



# The Prowler

the news of the week  
les nouvelles de la semaine



February 18, 2026

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

Issue 22

Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Our scientists are ready to show their stuff. This Friday is our McLeod Science Fair. Caregivers are welcome to come by and see all the hard work between 11:00 to 12:00. Please don't forget to report to the office, sign in and connect with Ms. Lindsay before moving into the school as always.

It's almost PINK SHIRT DAY 2026. We can't wait to honour kindness, caring and inclusion in a fun way as we work with our entire community to pay it forward as well. We still need LOTS more cereal. Please send in what you can and encourage those from throughout our community to donate as well. We'd love the cereal by the end of this week so Mr. Meads class can plan the domino trail. To make this happen:

1. COLLECT - regular size boxes of cereal (260 grams) from our school community and the Vanderhoof community.
2. DECORATE - with messages of kindness, caring and inclusion.
3. FUN – the Great Cereal Box Dominion Challenge
4. DONATE - the boxes of cereal and their kindness messages to NeighbourLink.

Our McLeod Share the Love Day is on

Thursday, February 26. This is just prior to Zero Discrimination Day on Sunday, March 1st. Our McLeod plans include:

- a Teams presentation for all SD91 students by Mischa Oak
  - a Heart Group continuing our on-going work to live the message of kindness, caring and inclusion by being a bucket filler. We are excited to share the book, **All Are Neighbors** (<https://youtu.be/7aAGvDM1gos?feature=shared>) as part of this learning.
  - 3:30 - staff/caregiver presentation on Teams.
- All are welcome.

You can learn more about Misha at <https://mischaok.com/>. His message is in this newsletter as well.

In February we continue to work on *Listening with your Heart* in our **"LET'S COMMUNICATE TO**

## CONNECT" focus

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

### Joy in Difference (from Mischa):

*Being different and appreciating other people's differences is a joy, and it's important to celebrate and accept each other's differences across all ages. Instead of looking at others who are different from us as a problem, we can all look to each other for inspiration and for how to see the best in ourselves.*

*Everyone's identity is different. Some things we will have in common with others, and others we won't. Differences exist in how we look, our families, what we can and cannot do, the stories of how we came to be here, and where we will all go in life.*

*Our job in life is not to judge others, but to see the best in others. Everyone has dreams in life, and our job is to support people's dreams, be each other's cheerleaders, and not stand in their way. When you are a cheerleader for others, they will be cheerleaders for you too, and then we can all reach our full potential together and make the future of our dreams possible.*

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

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



# February/March 2026 MENU



Student name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ 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 lunch for your child on these days. **Cheques should be made payable to SD91.**

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| 2<br>Pancakes and Sausage<br> | 3<br>Beef Stew<br>                                      | 4<br>Chicken and Rice Casserole<br>        | 5<br>Pizza Bagel<br><br>Primary Soccer Play Day  | 6<br>Pro-D Day  |
| 9<br>Eggs and Sausage<br>     | 10<br>Chicken Chow Mein<br>                             | 11<br>Taco Salad<br>                       | 12<br>Mac and Cheese<br>                         | 13<br>Filipino Pork Steak<br>  |
| 16<br>Family Day   | 17<br>Spaghetti<br>                                     | 18<br>French Toast<br>                     | 19<br>Salmon Salad Wrap<br>                      | 20<br>BBQ Chicken<br><br>McLeod School Science Fair                      |
| 23<br>Chili<br>             | 24<br>Tuscan Chicken<br>                              | 25<br>Quesadilla<br><br>PINK SHIRT DAY   | 26<br>Hot Dogs<br>                             | 27<br>Chicken Caesar Wrap<br>  |
| MARCH 2<br>Corn Chowder<br> | 3<br>Taco Casserole<br><br>SD91 District Science Fair | 4<br>Shake & Bake-Style Chicken Legs<br> | 5<br>Turkey and Cheese Sandwich<br>            | 6<br>Asian-Style Beef and Potato Stir-Fry<br><br>LEARNING UPDATES HOME |
| 9<br>Fish Sticks<br>        | 10<br>2:00-6:00<br>Talk About Learning Time<br>(12:00 Early Dismissal)   | 11<br>Snack Plate<br>                    | 12<br>Beef Broccoli<br><br>Basketball Play Day | 13<br>Chicken Noodle Soup<br><br>Crazy, Green Backward Day             |
| March 14 to 29 - HAPPY SPRING BREAK!   |  |   |  |   |
| 30<br>Spaghetti<br>         | 31<br>Chicken Ranch Wrap<br>                          |   |  |   |

\* Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or Gluten free\* \*(V) indicates vegetarian option is available if pre-requested\*

Link to Meal Manage



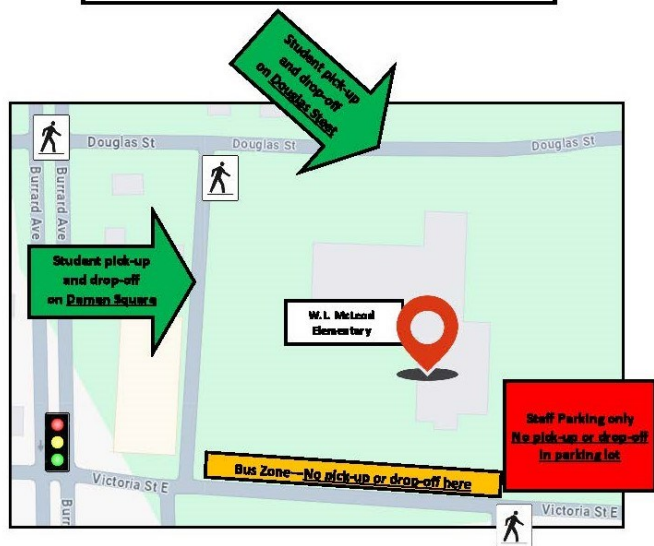
Instructions to Meal Manage

FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2026



All cereal will be donated to our community through Neighbourlink.

**Student Pick-up & Drop-off  
at W.L. McLeod Elementary**



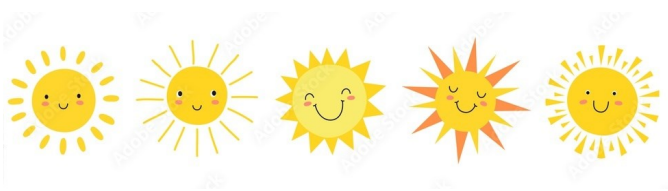
Please help keep our students, caregivers, and staff safe. **NO drop off and pick up in the school bus zone (on either side of the street) or in our staff parking lot.** Please use Douglas Street and Damon Square as drop-off and pick up options.

**COMING SOON:**

Feb 16: Family Day—NO SCHOOL  
Feb 20: McLeod Science Fair  
**Feb 25: Pink Shirt Day**  
Mar 3: District Science Fair  
Mar 10: Talk About Learning Time—  
**12:00 Dismissal**  
Mar 12: Basketball Play Day  
**Mar 13: Crazy, Green Backward Day**

**Mar 16—27: SPRING BREAK**

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



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/**



## Children, Youth & Family Services Activity Calendar

**FEBRUARY / 2026**



| SUN   | MON   | TUES   | WED | THURS                                    | FRI  | SAT |
|---|---|--|-----|--|--|-----|
| Families Matter Drop In Group<br>Available At All Office Hours<br>1 | 2   | You(th) Matter<br>11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS<br>3  | 4   | You(th) Matter<br>10:00-12:00 NVSS<br>5  | PRO-D DAY<br>6<br><br>Mad Scientists<br>10:00 am-03:00 pm (6-12 y/o) | 7   |
| 8   | 9   | You(th) Matter<br>11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS<br>10 | 11  | You(th) Matter<br>10:00-12:00 NVSS<br>12 | 13<br><br>Valentines Baking<br>03:00 pm-04:30 pm (8-12 y/o)          | 14  |
| 15  | STAT - CLOSED<br>Family Day<br>16                             | You(th) Matter<br>11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS<br>17 | 18  | You(th) Matter<br>10:00-12:00 NVSS<br>19 | 20<br><br>Crafting Time<br>03:00 pm-04:30 pm (6-12 y/o)              | 21  |
| 22  | 23<br><br>Movies and Boardgames<br>03:00pm-04:30pm (6-12 y/o) | You(th) Matter<br>11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS<br>24 | 25  | You(th) Matter<br>10:00-12:00 NVSS<br>26 | 27<br><br>Outdoor exploration<br>03:00 pm-04:30 pm (6-12 y/o)        | 28  |
|   |   |  |     |  |  |     |

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)

### W.L. McLeod PAC Corner

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



Have a great week!



### Please Label Snow Gear

Please ensure all outdoor snow gear (mitts, toques, coats, snowpants and boots) are labeled with your child's name



**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91**  
**NECHAKO LAKES**  
**VIRTUAL CLEARING HOUSE**

Online auction site of SD91 assets  
Updated often - check it often!

[auction.sd91.bc.ca](http://auction.sd91.bc.ca)



Scan the QR Code to go to the website!

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)



Helmets **MUST** be worn by **ALL** adults on the ice at the arena.



This includes staff and caregiver volunteers

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

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  
TO VIEW OUR CURRENT VACANCIES, INCLUDING OUR  
CASUAL LISTS!



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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC-rDH5APAO>

## 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!

MCLEOD IS

# NOT FREE.



Thanks for  
keeping our  
McLeod  
family safe.

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



EDUCATION DEPT PRESENTS

## CULTURAL DAYS

Jan 7, Jan 21,  
Feb 18,  
March 11, & March 25

3 pm - 7 pm | The Gathering Place  
Saik'uz Band Office

Feb 6-7 (Snow Days) will be both an indoor  
and outdoor event based at the band office.  
Starts at 10 am - 3 pm

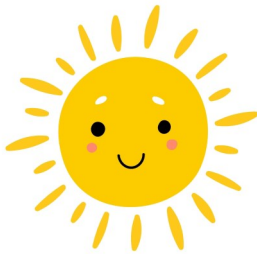
*Cultural Activities*  
*Light Meals*  
*Everyone Welcome*


Have Questions? Contact:  
education@saikuz.com | 250-567-9293



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

- ★ What is Communication
- 🗣️ Skills of Listening and Sp
- 🤝 Teamwork
- ❓ Asking questions
- 👍 Conflict resolution





## Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback  
**until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026.**

[Policy 101.1.1 – Trustee Elections – Bylaw](#)

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the [SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage](#).



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



## School Board Meeting

**Monday, February 23, 2026  
6:30 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 in advance 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](http://www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information) for the Teams link.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit [www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes](http://www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes).

Contact:

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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!



# Recreation Schedule

## February 2026

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|--|--|--|--|----------|--------|
|   |  |  |  |  |          | 1      |
| <b>Little Learners</b><br>10am-11am   3-5 Yrs<br><b>Y Theatre</b><br>1pm-2pm   3-5 Yrs<br>Winter Create  <br>3:30PM-4:30PM   6-12 Yrs | <b>Little Artists</b><br>10am-11am   3-5 Yrs<br>Dino Crafts<br>1pm - 2pm   3-5 Yrs<br>Science Day   3:30PM<br>-4:30PM   6-12 Yrs | <b>Little Movers</b><br>10am-11am   3-5 Yrs<br>Story Time<br>11:30am-12:30pm   0-3<br>Winter Crafts   3:30PM<br>-4:30PM   6-12 Yrs           | <b>Tiny Tumblers</b><br>10am-11am   0-3 Yrs<br>Winter Art<br>1pm-2pm   3-5 Yrs<br>Winter Exploration  <br>3:30PM-4:30PM   6-12 Yr            | <b>Pro-D Day -</b><br>Tie Dye  <br>9:30am - 3:30pm<br>6-12 yrs   |          | 8      |
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| <b>FAMILY DAY ( VCC CLOSED)</b>   | <b>Little Artists</b><br>10am-11am   3-5 Yrs<br>Dino Crafts<br>1pm - 2pm   3-5 Yrs<br>Science Day   3:30PM<br>-4:30PM   6-12 Yrs | <b>Little Movers</b><br>10am-11am   3-5 Yrs<br>Story Time<br>11:30am-12:30pm   0-3<br>Winter Crafts   3:30PM<br>-4:30PM   6-12 Yrs           | <b>Tiny Tumblers</b><br>10am-11am   0-3 Yrs<br>Winter Art<br>1pm-2pm   3-5 Yrs<br>Winter Exploration  <br>3:30PM-4:30PM   6-12               | <b>Outdoor Exploration</b><br>1pm-2pm   3-5 Yrs<br>Winter Art  <br>3:30PM-4:30PM   6-12 Yr             | 21       | 22     |
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**Facility Hours**  
 Monday-Friday • 8:00am-5:30pm  
 186 Columbia Street, Vanderhoof

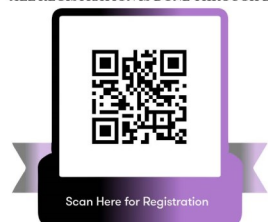
Contact: vcc@bc.ymca.ca  
 (250) 570-9505  
 Register online: mynbcy.ca

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

### 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 CLOSSES: APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

ALL REGISTRATION IS DONE THROUGH ZONE4:



(<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

