



The Prowler

the news of the week

les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

What an impressive McLeod Science Fair yesterday. Led by Mme. Susie, we had 14 entries for students in grades 4 to 6 showing off their projects. All of these scientists will be heading to Burns Lake for the District Science Fair next Wednesday.

Don't forget grade 2 and 4 students that tomorrow is your Ski S'Kool day. Please be dressed to be outside for a wonderful day of cross-country skiing.

Saturday is the day!!! It's our Spirit of Healthy Kids Prince George Cougars hockey game. It is going to be SOOOO much fun! I can't wait to cheer right along with you. I hope many of you will join us there. Contact the school if you need any help accessing your tickets. Don't forget to show off your Proud to be McLeod at the game. Lots of McLeod and "Thank You Prince George Cougars and Northern Health!" shirts, signs and more would be amazing.

March 5th to 7th is our 12th Annual Proud to be McLeod Production. This year it is "Alice in Wonderland." We can't wait for you to see it. Tickets are already on sale at the Vanderhoof Department Store, Wallace Studios or at the school. They are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a family of 4 or more. Please mark your calendars and don't miss over 80 super amazing kids on stage.

On Friday we are celebrating Valentine's Day with Red and Pink Day and our primary students will be honouring the 100th day of school with a morning of "100" themed centres. Enjoy your family day long weekend!

It is our goal to work together with you and the kids to help McLeod students USE THEIR HEADS

AND THEIR HEARTS to be the 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 are in this together!

Proud to be McLeod

Ms. L. Hart



Coming Soon:

Feb 14: Pink and Red Day
100th Day



Feb 17: Family Day *No School*

Feb 19: District Science Fair

Feb 26: Pink Shirt Day

Feb 28: Pro-D Day *No School*



SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE NEWS

As you may be aware, the SD 91 Board of Education has initiated a review of the existing French Immersion program in both Vanderhoof and Burns Lake. As part of that review, we are hoping to collect some information from parents of children enrolled in French Immersion. We value your thoughts and hope that you can find 10 minutes to complete the survey. Click [HERE](#) or

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SD91french>

If you would like a hard copy please contact the school.

BOARD MEETINGS – 6:00 PM

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

APRIL 20, 2020

MARCH 16, 2020

MAY 25, 2020

JUNE 15, 2020



The Nechako Valley Swim Club is now accepting registrations for their Winter Maintenance session (Feb. 19 - April 25th). There are both 1 day or 2 days per week options. For more information, please see our website:

<http://nechakovalleyswimclub.teampages.com/clubs/6359>

Or contact Andrea Grady (250) 567-7869 cell
email: nvsc.otters@gmail.com

Nechako Valley Swim Club

Murray Ridge Field Trip



As you are probably aware, back in January, we had to cancel both of our days for downhill skiing/snowboarding at Murray Ridge, due to inclement weather. Unfortunately, we have not been able to reschedule our 2 ski trips. Between the hill's and our schedules, we were not able to find 2 days that would work. Students and chaperones will be reimbursed. We are working to do so in a timely fashion but are asking for your patience as there are lots of reimbursement to be issued. Hopefully we have better luck next year.
Mme. Leclerc



Our Lost & Found is very full!

Please come and take a look to see if any of the items belong to your family 😊

***We will be donating excess items on
February 18th***



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

Please have all items you'd like to add to the newsletter to Ms. Bailey by **noon** on Tuesday's. Any submissions after noon will be put in the following week's newsletter. Please email lbailey@sd91.bc.ca

Thank you



The Honey Beams
Children's Choir

Directed by **Emily Hobson**
with accompanist **Swan Kiezebrink**

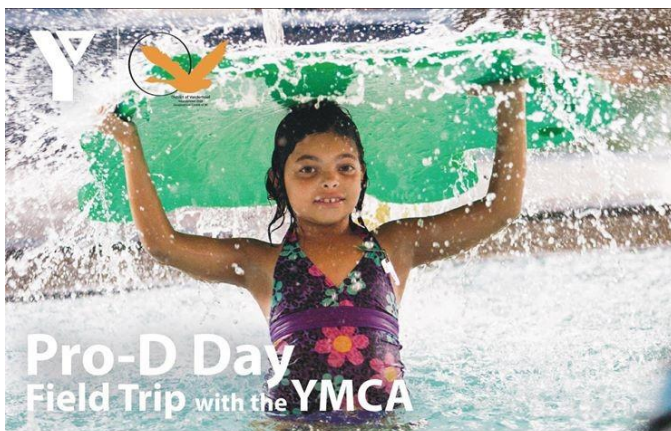
Ages 8 to 12 No music experience necessary!

Meet & Greet at 6:30 - 8 PM on Monday, February 24th at NVSS Band Room

Weekly Rehearsals on Mondays at 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Find us on Facebook for details and registration package
or
email emily.hobson@alumni.unbc.ca

 **Let's Sing Together!**



Pro-D Day Field Trip with the YMCA

Swimming and Bowling in Prince George

Join us on a field trip to Prince George and enjoy a fun-filled day of swimming at the Prince George Aquatic Centre followed by bowling at Black Diamond lanes!

Date: Friday, February 28th

Location: Drop off at the *Integrus Community Centre*

Time: 8:00am - 5:30pm

Cost: \$40

Ages: 5-12 years

For more information or to register contact Sarah Sawatzky at sarah.sawatzky@nbc.ymca.ca or 250 567 4524

nbc.ymca.ca

HELP US END BULLYING

KINDNESS IS ONE SIZE *Fits All*

#PINKSHIRTDAY

February 26, 2020

If you would like to help save paper and be added to our Newsletter email list, please send your email address to

lbailey@sd91.bc.ca



Check out our McLeod website

<http://wlm.sd91.bc.ca/>

Important notice!



If you are making new or alternate bus arrangements for your child(ren), you **must** contact the bus garage at **250-567-9618 ext. 1** before 1:30pm on the day of the change.

Due to buses being at full capacity at the present time, we are unable to accommodate courtesy riders.



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School



Advice from SASQUATCH™

Be yourself
Make a big impression
Embrace mystery
Spend time in the woods
It's OK to show up unexpectedly
Be gentle on the earth
Live a legendary life!



February 11, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are writing to give you updated information on the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), a new virus causing respiratory illness. Families may be concerned about the risk to their families. The highest number of infections continue to be reported from Hubei Province, China. There have been a small number of cases of 2019-nCoV in B.C. which are being very closely managed. The risk to British Columbians remains low.

Our knowledge of this virus continues to grow and we are using new information to adjust our public health recommendations. We are now aware of early evidence that this virus can cause a range of mild to severe symptoms, and it is possible that people will not recognize symptoms that are mild. During this time, they can reduce the chance of spread by limiting contact with others.

Therefore, we now recommend that:

- Students or staff returning from Hubei Province, China consider staying home for 14 days after they left Hubei. They should monitor themselves daily for symptoms like fever or cough. Parents should assist children as needed. Those who develop symptoms should stay home and call their health-care provider or 8-1-1 to discuss any need for testing and follow up.
- Students or staff who have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with 2019-nCoV consider staying home for 14 days after their last encounter. Individuals should monitor themselves daily for symptoms like fever and cough. Parents should assist children as needed. Those who develop symptoms should stay home and call their health-care provider or 8-1-1 to discuss any need for testing and follow up.
- Students or staff who have been in other parts of China (outside Hubei Province) should monitor themselves daily for symptoms like fever or cough for 14 days. Parents should assist children as needed. Those who develop symptoms should stay home and call their health-care provider or 8-1-1 to discuss any need for testing and follow up.

Students required to stay home do not need to worry about missing school. They will have opportunities for distance learning or to catch up once they return.

The Ministry of Education continues to be in close contact with public health officials at all levels of government and ask the public not to make assumptions about the risk of students or staff based on their ethnicity or travel history.

Advice for Students and Families Considering Travel:

Students and families considering travel to and from China are encouraged to consult the [Novel Coronavirus in China Travel Health Notice](#) on the Government of Canada Travel and Tourism site regularly. Recommendations change as new information becomes available.

Advice on School Events, Outings and Field Trips

It is not necessary to cancel school events, outings or field trips to public locations in B.C. and Canada and to most places in the world. The Government of Canada has advised however, the public should [avoid non-essential travel to China](#).

Advice on masks from Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry:

When sick, wearing a mask helps to prevent us from passing on illnesses to other people. But if you are not sick, we do not know if wearing a mask will prevent infection, especially for children who may not be able to wear a mask properly. People wearing a mask may also touch their faces more often, potentially increasing the risk of having the eyes, nose or mouth come into contact with the virus.

Some parents wonder if a child who is returning from an affected area of China should wear a mask to school. Since the main way the virus is spread is through coughing and sneezing, this isn't necessary for healthy children. Wearing masks in public, with a goal of preventing spread of illness, can be a way some communities show respect for others. While we do not recommend wearing masks for healthy children, it is important that any children who do wear masks are treated with respect and not fear.

Reducing the risk of coronavirus, colds and flu

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
- If a sink is not available, alcohol-based hand rubs (ABHR) can be used to clean hands if they are not visibly soiled. If they are visibly soiled using a wipe and then ABHR is effective.
- Do not touch your face/eyes/mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough with a disposable tissue or the crease of your elbow.
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Regular household cleaning products are effective against most viruses.
- Stay home if you are sick and away from others so you don't pass it on.

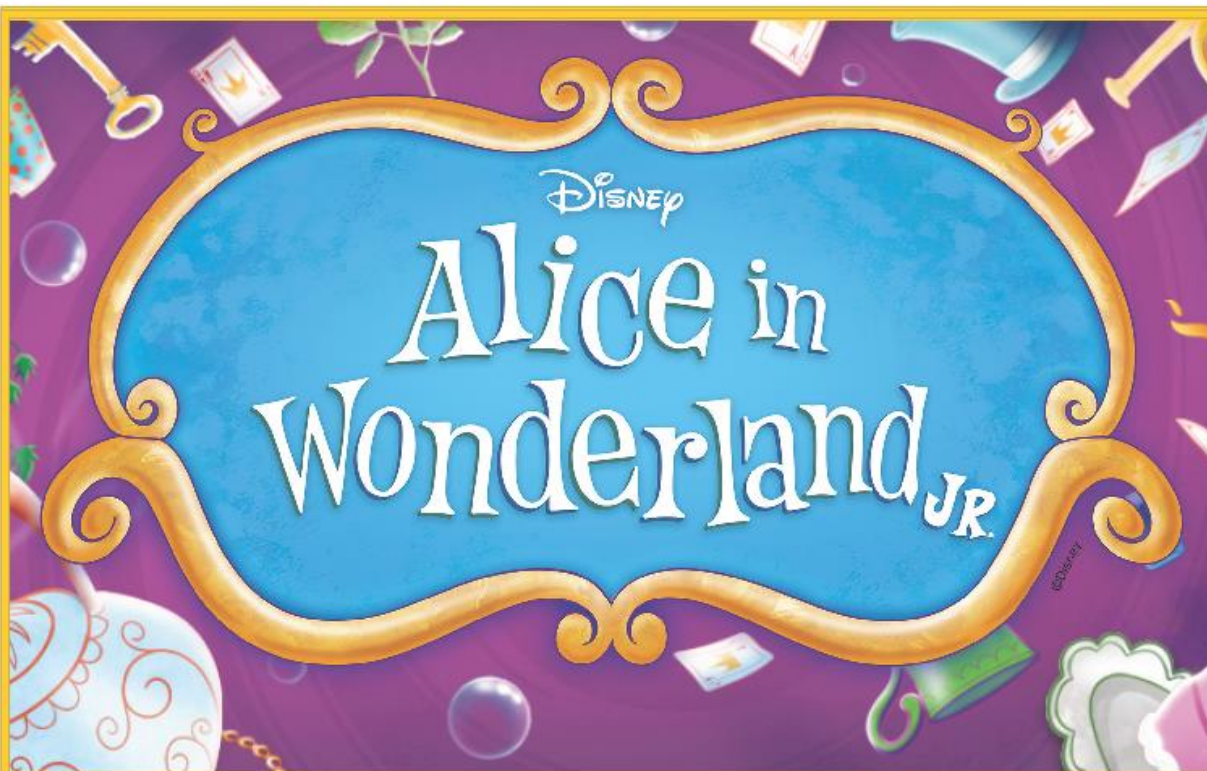
A new toll-free phone number (1 833 784-4397) has been established to answer questions from Canadians about the 2019 novel coronavirus. Service is available from 7 a.m. to midnight EST. Anyone who is concerned they may have been exposed to, or are experiencing symptoms of, the coronavirus should contact their primary care provider, local primary care clinic, or call 8-1-1.

Further information about novel coronavirus is available on the BC Centre for Disease Control [website](#)

Sincerely,



Dr. Raina Fumerton, MPH FRCP
Acting Chief Medical Health Officer
and Medical Health Officer, Northwest HSDA
Northern Health



*Proud to be McLeod Productions presents
our 12th Annual Production!*

March 5, 6, 7²⁰²⁰

**7pm - Thursday-Saturday
1pm - Matinee Saturday**

Show performance at WL McLeod Gym.

**Tickets available at
Wallace Studios, Vanderhoof Department Store,
W. L. McLeod Office, or at the Door**

Tickets \$5 each OR, \$20 for family of 4 or more

Music and Lyrics by Sammy Fain & Bob Hilliard, Oliver Wallace & Cy Coban, Allie Wrubel & Ray Gilbert, Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle

Book and Additional Lyrics by David Simpatico

Based on the 1951 Disney film Alice in Wonderland and the novels The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass by Lewis Carroll
Disney's Alice in Wonderland 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



FEBRUARY 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
3 Spaghetti 	4 Salad Bar + Chicken Drumsticks 	5 Pancakes 	6 Salad Bar + Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese 	7 Mac & Cheese 
10 Beef Stroganoff  6:30p.m. PAC Meeting	11 Salad Bar + Perogy Casserole McLeod Science Fair 	12 French Toast 	13 Salad Bar + Chicken Stew & Dumplings 	14  HAPPY Valentine's DAY Salad Bar + Lasagna Red/ Pink & 100th Day 
17 Family Day (No School) 	18 Salad Bar + Chicken Strips 	19 Sausage & Eggs  District Science Fair 	20 Salad Bar + Cream of Potato Soup 	21 Salad Bar + Hamburger Stew 2:00  Heart Groups
24 Meatloaf 	25 Salad Bar + Chowmein 	26 Crepes  Pink Shirt Day 	27 Salad Bar + Butter Chicken 	28 Pro-D Day (No School) Learning 