



The Prowler

the news of the week

les nouvelles de la semaine

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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Welcome back McLeod family! We missed you. We are so excited to work with you to make the end of this year and the new decade absolutely amazing.

I just wanted to say another huge thank you to everyone involved in the events of the week before Christmas break. To everyone who helped with our Christmas Concert and our Turkey Dinner, I want to express my sincere gratitude. These things don't happen everywhere, and they are part of what makes McLeod so special. They can't happen without incredible people. Thank you for this!

This week we take to the slopes. Our grade 3 students begin their weekly Ski S'Kool lessons on Thursdays in January. On Friday, grade 3 to 6 students who have signed up from Mme. Leclerc, Mr. Reimer, Mrs. Wruth and Ms. Hancock's classes are heading up to Murray Ridge for downhill skiing. Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for all of these outdoor activities.

It is our goal to work together with you and the kids to help McLeod students USE THEIR HEADS AND THEIR HEARTS to be the children and adults who can take on the world. Please feel free to contact the school if you ever have any questions or concerns. We are in this together!

Proud to be McLeod

Ms. L. Hart

NEW!

Crosswalk lights at the pedestrian crossings on main street at Douglas St and Columbia St. Press the button at the corner to turn on the light and let vehicles know you're crossing.

Coming Soon:

Jan 10: Murray Ridge Day 1

Jan 17: Murray Ridge Day 2

Jan 27: Classes in session *error on previous calendar*

Jan 31: Beach Day



Happy New Year. We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We would like to remind all caregivers, parents and staff that may be picking up students from school, to please stop/park your vehicle in the appropriate, designated areas. It is imperative to all the student's safety that we ensure that bus loading zones are kept clear of all traffic except for school buses, during the designated hours posted. If you have any questions, please contact your area Transportation Coordinator, or the Transportation Manager, Wayne Woods. Thank You.

Important notice!



*If you are making new or alternate bus arrangements for your child(ren), you **must** contact the bus garage at **250-567-9618 ext. 1** before 1:30pm on the day of the change.*

Due to buses being at full capacity at the present time, we are unable to accommodate courtesy riders.



CONTACTING ME

Each year I ask parents to connect with me by text. I have great plans to be able send you all pictures of your kids doing great things around the school.

Turns out, I need to carry my phone around more to get that done. ☺ That being said, I really do like to be able to contact parents by text when needed. Please send me a text at 250-567-8539 so I can add you to my contacts.



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School

At the Board meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019, the following Policy was given first and second reading:

- 202.1 – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Please visit

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations> to view the draft policies and regulations. Please click on the “feedback” link located above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The closing date for comments is January 15, 2020.

If you would like to help save paper and be added to our Newsletter email list, please send your email address to lbailey@sd91.bc.ca

**THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN
JANUARY/FEBRUARY!**

School District 91 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 4 & 7 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between:
January 15th and February 21st, 2020.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:
<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

Parent FAQs:
<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>

If you don't want your child to participate please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.



"As winter sets in we would just like to remind parents of Kindergarten, Grade one, and Grade two, that ride our school buses, that there must be someone at the bus stop to meet the students. We do not drop these students off if no one is there to meet them. We do this for the safety of these students. If parents would like these students dropped off without someone there to meet them, they need to contact the bus garage in their area."

Vanderhoof: 250-567-9618 ext. 1



Check out our McLeod website
<http://wlm.sd91.bc.ca/>



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

Please have all items you'd like to add to the newsletter to Ms. Bailey by **noon** on Tuesday's. Any submissions after noon will be put in the following week's newsletter. Please email lbailey@sd91.bc.ca

Thank you

Our Lost & Found is getting very full!

Please come and take a look to see if any of the items belong to your family 😊

We are thrilled to have an opportunity to welcome a volunteer Japanese “cultural ambassador in-residence” back to McLeod to introduce the culture, customs and language of Japan to our students. The program is a unique cross-cultural experience for McLeod that provides our students with first-hand exposure to the diversity of world cultures. Our possible Japanese teacher is Haruka.

The Opportunity

- International Internship Programs (IIP) is a Tokyo-based international exchange organization that has placed Asian teaching assistants in leading schools across Canada and the U.S for more than 30 years. To date, more than 3,000 schools have hosted a Japanese teaching assistant, enriching their students’ lives.
- Cross-Cultural Exchange: The program provides our students with a unique opportunity to gain first-hand cross-cultural experience, one that sparks a stronger connection with other countries and the world around us. Our Japanese cultural ambassador will volunteer her time, energy and expertise, support our staff, and enable our students to learn about Japan, Asia and ways of life different from their own.
- Timing: Haruka would arrive this coming April, travel during the summer, and return to us in the fall to volunteer through the following March.

Host Family

- In order to bring this wonderful opportunity back to our McLeod community, we need to identify one or more host families who would enjoy hosting our Japanese teaching assistant.
- Hosting creates a rich, memorable opportunity to experience cultural exchange within your home, learn about Japanese traditions, and make a lifelong friend in Japan.
- Haruka will contribute a stipend of \$400/mo. to her host family.

If we can find one or more host families, we can have Haruka enrich our students with the culture, customs and language of Japan and support our staff.

Please let Ms. Hart know if you are interested in this great experience.



JANUARY 27 & 28, 2020

BECOMING AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE FOR YOUR CHILD

Join us to better understand how the School Act provides parents/guardians with the right to appeal any decision they feel significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student. Parents and guardians are their child's natural advocate, making sure their child's rights, needs and opinions are respected. Advocacy is about working to achieve a successful solution for the benefit of the child. This workshop will provide you with knowledge and tools to successfully handle situations that negatively impact your child's education and to navigate the school district Appeals Process (Section 11 of the School Act).



School District No. 91

District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC)



BC Confederation of
Parent Advisory Councils

SD91 DPAC Presents:

**'Becoming an Effective
Advocate for your Child'**

**By: John Gaipman,
Chief Executive Officer -
BC Confederation of
Parent Advisory
Councils (BCCPAC)**



Two Locations:

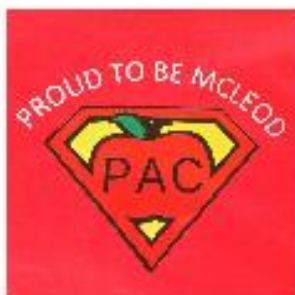
**Monday, January 27th
Burns Lake
LDSS
6:30 pm**

**Tuesday, January 28th
Vanderhoof
***Change in Location:
NVSS - Integris
Community Theatre
6:30 pm**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Work,
SD91 DPAC President

Email:
info@sd91.bc.ca



Thank you to our 2019 executive:

Heidi Tanninen - Chair

Mandi Davidson - Vice Chair

Paula Wylie - Treasurer

Dannilee Marttinen - Secretary

Contact via email: wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com

Next PAC Meeting - Monday, January 13, 2020 @ 6:30PM in the Staff Room
Children Welcome - we have older children available to entertain younger ones

Thank you to our amazing staff and volunteers who made the Turkey Dinner the success it was! We look forward to doing this again next year.

Ultimate- Clara Clark Fundraiser

Distributed before Christmas Break.

Christmas Productions Links

Provided technology co-operates, should be out this week!

You may have noticed we are offering a lot of "Fundraisers" this year. We want you to know it is not mandatory that you participate in each fundraiser. We are trying a few new offerings to reach different needs. You may also be wondering "Where do all these funds go?!" below are a few examples of annual PAC funded events.

Turkey Dinner - December (School wide)

Ski S'kool - January-February (Grade 2, 3, 4)

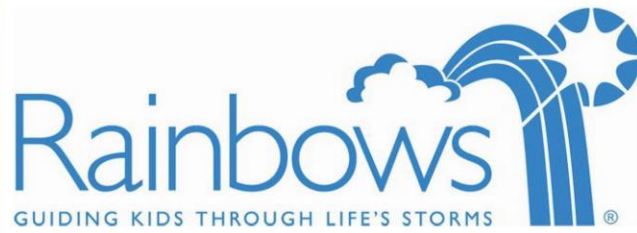
Pink Shirt Day (School wide)

End of Year/Graduation Celebration -June (Grade 6)

BBQ for Fun Day- June (School wide)

As well, provided there are funds available, each teacher received \$50 in September and January to add item(s) of choice to their classroom.

For updates and more, please "Like" us on Facebook WL McLeod Elementary PAC.
We also have a "Group Chat" on facebook messenger where we call out for volunteers as we need them.



Rainbows

Guiding Kids Through Life's Storms

Rainbows programs are designed to assist children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, divorce or any other painful transition in their family to progress from Hurt through Healing to Hope.

12 week program for children ages 4-9
12 week program for parent/caregiver (optional)

Tuesdays beginning January 28th, 2020 | 157 West Victoria St. Vanderhoof
Registrations accepted until January 17, 2020

Questions?

Contact Paula Wylie
(250) 567-9205
pwylie@connexus.ca





JANUARY 2020 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/mth receive a discounted rate of \$4.50/meal

Student's name _____ Teacher _____ \$ _____

If your child regularly receives a Hot Lunch, please check the menu for meals that they can not or will not eat. Please provide a lunch for your child on those days. Thank you

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 School Not in Session	2 School Not in Session	3 School Not in Session
6 <i>Welcome Back!</i> Spaghetti 	7 Salad Bar + Drum Sticks 	8 Pancakes 	9 Salad Bar + Cream of Broccoli Soup <i>Gr. 3 Ski School (Cross Country)</i>	10 Salad Bar + Macaroni & Cheese <i>Murray Ridge Ski Day (Leclerc, Reimer, Wruth & Hancock)</i>
13 Hamburger Stew <i>6:30pm PAC Meeting</i>	14 Salad Bar + Pierogi Casserole 	15 French Toast 	16 Salad Bar + Beef Barley Soup <i>Gr. 3 Ski School (Cross Country)</i>	17 Salad Bar + Turkey Casserole <i>Murray Ridge Ski Day (Kuoppala, Meads, Kadonaga & Vienneau)</i>
20 Enchiladas 	21 Salad Bar + Chicken Strips 	22 Sausage & Eggs 	23 Salad Bar + Turkey Rice Soup <i>Gr. 3 Ski School (Cross Country)</i>	24 Salad Bar + Sloppy Joes
27 Pizza Subs 	28 Salad Bar + Frittata 	29 Crepes 	30 Salad Bar + Quesadilla <i>Gr. 3 Ski School (Cross Country)</i>	31 Salad Bar + Baked Beans <i>2:00 ❤️ Heart Groups Beach Day</i>