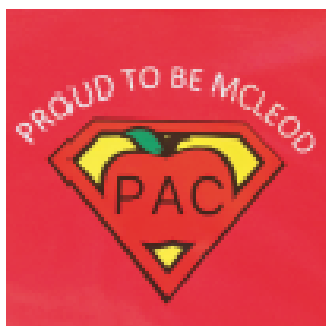
Pink Shirt Day (School wide)

End of Year/Graduation Celebration -June (Grade 6)

BBQ for Fun Day- June (School wide)

As well, provided there are funds available, each teacher receives \$50 in the fall and in the new year to add item(s) of choice to their classroom.

We invite you to join us, in person or online, for our regular PAC meetings. Without you, we are missing the PARENT component of our Parent Advisory Council.



Thank you to our 2020-2021 Executive:

Mandi Davidson- Chair

Heidi Tanninen- Vice Chair

Amber Tait - Treasurer

Dannilee Marttinen - Secretary

Contact via email: wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com

Next PAC Meeting - Monday, October 19, 2020 @ 5:00PM in Mrs. Lawrence's Room & online



Proud to be McLeod T-Shirt Order Form

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Short Sleeve: Youth \$20.00

SMALL MEDIUM LARGE X-LARGE

Long Sleeve: Youth \$23.00

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Colour:

RED SANGRIA PURPLE BLACK ORANGE ROYAL SAPPHIRE



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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 