



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

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

Link to Meal Manage



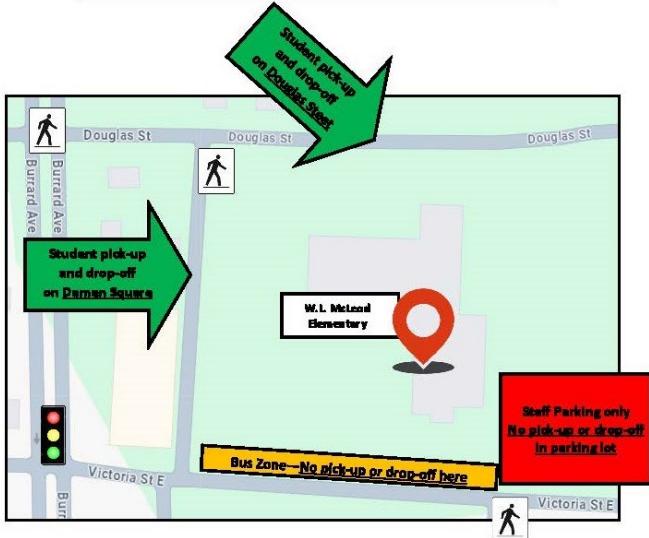
Instructions to Meal Manage

FEBRUARY 25TH 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 Available At All Office Hours 1		2 You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FS SS & FLESS	3	4 You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS	5	6 PRO-D DAY Mad Scientists 10:00 am-03:00 pm (6-12 y/o) 7
8	9 You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FS SS & FLESS	10	11 You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS	12	13	14 Valentines Baking 03:00 pm-04:30 pm (6-12 y/o)
15 STAT - CLOSED Family Day 16	16 You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FS SS & FLESS	17	18 You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS	19	20	21 Crafting Time 03:00 pm-04:30 pm (6-12 y/o)
22	23 You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FS SS & FLESS	24	25 You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS	26	27	28 Outdoor exploration 03:00 pm-04:30 pm (6-12 y/o)

Please have all items you'd like to add to the newsletter to Ms. Lindsay by **noon** on Tuesday's.

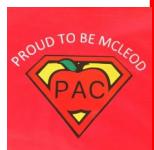
Any submissions after noon will be put in the following week's newsletter. Please email

lblade@sd91.bc.ca

W.L. McLeod PAC Corner

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



How do you solve a problem?

Use your **WITS!**



W **alk** Away
I **gnore**
T **alk** it Out
S **ee**k Help

www.witsprogram.ca



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

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 | VIRTUAL CLEARING HOUSE
NECHAKO LAKES

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



auction.sd91.bc.ca

Scan the QR Code to go to the website!



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



This includes staff and caregiver volunteers

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!



McLEOD IS
NUT FREE.



Thanks for
keeping our
McLeod
family safe.

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



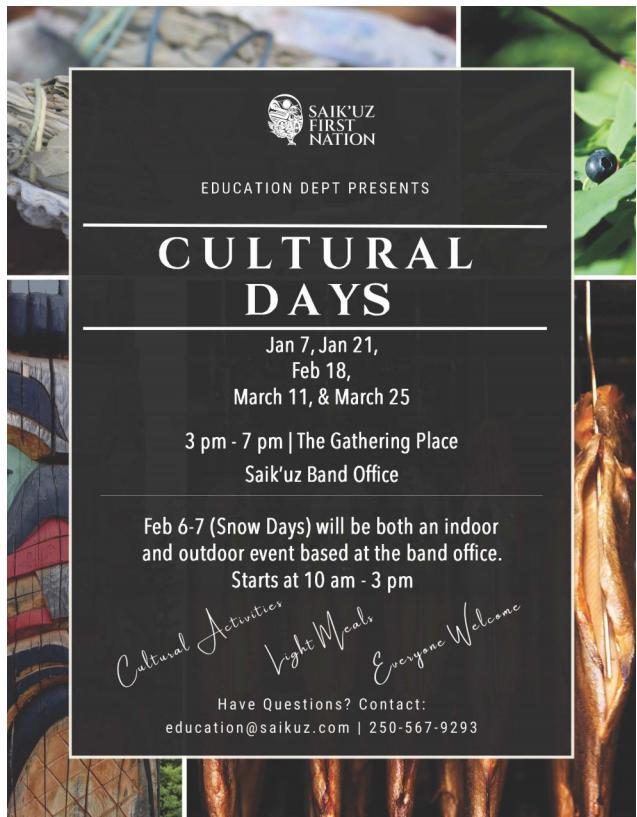
Vanderhoof Elementary School/W. L. McLeod Elementary School
PHOTO ARCHIVE
1960 to 2005

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

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!



SAIK'UZ FIRST NATION

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](#).



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 for the Teams link.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes.

Contact:

Heather Silver

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

250-567-2284 ext. 9003

hsilver@sd91.bc.ca



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



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	
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Little Learners 10am-11am 3-5 Yrs Y Theatre 1pm-2pm 3-5 Yrs Winter Create 3:30PM-4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	2 Little Artists 10am-11am 3-5 Yrs Dino Crafts 1pm - 2pm 3-5 Yrs Science Day 3:30PM -4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	3 Little Movers 10am-11am 3-5 Yrs Story Time 11:30am-12:30pm 0-3 Winter Crafts 3:30PM -4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	4 Tiny Tumblers 10am-11am 0-3 Yrs Winter Art 1pm-2pm 3-5 Yrs Winter Exploration 3:30PM-4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	5 Pro-D Day - Tie Dye 9:30am - 3:30pm 6-12 yrs	6	7	8
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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: mynbc.ca

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VANDERHOOF YOUTH SLOW PITCH 2026 SEASON REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS: MARCH 14TH, 2026

REGISTRATION CLOSES: APRIL 6TH, 2026

ALL REGISTRATION IS DONE THROUGH ZONE4:



Scan Here for Registration

(<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:

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