



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

I hope you all had a beautiful Thanksgiving week-end. The list of things I am grateful for is very long and McLeod and our students, families and staff is way up that list. I feel blessed every day!

I want to start this newsletter by welcoming a few new people to our McLeod staff. Mrs. Tennille Bernier started her journey with us yesterday and Ms. Lindsay is now on maternity leave. I sure many of you will get to meet Tennille as you connect with the school. There is lots to learn about in this busy place so please be patient as we figure out our learning curve. I know you, our families, will help Tennille out as well. I would also like to welcome Ms. Ashleigh Penner and Mrs. Jenni Filipe to McLeod. They are two new Learning Support Workers in our grade 4/5 classes.

McLeod, you are kind, caring and generous. We are happy to announce that we will be making a \$960 donation to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research and a \$387 donation to ICORD for Spinal Cord Research. A special congratulations to our classes who did a "little extra." For Terry Fox, Mme Leclerc's big class had the largest donation and Ms. Nolan and Mrs. McDonald's classes did the most laps for Terry **during DPA. Thanks everyone!**

Don't forget, our first interim of the year will be coming home on Friday. We will follow-up with our first Student-Led Conferences on Tuesday, October 19th. Please see the information box about Student-Led Conferences in this newsletter. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 this day.

Please don't forget to do the Daily Health Check and send a mask every morning

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:

Oct 15: Interims Home

Oct 18: Farm to School Meeting—5:30
PAC Meeting—6:00

Oct 19: Student Led Conferences—Dismissal
at **NOON**

Oct 22: Pro-D Day—**No School for Students**

Oct 29: Dress-up Day

Nov 3: Class Photos & Retake Day (**DATE CHANGE**)

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. These things can scare our little ones and make it more difficult for us to monitor our playground safely.

Thank for your support.



Notes on Numbers

Did you know that Mathletics has a tutorial to help your child understand the concept that they are working on in the program? You can also go through this tutorial to help you as a parent understand what the question is asking so you can better help your child. In the program, click on the shaded "i" on the right hand side of the screen. It will lead you



Vanderhoof and area vaccine clinic

Includes Saik'uz First Nations—surrounding communities may differ

Clinic Info

WHEN:	WHERE:	ADDRESS:	DETAILS:
Every Thursday in October (1 pm to 4 pm)	Vanderhoof Health Unit	3299 Hospital Rd, Vanderhoof, BC	12+ booked appointments are priority - Drop-ins welcome, space is limited

Our school goals are that our McLeod students will be:

1. Literate as evidenced by grade 3 students meeting grade level expectations in reading in PM Benchmarks/GB+.
2. Socially Responsible Citizens as monitored through the School Learning Survey.
3. Numerate as evidenced by grade 3 students meeting grade level expectations on the DNA.



Thanks for remembering
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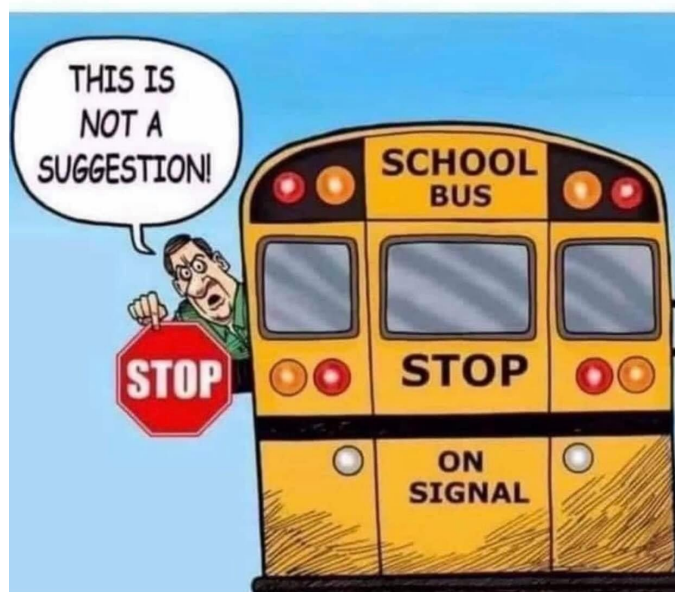


Peanut/Nut
Free School

Please don't forget to do the Daily Health Check each morning. We are very grateful to all our families who are working with us to follow the COVID-19 guidelines. You can do your health check through the app (BC K-12 Daily Health Checker) or this website:

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

This can not be shared enough



Let's all use our WITS at home

The next Babysitting Course is Friday, October 22, 2021 (Pro-D Day) at the Vanderhoof Campus.

The Cost is \$80 per student. Call to register at 250-567-3200. ***We have limited seats for this course.

Learn basic child care, accident prevention, first aid and how to handle emergency situations and receive a certificate upon successful completion.

This program is based on the Red Cross Youth Society curriculum.

For youth 11 years old and older.



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

Thank you



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

**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.

Registration is now open for the Fall Session: Oct. 13 - December 18th. Pick one day or two days per week options. We're always accepting new swimmers to the club! Please see the following website for more info. or check out our Facebook page: Nechako Valley Swim Club.

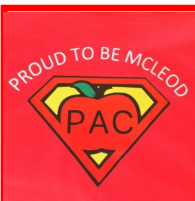


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Nechako Valley Swim Club



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



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



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



School Board Meeting

Monday, October 18, 2021

6:00 pm

Important Public Attendance Notice:

***With the current on-going COVID context amidst this fourth wave, the Board of Education is limiting the number of public at Board meetings to 4 (four), which includes presenters/delegations. All interested in joining the meeting who cannot be accommodated in-person will be provided with virtual link.

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.

***Please note: any additional public arriving to attend the public Board meeting, will be asked to return home and provided with a link to join virtually.

Counselling at McLeod

Toni Dagenais, Erin Baker, Todd Blattner and Debbie Scott, four of our SD#91 counsellors will be working in our school this year. They will be working alongside staff and students at W.L McLeod 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. In addition, counsellors provide individual counselling. If you have any questions or concerns or you 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 other longer-term individual support for your child, the following community agencies are available in the Vanderhoof area:

Connexus: 250-567-9205

Carrier Sekani Family Services: 250-567-2900

Thursday, October 21st we will be
doing the Great BC Shake Out
Earthquake Drill. Remember, in an
earthquake:



T-Shirt Tuesdays



Please wear your McLeod wardrobe every Tuesday. It's a great way to show your school spirit and earn points for your house team. Anything McLeod works. We love homemade stuff too!

If you would like to help save paper and be added to our Newsletter email list, please send your email address to tbernier@sd91.bc.ca

W.L. McLeod Strong Start

A free program here at our school for children ages 0-5, with their caregivers. Snack is provided.

Please sign up ahead of time (5 families allowed per day).

Our program runs every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 12pm.

And a new afternoon/evening class every Wednesday 3:30pm to 6:30pm!

Adults must wear a mask while in the building.

Check out our Facebook page "W.L. McLeod Strong Start" for updates and for the weekly sign-up!





McLeod Student-Led Conferences – October 19, 2:00-6:00

Please call the school to make a 15-minute appointment. We will offer an in-person and phone option, but we encourage phone connections as much as possible to minimize traffic in our school.

In-Person Option:

We ask that only the student and caregiver(s) attend the meeting. Please follow our regular visitor protocol - wear a mask and sanitize and sign-in at the front office. Please head to the hallway near the classroom area right away. We have sanitizer for use in each classroom as well.

Phone Option:

When you book your appointment we will ask your name, your child's name, and the best contact number for the teacher to call you.

Some of our teachers feel quite confident to do TEAMS meetings. If this is an option you would like please ask Mrs. Bernier if this is possible with your child's teacher.

As always, if you feel a longer, in-person meeting is necessary,
please connect with your child's teacher so we can set that up.

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.



OCTOBER 2021 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 Hot Dogs Ultimate Frisbee
4 Mac & Cheese 	5 French Toast 	6 Ham & Cheese Bun 	7 Enchiladas 	8 Caramel Chicken Graphic "t" day
11 (No School)	12 Pancakes & Sausages 	13 Perogy Casserole 	14 Roast Chicken 	15 INTERIMS HOME Chicken Caesar Wrap
18 Spaghetti 	19 12:00 dismissal 2:00-6pm "Student Led Conferences" 	20 Snack Plate 	21 Turkey Alfredo 10:00am BC ShakeOut earthquake drill 	22 Pro- D Day (No School)
25 Chili & bun 	26 Sausage & Eggs 	27 Turkey Stew & dumplings 	28 Cheese Burgers 	29 Turkey Sub Dress-Up Day activities