



The Prowler

*the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine*



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

A new class at McLeod:

I want to share a very sincere and heartfelt thanks to our McLeod family for your patience and kindness over the month of September as we have been working to address the great big, beautiful number of students at our school.

Currently, almost all of our English classes are meeting or exceeding existing class size requirements. In order to reduce these class sizes and honour class configurations to support all our learners, we are very excited to announce that we are opening a new grade 3/4 English classroom at McLeod. A change like this creates many dominos and it is necessary for some of our students, Kindergarten to grade 6, to move to another class. Our teaching team has worked very hard, passionately and respectfully to create these new class lists.

As you can imagine, opening a new classroom is a huge undertaking including space, staff, stuff, technology and so many other things. A big team has been part of this journey but we are finally ready. Tomorrow, Thursday, September 29th, we will begin the day in current classes and then we will move to our new classes to gather as new class families for the rest of the day. We hope it is a day of connecting and new bonding. We're even going to share some smiles in cookie form – thanks to our PAC for these!

Our teachers are going to do their best to reach out to any families of students who will be moving to a new class this evening or as soon as possible. We are so happy to finally make this happen. Thanks again for your support of our McLeod family.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of this please reach out to me at school or by text (250-567-8539).

This Friday is the 2nd Annual Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This is not just about one day. It is about what we all do continually to acknowledge and learn from the past to create a new world where reconciliation is a reality. I encourage you to talk to your kids about what they have learned in school about the tragic residential school history, it's continued impact and why we must recognize that EVERY CHILD MATTERS. If you have not read it recently, I have included Phyllis's Story in this newsletter. Thank you for working with us to help our kids understand the important role we each play in truth and reconciliation.

Remember, our theme this year is "Me, You and Us!" 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:

Sep 29—Orange Shirt Day

Sep 30—National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation—NO SCHOOL

Oct 6—Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

Oct 7—Graphic T-Shirt Day

Oct 10—Thanksgiving Day—NO SCHOOL

Oct 14—Interims Go Home

Check for more news on our electronic newsletter. If you would like to help save paper and be added to our Newsletter email list, please send your email address to
nirwin@sd91.bc.ca

OCTOBER 2022 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/month receive a discounted rate of 4.50/meal

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
3 Pizza bagel 	4 Corn chowder Bun/biscuit 	5 Chicken strips 	6 Hot dog  Ultimate Frisbee Tournament (Gr 4-6)	7 <i>Lasagna</i>  Graphic T-Shirt Day
10 Thanksgiving Day No school	11 Sloppy joe 	12 Spaghetti 	13 Chicken noodle soup 	14 <i>Pork stew</i>  Interims Home
17 Sausage and egg 	18 <i>½ day</i> <i>No lunch</i> <i>12:00pm Dismissal</i> <i>2:00 – 6:00 Student-led</i> <i>Conferneces</i>	19 Meat loaf mashed potato  Take Me Outside Day	20 <i>Chow Mein</i>  <i>10:20 Great BC Shake</i> <i>Out (Earthquake Drill)</i>	21 Pro- d day No school
24 Pancakes and eggs  DEAR – Drop Everything and Read Day	25 Grilled cheese and tomato soup 	26 Butter chicken and rice 	27 Hamburger 	28 Chicken ranch wrap 
31 Mac'n'cheese  Dress-up Day				



Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's story in her own words



I went to the Mission for one school year in 1973/1974. I had just turned 6 years old. I lived with my grandmother on the Dog Creek reserve. We never had very much money, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission school. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had string laced up in front, and was so bright and exciting – just like I felt to be going to school!

When I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt! I never wore it again. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! The color orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying and no one cared.

I was 13.8 years old and in grade 8 when my son Jeremy was born. Because my grandmother and mother both attended residential school for 10 years each, I never knew what a parent was supposed to be like. With the help of my aunt, Agness Jack, I was able to raise my son and have him know me as his mother.

I went to a treatment centre for healing when I was 27 and have been on this healing journey since then. I finally get it, that the feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter. Even with all the work I've done!

I am honored to be able to tell my story so that others may benefit and understand, and maybe other survivors will feel comfortable enough to share their stories.



Today

Phyllis Webstad is Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek Indian Band). She comes from mixed Secwepemc and Irish/French heritage, was born in Dog Creek, and lives in Williams Lake, BC. Today, Phyllis is married, has one son, a stepson and five grandchildren. She is the Executive Director of the Orange Shirt Society, and tours the country telling her story and raising awareness about the impacts of the residential school system. She has now published two books, the "Orange Shirt Story" and "Phyllis's Orange Shirt" for younger children.

She earned diplomas in Business Administration from the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology; and in Accounting from Thompson Rivers University. Phyllis received the 2017 TRU Distinguished Alumni Award for her unprecedented impact on local, provincial, national, and international communities through the sharing of her orange shirt story.



STUDENT AFFORDABILITY FUND 2022-2023

As announced on August 29, 2022, the Province is helping to make back-to-school more affordable for students and their families who are struggling with rising costs of living due to global inflation. Through the Student and Family Affordability Fund, our school has received funding to ensure students are fed and have the school supplies they need to be successful this year. This one-time funding will help our school to expand food/school meal programs, make sure students have the school supplies they need, and cover any additional fees so that students in need can take part in activities, such as field trips and sports.

As you know, looking after each other is how we always do things at McLeod. If you have questions or ideas about how we can do this even more, please feel free to reach out to me. I'd love to hear from you if you have thoughts about how we can support each other more creatively and also if you or your family might need a little more yourself.

Take care!

Ms. Hart

PAC HOLIDAY **FUNDRAISER ANNOUNCEMENT**

FREE SHIPPING: If you are making an online order please make sure you select the school as your shipping address to receive **FREE SHIPPING!** If you use your home address there is a fee.

All orders are due on **OCTOBER 14, 2022**



**THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING THAT
WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**



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.

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!



AUDITIONS

For grade 1 to 6 students.

Tuesday, October 11th at lunch

Wednesday, October 12th at lunch

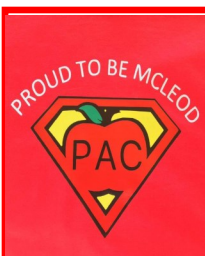
Friday, October 14th at lunch

**You just need to come one time and
be ready to sing a song .**

(Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star or Happy Birthday are good ones!)

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.



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Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club Registration 2022-2023 Season



Summer is over, but there's lots to look forward to!!! Registration for
Speed Skating is open!!

For beginner to advanced skaters from age 4 to adult.

Speed Skates available for Rent = low cost, fun and fast winter sport!!

Children must turn 4 on or before June 30th 2022 to participate.

Registration link: <https://icoreg.ca/#1/events/vanderhoof-clippers-speed-skating-club-20222023>

Lots of great info about the club at: www.vcssc.ca

For more information, contact Terry Lazaruk at
terry.lazaruk@canfor.com,

or feel free to give me a call at 250-570-8444

Donations Requested—Drop off by October 15

Backpacks Needed for those in need. It's starting to get cold out there and WL McLeod is accepting donations for adult backpacks (can be used but in good condition), warm socks, mittens, etc... These donations will be given to adults living without homes in our community and Prince George. Thank you in advance. Drop off: WLMcleod school

