



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Today our scientists headed to the School District No. 91 Fair in Fraser Lake. We are so proud that McLeod was represented with 20 projects and 27 students. I have watched them work so hard over the past month. Congratulations to each of them as well as their teachers who helped them through this process. We are very grateful for their fearless scientific leader, Mme Susie as well.

Tomorrow is our first Murray Ridge Ski Day. Students from Ms. Ko, Mr. Sawatzky and Ms. Shawna's class will be heading up the slopes. This is always a great day. Thanks to Mme Leclerc for the work she does to organize all this.

Don't forget that Friday is a Pro-d Day so there is no school for students.

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

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

COMING SOON:

Feb 9: Ski Day at Murray Ridge—Ko, Tait, Sawatzky
Feb 10: Pro-D Day
Feb 21: 100's Day
Pancake Lunch from PAC
Feb 22: **Pink Shirt Day**
Feb 22-24: Carnival Week

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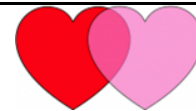
"May your day be full
of magic & may you not
be too busy to see it."

— Brad





FEBRUARY 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: _____

Pre-paid & pre-ordered meals of more than 10/month receive a discounted rate of 4.50/meal

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
	30 1:00-3:00 – McLeod Science Fair	1 Chicken Ranch Wrap 	2 Snack Plate grade 3 Ski S'Kool	3 Mac & Cheese
6 Spaghetti	7 Crepes 	8 Perogy Casserole District Science Fair	9 Pizza Bagels  Intermediate Ski Day (Ko, Tait, Sawatzky)	10 PRO-D DAY
13 Roast Beef 	14 French Toast 	15 Taco Wrap 	16 Hamburgers 	17 Chicken Stew 
20 Family Day	21 Pancakes	22 Ham & Cheese Bun  Pink Shirt Day	23 Pulled Pork 	24 Beef Broccoli 
27 Chicken Strips 	28 Sausage & Eggs 			

More from our 2022-2023 McLeod School Plan:

OUR IMBEDDED STRUCTURES TO SUPPORT OUR GOALS and the SD91 STRATEGIC PLAN

To support each of our goals we have created structures that we use, monitor, and adjust as we concentrate on working with staff to provide academic, emotional and/or social support for every student. This includes:

Primary Project ~ *Creating Student Success*

2022-2023 will be our 8th year of our literacy Primary Project that grew from Janet Mort's book *Joyful Literacy*, a play based intensive approach to alphabet and sight word learning. Since 2017-2018, we have added English and French blitzes into our daily schedule. The blitzes are run by 2-3 Support Staff under the direction of our vice-principal. The intervention blitzes move learning along quickly for those in need of "catch-up" and help us to identify students who may need more intensive interventions, assessments and/or supports. We continue to have many students who need blitz continually which helps us to confirm suspicion of learning differences and act "as if" when students are still in primary grades. We will maintain our work with 1. students who need interventions repeatedly and long term and, 2. imbedding the play-based learning in all our primary classes.

In the spring of 2022, we changed English blitz from an intervention for sight word knowledge to a focus on explicit instruction on sounding out words and making words using a resource called *Systematic Sequential Phonics Their Way* by Patricia Cunningham. The game-like lessons still attends to the research behind the playful learning celebrated in *Joyful Literacy*. In a six-week period, all learners in attendance had improved their generalized reading skills as measured by PM Benchmarks (2-5 levels). This success is the evidence to support the continuation of a phonics and phonetic based approach in blitz as opposed to a sight word memorization approach to impact reading skills. Sight words, or high frequency words are still taught in classrooms using games and other strategies.

We are very excited that we added a vibrant numeracy blitz in 2021-2022 to support our focus on number sense in our primary grades. The blitz is run by a Learning Support Worker under the direction of a teacher. We use the Marian Small *Leaps and Bounds* program to conduct a pre and post assessment and implement very targeted interventions in small groups using kinesthetic, experiential learning with a metacognitive focus.



100's Day Pancake Hot Lunch



On February 21st we will be celebrating our 100's day and the start of Carnival Week. Our PAC will be providing Pancakes with maple syrup for Hot Lunch to the whole school!



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February 22, 2023 is Pink Shirt Day

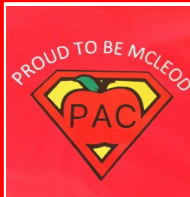
We can't wait to see a school full of pink!

Everyone deserves
to be treated with
kindness and respect



Please Label Snow Gear

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



Our PAC is hosting a Purdy's fundraiser! Order forms will be sent home on orange paper and are due back to the school by February 24th.

Check out our Facebook page for more info.

Thanks for all your support!

