



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



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

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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Welcome back! It was so great to see everyone yesterday. We missed you over the summer.

I'd like to say a special welcome to our new students and families including all our new Kindergarten students. We have some exciting updates to our McLeod staff for 2026-2027:

Mrs. Cathy Espiritu joined our custodial team last year and we didn't have a chance to welcome her yet – welcome!

Welcome back to Mme Tracy Vienneau who has returned from New Brunswick to teach French Immersion grade 5/6. We missed you Mme V!

Ms. Haley Dunbar has moved from Sinkut View to McLeod to teach grade 1. Welcome to the McLeod family!

Ms. Dani Dobson has joined us from Ontario to teach grade 4/5. She was at McLeod at the end of 2024-2025 for her teaching practicum and loved us so much she came back.

We are thrilled that Mrs. Dana Mountifield will be joining our McLeod staff as our teacher librarian. She will be at McLeod from Wednesday to Friday.

Mme Dounia Kermzi has travelled all the way from France to work as a French Language Assistant this year. We are so lucky to be part of this partnership between France and BC.

We are very pleased to host our Open House/Ice Cream Social this year on Thursday, September 17th from 6:00 to 7:30. After visiting classrooms, we invite you and your family to our gym where you can all enjoy an ice cream sundae and meet other McLeod families. We'd like to thank our PAC for hosting this event. If you can offer a bit of extra assistance to help us serve ice cream, please let me know as soon as possible. At 7:00 our PAC will be having their first meeting of the year in our TLC. We invite all parents to come out and join us.

There is nothing more important to us than keeping our McLeod family safe. For this reason, McLeod will be a NUT FREE school again this year. It is essential that we do our best to keep our students and staff with life-threatening allergies as safe as possible. No peanuts, Brazil nuts or hazelnuts (ie – Nutella) will be permitted in our building. If a student brings any food to school containing these ingredients, the item will be returned home to you. We also work with Public Health to ensure our staff are

trained in the necessary procedures in the event of an anaphylactic reaction. THANK YOU for your kindness and caring as we look after our kids and adults.

McLeod is also a scent free environment. Many items such as perfumes, creams, deodorants, hair products and essential oils can result in strong reactions for our students and staff who have scent sensitivities or allergies. Thank you for helping to keep everyone comfortable by keeping scents out of our school.

Each year we have a theme for the year. Last year our theme was "COMMUNICATE TO CONNECT." This year we are so excited to work on "BELIEVE, LEARN and GROW." We will be learning all about having a growth mindset in all we do to help us be good human beings. This is such an important attitude for us all and it's going to be such a great year of growth in many ways.

This newsletter includes LOTS of information, and we hope you will take the time to check it all out. Please have a look at the:

- SD91 Behaviour & Digital Threat/Risk Assessment: Fair Notice and Process
- Registration Verification Form. Please read it over and make any changes about information for us. It is especially important this year that we have the correct contact information including emergency contact info. At the end of the form, you will also find a list of items to double check as well. **Please return the Verification Form to your child's teacher as soon as possible.**

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



See the
whole
newsletter

SEPTEMBER 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!

Student price - \$5.00. Staff price - \$6.00. Cheques should be made payable to SD91.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 SUMMER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)	2 SUMMER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)	3 SUMMER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)	4 SUMMER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
7 LABOUR DAY (NO SCHOOL)	8 First day of school 12:00 - dismissal (no lunch)	9 Spaghetti 	10 Quesadilla 	11 Butter Chicken 
14 Sloppy Joes 	15 Perogy Casserole 	16 Corn Chowder Soup 	17 Chicken Caesar Wrap  6:00-7:30 Ice Cream Social 7:00 – PAC meeting	18 Lasagna  Fun Day and Crazy Hair Day
21 Chicken Strips 	22 Beef Broccoli 	23 Mac and Cheese 	24 Ham & Cheese Bun  Picture Day (individual)	25 DISTRICT PLANNING DAY (NO SCHOOL)
28 Pizza Bagels  Terry Fox Run	29 Tuscan Chicken  Orange Shirt Day (honouring of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)	30 NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (NO SCHOOL)		

* 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

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. You may purchase coverage for your child at www.insuremykids.com or by calling toll free at 1-800-463-KIDS (5437).

McLeod is a very busy place. It is vital that we know who is in our building and why. ALL adults MUST report to the office, sign in on our sign in sheet, and connect with Ms. Lindsay. Ms. Lindsay will let you know if it is appropriate for you to proceed into the school. To minimize disruption to classes we will be happy to make deliveries to classes or to call students to the office. Please work with our staff to support student safety and success.

W.L. McLeod PAC Corner

wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com



Our first PAC meeting is
September 17th at 7:00
PM in the TLC



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.

COMING SOON:

- Sept 17: Ice Cream Social Open House - 6-7:30 PM
PAC Meeting—7:00 PM
- Sept 18: Fun Day
Crazy Hair Day
- Sept 24: Picture Day (individual)
- Sept 25: District Planning Day (**No School for Students**)
- Sept 28: Terry Fox Run
- Sept 29: School Day for honouring National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- Sept 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation—**NO SCHOOL**

VOLUNTEERING/HELPING/CHAPERONING at McLeod

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 which includes a vulnerable sector check. It's easy to do. Just drop by the school to get a letter from Ms. Lindsay and take it to the RCMP station. They will help you from there. When it's done bring your completed CRC back to us at the school. Thanks in advance for your help!

Knives in Schools



SD91 reminds families that knives are strictly prohibited at school and on school buses. We understand that many families in our region spend considerable time outdoors and often use these items. However, knives, including Leatherman tools, are not appropriate in a school setting at any time.



We ask that all caregivers and students check backpacks and jacket pockets, especially after camping, fishing, or hunting trips to ensure these items are not brought to school. The District Code of Conduct will be followed in these situations and appropriate consequences applied.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

TECHNOLOGY AND PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE USE

W. L. McLeod Elementary School

While using technology at McLeod, our school is a place where we:

- ask permission first
- only login, look at or delete our own files.
- use the technology only for the purpose we have been given.
- only use communication tools (e-mail, messenger, etc.) with the permission of a staff member.
- do not inappropriately communicate with others (cyber-bullying, making threats, etc.)
- never share personal information or arrange to meet with anyone.
- demonstrate respect for all W. L. McLeod hardware and software.

Aligning with the SD91 Digital Technology, Consent and Privacy Policy and the Ministry of Education and Child Care requirements for cell phones and personal digital devices for elementary students:

- students in grades K to 3 are not to bring technology to school.
- **personal digital devices must be powered off and safely stored during the entire school day** unless for instructional purposes and to promote digital literacy, and only with the permission and direct supervision of a staff member.
- taking pictures, videotaping and recording is not allowed.
- the school takes no responsibility for lost, missing or damaged personal digital devices that students choose to bring to school.



McLEOD IS

NOT FREE.



Thanks for
keeping our
McLeod
family safe.

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT
91
NECHAKO LAKES

**VIRTUAL
CLEARING
HOUSE**

Online auction site
of SD91 assets

Updated often -
check it often!



Scan the QR Code to
go to the website!

auction.sd91.bc.ca

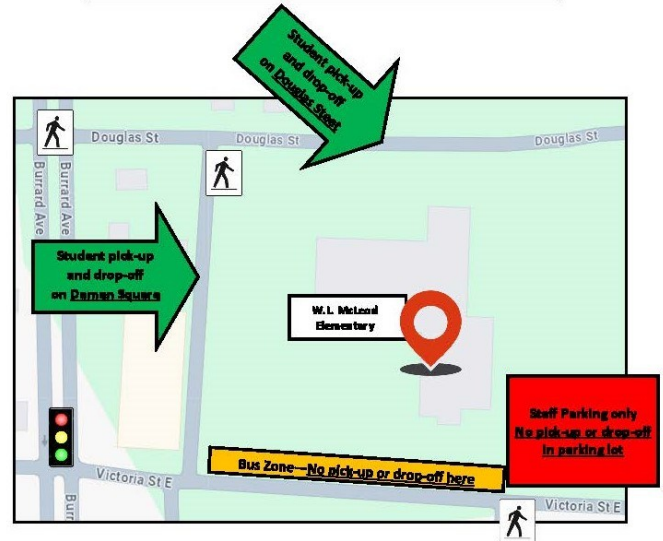


Thank you for keeping McLeod scent free
(including essential oils).
We appreciate your support for our students

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!

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.



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

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



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 DISTRICT 91

We're Hiring!

Valuing Excellence, Innovation & Community

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91
NECHAKO LAKES

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
TO VIEW OUR **CURRENT VACANCIES**, INCLUDING OUR **CASUAL LISTS!**




Don't repost it. Report it.



91 SCHOOL DISTRICT
NECHAKO LAKES

erase.gov.bc.ca

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

Flag and tackle football registration in Vanderhoof is open for boys and girls.

Practice Tuesday and Thursday with games with PG on the weekend.

Tykes 2019-2020 and Atoms 2017-2018 flag and Pee wee 2014-2016 tackle. Cost this season is free.

[Register Here](#)



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



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!



Welcome to McLeod!

McLeod Families are invited on
Thursday, September 17

Open House &
Ice Cream Social

6:00-7:30pm

PAC Meeting

7:00pm

Call 250-567-2267 for more
information or go to Facebook:
www.facebook.com/WLMPAC



2026/2027

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Re: Student Accident Insurance

Schools and school boards **do not** provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries incur medical, dental, or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses (*SD91 Policy and Regulations 302.6 – Student Injuries*).

Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada is proud to offer you Student Accident Insurance through the **insuremykids®** program. Participation is voluntary but highly recommended, and costs are paid by the parent or guardian.

All rates are one-time annual premiums and offer the following value:

Silver Plan (basic coverage)	\$17/year
Gold Plan (essential coverage)	\$25/year
Platinum Plan (comprehensive coverage)	\$33/year

- It covers your child at school, away from school, at home, or on field trips
- It protects your child against accidents 24/7 for a full year
- You save money when you insure three (3) or more children in your family
- 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year plans available

Benefit limits vary based on the plan chosen and the child's age.

The insurance agreement is between **you** and **insuremykids®**. If you wish to subscribe, please apply on-line at www.insuremykids.com or mail in a paper application.

Any questions should be directed to **insuremykids®** toll free at 1-800-463-KIDS (5437).

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Darlene Turner
Secretary-Treasurer

Behavioural and Digital Threat Assessment: Fair Notice and Process

What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated, and responded to.

What behaviours warrant a threat assessment to be initiated?

A Threat Assessment will be started by behaviours such as but not limited to:

Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm or kill others, online threats to harm or kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices), fire setting, sexual intimidation, or assault and gang-related intimidation and violence.

What is a threat assessment Team?

Each school has a Threat Assessment Team. The team may include the principal, teachers, counsellor(s), and a member of the local police agency.

What happens in a Threat Assessment?

All threat-related behaviour shall be reported to the principal, who will activate the protocol for the initial response. Once the team has been activated, interviews may be held with the student(s), the SOC (Subject of concern) parents, and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident. Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff, and students as required.

What are the purposes of a Threat Assessment?

The purposes of a Threat Assessment are:

- To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents/guardians and caregivers, and others.
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- To understand factors contributing to the SOC's behaviour.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the SOC.
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.



Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians and caregivers, students, and community members must report all threat-related behaviours.

Can I refuse to be part of the Threat Assessment process?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. However, if the SOC or parent/guardian/caregiver is reluctant to participate, the threat assessment process will continue, in order to promote a safe and caring learning environment.

School District No. 91 Values

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents, and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.

Where can I get further information?

Please discuss this information with your children so that they understand the intent. Should you require further clarification, please contact your school Principal or Superintendent of Schools at 250-567-2284.

Collection of personal information

School districts are subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of information in compliance with the requirements of such laws. This will include limiting the collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and ensuring that information collected from an online source is only obtained from open-source sites. Schools and school districts will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to police agencies in appropriate circumstances. Information collected will be retained and handled within current records management procedures and guidelines. From: Community Threat Assessment Protocol Guide pp. 71-72



School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)

Behavioural & Digital Threat Assessment: Fair Notice



School District No. 91
Phone: 250-567-2284

**Insuremykids
Student Accident
Insurance is the key to
financially protecting
your family against the
unexpected expenses
you might face when
your child is injured.**



Purchase a Plan Today!

Visit insuremykids.com or call 1.800.463.5437

Who is Eligible?

Children are eligible for coverage if they are:

- a) more than 6 months old;
- b) less than 27 years old; and
- c) live in Canada, except the province of Quebec.

If a child is 14 years old or older at any time during the Coverage Period, they must be a full-time student within the 12 months prior to any claim. We define a full-time student as being enrolled in a minimum of 3 courses at the same time, during any 4-month period.

If you have children enrolled in different schools or school boards, they may all be insured under one policy.

**Full Year of
Coverage**



Protect your loved ones 24/7 with insuremykids®

Get the financial protection your family needs.

If your child is involved in an accident, whether at school or during non-school hours, insuremykids® protects your family from the resulting expenses, which are not normally covered under your government health and group insurance plans.

The Platinum Plan - our best selling plan - only \$33/year

For only \$33.00 a year, the Platinum Plan offers our best value in 24/7 accident insurance coverage. Plus, it is our only plan to offer out-of-province emergency medical coverage (up to \$200,000) plus other travel benefits.



How much of a difference can insuremykids® really make?

Example: A 15 year-old was playing soccer in gym class. The student suffered a knee injury and required medical treatment.

	Platinum Plan	Without insuremykids®
Annual Premium	\$33	\$0
Knee Brace	\$0	\$1,500
Crutches	\$0	\$35
Prescription Medication	\$0	\$36
Physiotherapy	\$0	\$400
Out of Pocket Expenses	\$33	\$1,971

Are you sure your child is covered?

Government health plans and employment plans offer limited coverage. We help to fill in the gaps.

Three Plans to Choose From!

Benefits* Include:

	Platinum Plan	Gold Plan	Silver Plan
	\$33/year	\$25/year	\$17/year
24 Hours/Day Coverage	✓	✓	✓
Out-of-Province Emergency Medical & Other Travel Benefits	\$200,000	n/a	n/a
Total & Permanent Disability**	\$350,000	\$150,000	\$75,000
Loss of Limb/Loss of Sight, Hearing or Speech**	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$75,000
Accidental Death	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Unlimited Accidental Dental	10 years	10 years	10 years
Per Tooth After 10 Years	\$1,650	\$1,400	\$1,250

*Benefit limits vary based on plan chosen and the insured's age.

**Only one of these two benefits is payable per child in the event of an accident. For complete descriptions of benefits, benefit limits, conditions, limitations and exclusions, please view the policy online at www.insuremykids.com.



3-Year & 5-Year Plans

Save time and money! One quick purchase is all it takes to get multiple years of coverage!

