



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Thank you to everyone who made our Open House/Ice Cream Social such a success. It was an amazing turnout! Thanks to our McLeod Cares Leaders, our caregiver volunteers and Mrs. Snow for their extra work. Did you know we started our Ice Cream Social as a tribute to Prairiedale School? When it closed, and new families joined McLeod, we wanted to make sure we carried on this Prairiedale tradition. We always want to make things better at McLeod so if you have any feedback about the event please let me know.

It was great to see some new people out to our PAC meeting. We invite caregivers and family members to attend any time. You can join in person or online. At our first PAC meeting of this year a new executive was elected. Heidi Tanninen will remain as chair, Dannilee Marttinen will remain as secretary and Anna Manwaring as co-treasurer. We are thrilled to have new executive members Cheyenne Gulbranson and Ashley Kennedy as co-vice chairs, Ashley Kennedy as our co-secretary and Cheryl Kuoppala as our co-treasurer. Please join our PAC Facebook page to keep up to date on all things McLeod <https://www.facebook.com/WLMPAC>.

We are trying to be kind to our earth and reduce the amount of paper we use at school. We will send out the front page of the newsletter and the Hot Lunch Menu in a hard copy but the rest of the newsletter will be sent electronically. Please call the office to get your name on our newsletter e-mail list.

Tomorrow is Crazy Hair Day and our Terry Fox Run. Feel free to join us. We will be meeting in the gym at 10:45 for a short presentation and then leaving the school for Riverside Park at about 11:00. Just like Terry, we will run no matter the weather (but if it's too smokey we will walk our hallways). Friday is a District Planning Day, and our entire staff will be participating in the 4th Annual Indigenous Education Conference. There is NO SCHOOL for students.

I just need to give a shout out to the people who have worked in our garden all summer. It has been beautiful and bountiful! We have harvested over

1,100 tomatoes and so much more. We also now have our new Outdoor Cooler so we can store everything on site at school. Incredible!! This wouldn't happen without Mr. Reimer and Ramona. They are our garden angels. Please say THANK YOU to them when you see them.

We are still waiting for some Information Verification Pages and Technology Permission Forms (blue paper). Please return these as soon as possible so we have the most updated information to contact you if we need to.

Remember, our theme this year is "An attitude of GRATITUDE." 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:

Sept 21: Crazy Hair Day
Terry Fox Run
Sept 22: District Planning Day—**No School for Students**
Sept 28: Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
Sept 29: Honouring of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)
Oct 2: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—**NO SCHOOL**
Oct 11: Picture Day

The hard copy of the newsletter only includes page 1 and the hot lunch menu. To access the rest of the newsletter, please contact us to be added to the email list. lswanson@sd91.bc.ca

SEPTEMBER 2023 MENU

Each meal is \$5.00
Please Pre-Order and Pre-pay

Pre-paid & pre-ordered meals of more than 10/month receive a discounted rate of 4.50/meal

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
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4	5 ½ day Dismissal at 12:00.	6 Ham and Cheese Bun 	7 Roast Chicken and Fried Rice 	8 Beef Broccoli 
11 Pancakes 	12 Chicken Strips 	13 Bacon, Lettuce and Cheese Wrap 	14 Snack Plate  Open House and Ice Cream Social 7:00 PAC Meeting	15 Mac & Cheese  Fun Day
18 Sausage and Eggs 	19 Lasagna 	20 Perogy Casserole 	21 Beef Stir Fry  Crazy Hair Day Terry Fox Run	22 DISTRICT PLANNING DAY (NO SCHOOL)
25 French Toast 	26 Pizza Bagel 	27 Crispy Chicken Wrap 	28 Pulled Pork  Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	29 Menudo (Filipino Style Stew)  School Honouring of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)



If you see one of our SD 91 Facilities Department people please say "THANK YOU" to them. They worked so hard at McLeod this summer. Our front office is freshly painted and our staff room, photo-copy room, custodian storage room, pantry, breakfast room and blitz room washroom are all renovated. We are so lucky. I hope you can come and have a look. Please help us to share our heartfelt gratitude to this amazing team of people.



All SD91 websites are moving to a new platform. Please be patient with us as we learn how it works and we work to get our McLeod stuff updated.

McLEOD IS
NOT FREE.



Thanks for
keeping our
McLeod
family safe.

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

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE NEWS

School Board Meeting

Monday, September 25, 2023

6:00 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 prior to noon on meeting day 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 for the Teams link or you may request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

Contact: Heather Silver Executive Assistant to the Superintendent 250-567-2284 ext. 9003 hsilver@sd91.bc.ca

How do you solve
a **problem?**

Use your
WITS!



Walk Away
Ignore
Talk it Out
SeeK Help
www.witsprogram.ca



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



We are very proud that we offer additional support and connection for students of Indigenous 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 support at our school.

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!

W.L. McLeod Strong Start

Strong Start is a free drop-in program here at our school for children 0-5 years old.

We are **Closed until further notice** open Monday to Thursday mornings 9am-12pm, and an extra evening class 6:00pm-12pm, and an extra evening on Wednesdays 3:30pm-6:00pm. Closed on Friday days.



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

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

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



Please like our PAC Facebook page to stay up to date with what is going on in the school!

<https://www.facebook.com/WLMPAC>



PARKING LOT



SAFETY



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.

Nechako Figure Skating Club
2023/24 Registration is Open!



Nechako
Figure Skating Club

Do you have a child ready to skate?

Nechako Figure Skating Club (NFSC) has programs for all ages! From beginners to adults, please come out and join us for a fun year. Please visit us at www.nechakofsc.com to find out more about our programs, schedule, and registration.

Have questions? Please reach out to us at: nechakofsc@gmail.com

Registration link is: <https://nechakofsc.uplifterinc.com/registration>

**Vanderhoof Clippers
Speed Skating Club Registration
2023-2024 Season**



Summer is over, but there's lots to look forward to!!!

Registration for Speed Skating is open!!

For beginner to advanced skaters from age 4 to adult.

Speed Skates available for Rent = low cost, fun and fast winter sport!!

Children must turn 4 on or before June 30th 2023 to participate.

Registration link: [Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club 2023/2024 | IceReg](https://vanderhoofclippers.com/registration)

Early Bird Pricing available until Sept 11, Registration closes Oct 31

Lots of great info about the club at: www.vcssc.ca

For more information, contact Terry Lazaruk at terry.lazaruk@canfor.com,

or feel free to give me a call at 250-570-8444

Parents and guardians, School District 91 and W.L. McLeod Elementary School would like to inform you that District Counsellors Toni Dagenais, Todd Blattner, Josline Thalheimer, and Debbie Scott are working in our school four days a week.

Counsellors will be working alongside staff and students in the school in a variety of ways. These may include: facilitating programs in the classroom, working with small groups, and 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 Lindsay Swanson or Libby Heart at 250-567-2267.

Counsellors for SD #91 created a website for parents, guardians and caregivers to help support their kids, please take a look: <https://nechakowellness.wixsite.com/sd-91-counselling>

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)

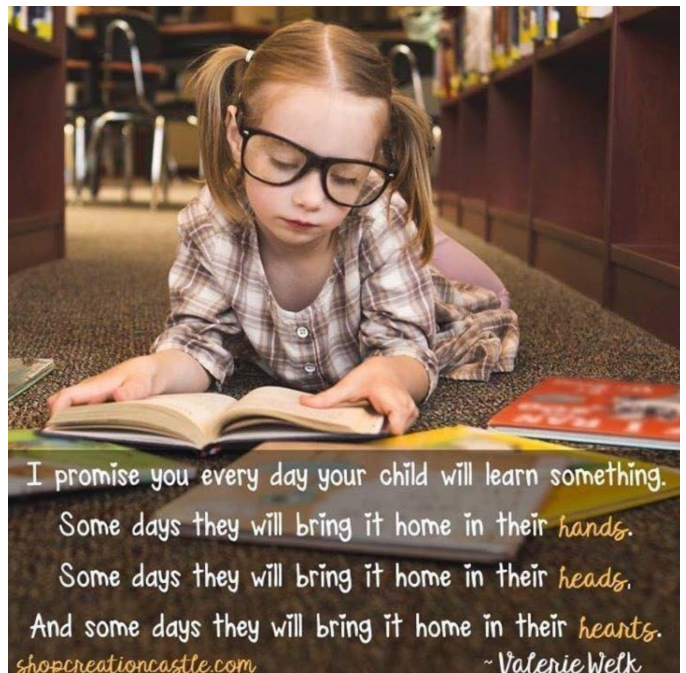
Phone: 250-996-7645 (Fort St. James)

Carrier Sekani Family Services

Phone: 250-692-2387 (Burns Lake)

Phone: 250-567-2900 (Vanderhoof & Fraser Lake)

Phone: 250-996-7640 (Fort St. James)



I promise you every day your child will learn something.
Some days they will bring it home in their hands.
Some days they will bring it home in their heads.
And some days they will bring it home in their hearts.
shopcreationcastle.com ~ Valerie Welk



AUDITIONS

For grade 1 to 6 students.

Tuesday, October 3rd at lunch

Wednesday, October 4th at lunch

Thursday, October 6th at lunch

You just need to come to one time and

be ready to sing a song

(Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star or Happy Birthday are good ones!)