



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

I hope many of you were able to connect with your child's teacher yesterday at our Talk About Learning Time yesterday. It is so important that you and your child's teacher are a team. Please don't feel the need to wait until these formal events to reach out. We are happy to hear from you any time. We also just sent home our first Informal Learning Updates. We would love your feedback on these.

Today was Take Me Outside Day. It was a day for schools to focus on extending the classroom beyond four walls and a desk and engage with school grounds and natural areas. Tomorrow we will join thousands across BC to practice what to do in the event of an earthquake. The Great BC Shake Out happens at 10:20 on October 19th. Please see the image in this newsletter so you know what to do in an earthquake. This Friday is a Pro-d Day. Our teachers will be learning so students do not need to attend. On Monday we will celebrate DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Day. At 11:40 we will read as an entire school. We hope you will do the same!

October 31st is our Dress-Up Day. Please check out the info on this page about masks and "weapons." Our students will have some fun activities this day including our grade 4 to 6 dance planned by our One McLeod Council. Please feel free to join us and help out at this event.

Remember, our theme this year is "**An attitude of GRATITUDE.**" 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 20: Pro-D Day—**NO SCHOOL for students**

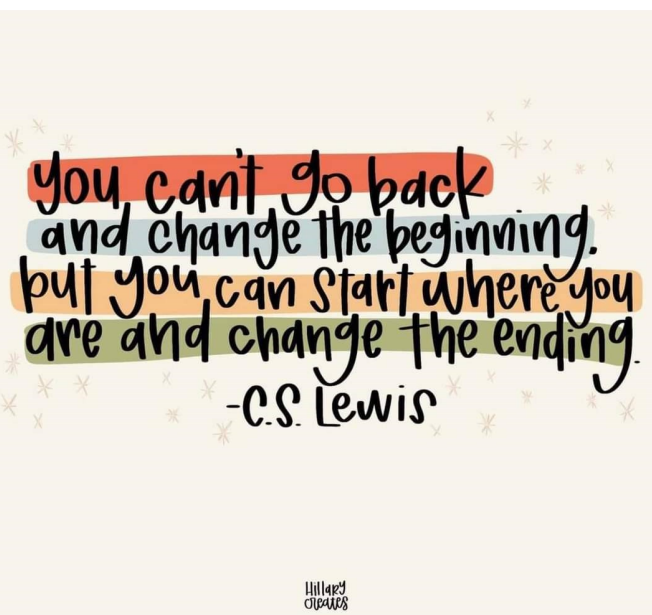
Oct 23: Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) Day

Oct 31: Dress Up Day

Nov 9: Remembrance Day Ceremony
11:00

Nov 10: Remembrance Day Stat—**NO SCHOOL**

Nov 24: Pro-D Day—**NO SCHOOL for Students**



We are trying to be kind to our earth and reduce the amount of paper we use at school. We will send out the front page of the newsletter and the Hot Lunch Menu in a hard copy, but the rest of the newsletter will be sent electronically. Please call the office to get your name on our newsletter e-mail list.



Please try out our new QR code to the newsletter!

OCTOBER 2023 MENU

Each meal is \$5.00 (reg) or \$4.50 for 10 or more meals/month

Please Pre-Order and Pre-pay

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! **Cheques should be made payable to SD91**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Day for Truth and Reconciliation	3 Hotdogs and Fries (V)  To celebrate the French soccer game (ask your kids!)	4 Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup (V) 	5 Chicken Enchiladas 	6 Chicken Chow Mien (V)  Graphic "t" Day
9 Thanksgiving	10 Sausage and Eggs (V) 	11 Ham and Cheese Sandwich (V)  PICTURE DAY (Individual pictures)	12 Pizza Bagels and Salad Bar (V)  Cross country meet	13 Chicken Alfredo  Informal learning updates Interims home
16 Taco Salad 	17 12:00 Dismissal 2:00-6:00 Talk About Learning Time (Student-LED conferences)	18 Snack Plate (V) 	19 Hamburgers and Salad Bar  10:20 Great BC Shake Out (earthquake drill)	20 PRO-D DAY
23 Spaghetti (V) 	24 Tater Tot Casserole (V) 	25 Chicken Caesar Wrap 	26 Sloppy Joes and Salad Bar  PICTURE DAY #2 (Retakes, class pictures, panorama)	27 Mac and Cheese (V) 
30 Meatball Subs 	31 French Toast (V)  Dress Up Day	*(V) indicates vegetarian option is available if pre-requested* * Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or Gluten free*		

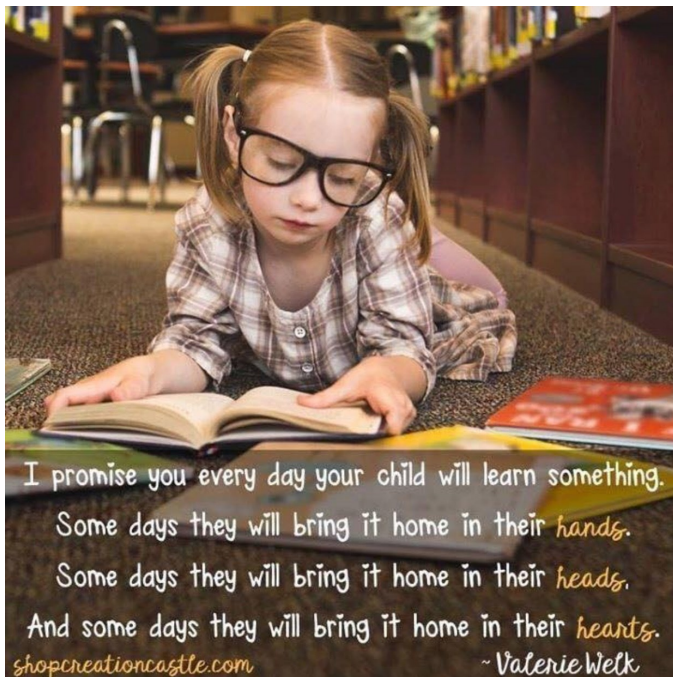
Please have all after-school messages to the office by 2:45 to ensure that we have time to get the message to the students.

Thanks!

Lindsay



Thursday, October 26
retakes, class pictures,
panorama pic



MCLEOD IS

NUT FREE.



Thanks for
keeping our
McLeod
family safe.

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

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE NEWS

School Board Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2023

6:00 pm

Room 112, FSJSS

Fort St. James, 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 prior to noon on meeting day 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 or you may request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

Contact:

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A few notes about dress up day:

Please remember that any treats brought to school must be NUT FREE. As well, we ask that students do not wear masks to school or bring any items that resemble a weapon. Both of these things can scare our little ones and make it more difficult for us to monitor our playground safely. Thank for your support!

W.L. McLeod Strong Start

Strong Start is a free drop-in here at our school for with children 0-5 old.

program families years

We are

open Monday to

9am-
ing class
6:00pm.

Thursday mornings

12pm, and an extra even-
on Wednesdays 3:30pm-
Closed on Fri- days.



Closed until further notice

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



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

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 lswanson@sd91.bc.ca

Thank you

Upcoming Basketball Season

Registration for the upcoming Jr NBA is now live. The registration deadline is October 20th.

The season will run from November 6/23 until February 16/24.

Please follow the link below to access the registration page.

<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=33011&lan=1&cartlevel=1>

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!



CHECK OUT OUR MCLEOD WEBSITE

WLM.SD91.BC.CA/

DRESS-UP DAY DANCE



for grade 4 to 6 students

HOSTED BY ONE MCLEOD COUNCIL

\$3.00 for each student

Public Interest Disclosure Policy

Policy No. 406.7

The Board of Education of School District 91 (Nechako Lakes) is committed to honesty, integrity and accountability in its operations, programs and services and to promoting a culture of openness and transparency. The School District encourages and supports personnel in bringing forward reports of unlawful acts and acts of wrongdoing in a manner consistent with the provisions of the British Columbia Public Interest Disclosure Act ("PIDA").

Scope of Policy

This Policy applies to alleged wrongdoing in the School District's operations or personnel. This Policy does not displace other mechanisms set out in School District Policy for addressing and enforcing standards of conduct, disputes, complaints, or grievances, including issues of discrimination, bullying and harassment, occupational health and safety, or disputes over employment matters or under collective agreements. All current and former employees, including Trustees, are covered by this Policy.

Definitions

In this Policy and the Procedures, the following capitalized terms are defined as indicated:

- **"Advice"** means advice that may be requested in respect of making a Disclosure or a complaint about a Reprisal under this Policy or PIDA;
- **"Discloser"** means an employee, former employee or Trustee who makes a Disclosure or seeks Advice or makes a complaint about a Reprisal;
- **"Disclosure"** means a report of Wrongdoing made under this Policy and includes allegations of Wrongdoing received by the School District from the Ombudsperson or another government institution for investigation in accordance with PIDA;
- **"Employee"** refers to a past and present employee of the School District;
- **"FIPPA"** means the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and all regulations thereto;
- **"Investigation"** means an investigation undertaken by the School District under this Policy or by the Ombudsperson under PIDA;
- **"Personal Information"** has the same meaning set out in FIPPA, namely "recorded information about an identifiable individual", and includes any information from which the identity of the Discloser or any person who is accused of Wrongdoing or participates in an Investigation can be deduced or inferred;

- **“Procedure”** means the School District’s Administrative Procedure associated with this Policy, as amended;
- **“Reprisal”** means the imposition of, and any threat to impose, discipline, demotion, termination or any other act that adversely affects employment or working condition of an Employee or Trustee because they made a Disclosure, sought Advice, made a complaint about a Reprisal or participated in an Investigation;
- **“The District or School District”** means the School District 91 (Nechako Lakes);
- **“Trustee”** means a past or present member of the School District’s Board of Education; and
- **“Wrongdoing”** refers to:
 - a. a serious act or omission that, if proven, would constitute an offence under an enactment of British Columbia or Canada;
 - b. an act or omission that creates a substantial and specific danger to the life, health or safety of persons, or to the environment, other than a danger that is inherent in the performance of an employee’s duties or functions;
 - c. a serious misuse of public funds or public assets;
 - d. gross or systematic mismanagement;
 - e. knowingly directing or counselling a person to commit any act or omission described in paragraphs (a) to (d) above.

Statement of Principles

- The School District is committed to supporting ethical conduct in its operations and seeks to foster a culture in which Employees and Trustees are encouraged to disclose Wrongdoing, including by receiving, investigating and responding to Disclosures and by providing information and training about PIDA; this Policy and the Procedures.
- The School District will investigate Disclosures that it receives under this Policy. Investigations under this Policy will be carried out in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.
- The School District will not commit or tolerate Reprisals against any Employee or Trustee who, in good faith, makes a request for Advice, makes a Disclosure, participates in an Investigation or makes a complaint under this Policy.
- The School District is committed to protecting the privacy of Disclosers, persons accused of Wrongdoing and those who participate in Investigations in a manner that is consistent with its obligations under PIDA and FIPPA.

Privacy and Confidentiality

All personal information that the School District collects, uses or shares in the course of receiving or responding to a Disclosure, a request for Advice, a complaint of a Reprisal, or conducting an Investigation will be treated as confidential and will be used and disclosed as described in this Policy, the Procedures, PIDA or as otherwise permitted or required under FIPPA and other applicable laws.

Reporting

Each year, the Superintendent shall prepare, in accordance with the requirements of PIDA, and make available a report concerning any Disclosures received, Investigations undertaken and findings of Wrongdoing. All reporting under this Policy will be in compliance with the requirements of FIPPA.

Responsibility

The Superintendent is responsible for administering this Policy and shall ensure that training and instruction are available to all Employees and Trustees concerning this Policy, the Procedures and PIDA.

In the event that the Superintendent is unable or unavailable to perform their duties under this Policy, the Superintendent may delegate their authority in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer or other senior members of the School District.