



# The Prowler

the news of the week  
les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Welcome back and happy April. It's just a short week and we hope your long weekend is wonderful.

It's April and it's our Proud to be McLeod Production month. This year we are so happy to present our 17th annual show and it's a fun one - Madagascar! We hope you and your family and friends will come out to see this funny and entertaining show. We have 74 grade 1 to 6 students in the cast and another 10 intermediate students looking after all the jobs of the crew. Everyone has been working hard since October. The show runs April 23 to 25 at 7:00 with a matinee at 1:00 on the 25th. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20 for a family of 4 or more. You can get tickets at Wallace Studios, Quilters Corner and at the school (family tickets at the school please). We think it's one of the best shows in town and we would love to see you there.

We have started our April "LET'S COMMUNICATE TO CONNECT" focus. This month we will be learning about Think, Speak, Reflect (how our words affect others). We will work on skills to give and receive feedback and thinking before we speak.

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

## COMING SOON:

- Apr 3 Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
- Apr 6 Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL
- Apr 10: Lego Robotics
- Apr 17: Floor Hockey Play Day
- Apr 20-25: Madagascar Week
- Apr 21 PAC Meeting—5:00
- Apr 24 Pro-D Day—NO SCHOOL for students

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

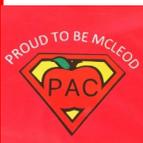
Please have all after-school messages to the office by 2:45 to ensure that we have time to get the message to the students.

Thanks!

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

## W.L. McLeod PAC Corner

[wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com](mailto:wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com)



Are you interested in PAC? We are recruiting for a Treasurer, Secretary, and DPAC rep! Shadowing available!





# April 2026 MENU



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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 a lunch for your child on those days. Thank you! **Cheques should be made payable to SD91**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Breakfast Sandwich 	2 Chicken Strips 	3  Good Friday
6  Easter Monday	7 Sausage and Eggs 	8 Butter Chicken Lasagna 	9 Cheeseburgers 	10 Vegetable Soup  Lego Robotics
13 French Toast 	14 Tuna Casserole 	15 Mac and Cheese 	16 Bacon Ranch Wrap 	17 Pancakes and Eggs  Floor Hockey Play Day
20 Potato Bacon Soup 	21 Taco Wraps 	22 Ham and Cheese Bun 	23 BBQ Chicken 	24  Pro-d Day
			MADAGASCAR	
27 Beef Vegetable Soup 	28 Quesadilla 	29 Lasagna 	30 Breakfast Wrap 	

\* Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or gluten free. Gluten sensitive options are available if pre-requested.\*

\*(V) indicates vegetarian option is available if pre-requested\*

Link to Meal Manage



Instructions to Meal Manage



Don't repost it. Report it.



erase.gov.bc.ca



# COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026  
10:00 AM | RIVERSIDE PARK

Take part in cleaning up our community! Rejoin at Riverside Park at noon for a BBQ and treats, courtesy of the DoV, Integris, and Tim Hortons!



In partnership with: Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative | Integris Credit Union District of Vanderhoof | Vanderhoof Tim Hortons



## Recreation Schedule

April 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		Tiny Tumblers 10am-11am   0-3 Outdoor Games 11:30am-12:30pm   3-5 Y Sports-Easter Hunt   3:30-4:30PM   6-12 yrs	1 Story Time 10am-11am   0-3 Outdoor Explore 11:30am-12:30pm   3-5 Spring Create-Easter 3:30-4:30PM   6-12 yrs	2 Good Friday VCC CLOSED	3 4	Easter Sunday 5
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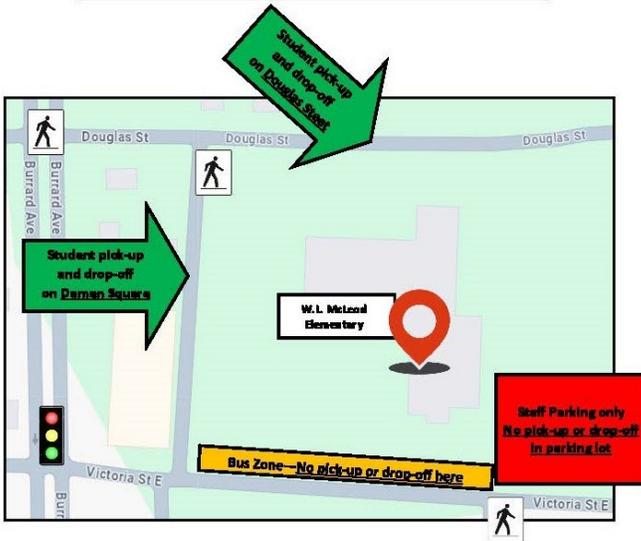


Facility Hours  
Monday-Friday • 8:00am-5:30pm  
186 Columbia Street, Vanderhoof

Contact: vcc@bc.ymca.ca  
(250) 570-9505  
Register online: mynbcy.ca

Vanderhoof Community Centre • (250) 570-9505 • nbc.ymca.ca

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.

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)

## 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:



Scan Here for Registration

(<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:

TRACY (BOARD SECRETARY) – 778-388-5689  
EMAIL: [VANYOUTHSPS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VANYOUTHSPS@GMAIL.COM)

## MCLEOD IS

# NOT FREE.



Thanks for  
keeping our  
McLeod  
family safe.

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

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://www.wlm.sd91.bc.ca/)

# 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!



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!



Talking, listening, and sharing help us understand and care for one another.

- ★ What is Communication
- 🗨️ Skills of Listening and Speaking
- 👥 Teamwork
- ❓ Asking questions
- 👉 Conflict resolution
- ❤️ Heart listening
- 🔄 Communication helps me regulate



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](http://WWW.SD91.BC.CA/SUPPORTSTAFFPOSTINGS) TO VIEW OUR CURRENT VACANCIES, INCLUDING OUR CASUAL LISTS!



How do you solve a **problem?**

Use your **WITS!**



**W**alk Away  
**I**gnore  
**T**alk it Out  
**S**eek Help

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



Vanderhoof Elementary School/W. L. McLeod Elementary School  
PHOTO ARCHIVE  
1960 to 2005

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC-rDH5APAQ>

**PROUD TO BE MCLEOD  
PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:  
OUR 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRODUCTION**



**DREAMWORKS**

**MADAGASCAR**

**A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR. 2026**

**SHOWTIMES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> - 7 P.M**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> - 7 P.M**

**SATURDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> - 1 P.M**

**SATURDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> - 7 P.M**

**TICKETS**

**\$5 EACH OR \$20 FOR A FAMILY OF 4 OR MORE.**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:  
WALLACE STUDIOS, QUILTER'S  
CORNER, W.L MCLEOD OFFICE  
& AT THE DOOR.**

**PLEASE PURCHASE THE FAMILY  
OF 4 OR MORE  
AT THE MCLEOD OFFICE**

**CASH ONLY AT ALL LOCATIONS  
PLEASE**

Madagascar - A Musical Adventure JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

## Feeding Futures – Nechako Lakes: April Update

Dear Parent/Guardian,

February and March have been busy months for the *Feeding Futures* – Nechako Lakes school food program. There are several projects underway to enhance the school food program, engage students and to celebrate school food programs.

Current projects underway include a library book refresh. It was noticed that the food and body related books in the school libraries were outdated. It was agreed, with the librarians, that the books needed to be updated. With the help of an *Imagine Grant* from Northern Health, 27 new books have been ordered so far. Each school across the district will be receiving a variety of new books related to food and body.



Other projects include continuing to source and try new foods, particularly foods that are from the region and/or province. A new product, [apple chips, orange chips and kiwi chips](#),



which are made in BC, were tasted by students at recent school science fairs. Students were given the chance to taste the new food item, and to provide feedback. The results showed the students enjoyed the apple chips and kiwi chips. So, soon this item may be seen at schools.

Every March, during Nutrition Month, the [Great Big Crunch](#) takes place. This annual event invites students, teachers, parents, community organizations and partners of school food programs throughout the country for a joyful moment in celebrating healthy food at school. This year, the Great Big Crunch has been bigger than ever, with growing excitement over the value and need for school food programs. Over 31000 crunches have been registered, and a few came from a group of BC school district food program managers and coordinators that gathered to celebrate.



This spring is bringing even more exciting developments for school food with the first National School Food Forum, and a regional event Connecting Food in the North.

Kind regards,

Robyn Turner-Klopper, dietitian

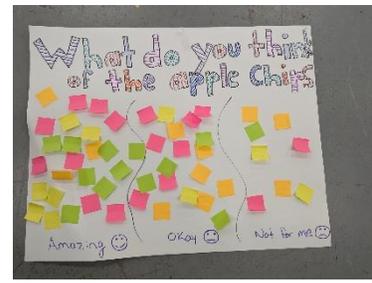
Food Programs Manager, School District 91 – Nechako Lakes

## In Focus - Feeding Futures Guiding Principle

*Feeding Futures* has five guiding principles. Each newsletter will focus on one. The focus this time is:

*“Programs centre and includes families, First Nation rightsholders, Indigenous partners and community members in decision-making and program delivery”.*

- This past year the fresh fruits and vegetables delivered each 5-day school week from the [Fresh for Kids](#) program was selected by students. Last year, a survey went out to schools to invite classrooms to engage with students and get their input. Schools across the district participated, and the votes were used to choose the items.
- Menu ideas are regularly heard from students, and are incorporated into the menu. For instance, at NVSS and FLESS in the coming month poutine is being offered. Enjoy!
- The student votes from the apple chips, orange chips and kiwi chips were as follows:



- Student voices in school food programs are a priority, and there are activities underway to enhance them. An [example is linked here](#).
- The school district is building relationships with regional food producers and processors. The upcoming Connecting Food in the North event will focus on this budding relationship, and help shape the next steps to enhance regional food in schools.

## Other items

Schools are always looking for new recipes and meal ideas. If you have one, please share. Recipes of interest include: salmon recipes, pasta dishes, stir-fries, and vegetarian options.