



The Prowler

the news of the week
les nouvelles de la semaine



We are grateful to live, work, and play on the unceded, ancestral territories of fourteen First Nations representing the Dakelh, Nedut'en and Wet'suwet'en peoples.

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<http://wlm.sd91.bc.ca>

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Hadi, Bonjour and Hello,

Happy almost December. The year is just flying by!

Don't forget that the PAC sponsored McLeod Christmas Craft Fair is this Saturday, December 2nd. We need more volunteers, especially for clean-up (3:30 - 5:00). Please see the info in this newsletter and call the school to sign up for a shift.

We have started a Food Drive to support the Vanderhoof Kin Club Santa's Anonymous hampers for 2023. We will collect non-perishable items between November 27 and December 8. Thank you for your support of each other!

Our Term One Learning Updates will be coming home this Friday. These are the first report cards since the implementation of the new BC Reporting Order. They will be accompanied by our McLeod Reading Graphic and the term one Self-Assessment of your child's Core Competency Goals. These are individual goals that students created back in September based on communication, thinking and social responsibility. As this is new for all of us in BC, we would love your feedback. Please let us know what you think of the new Learning Updates. And, as always, don't hesitate to reach out to teachers to talk more about learning at any time.

Our school has been full of singing and dancing for the last few weeks. We are working hard on our 2023 Christmas Concert, "Santa's Holiday Hoedown." We are so excited that we are going to perform live on stage this year. The shows will be at 1:00 on Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20. Because of space and safety, we will have limited capacity. Families will only be able to attend **ONE** performance. The 19th will be for families with last names from A to J and on the 20th we will welcome families from K to Z. We know this isn't entirely straight forward, but we will do our best to make it work. We are working to try to live stream and record the show as well.

If you are a caregiver who will be able to help us as a chaperone on one or both of our grade 4-6 ski and snowboard trips to Murray Ridge in February; please see the note in this newsletter about the new SD91 volunteer policy.

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:

Dec 1: Learning Updates Go Home
Dec 14: Pajama Day
Dec 15: Turkey Dinner (at lunch)
Dec 19: Christmas Concert
Dec 20: Christmas Concert
Dec 22: Last day of school for 2023
Dec 25 - Jan 5: **WINTER BREAK**
Jan 8: Welcome Back

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, or, try out our new QR code to the newsletter!



School Newsletter



DECEMBER 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
* Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or Gluten free* *(V) indicates vegetarian option is available if pre-requested*				1 Chow Mien  Learning Updates and Core Competency Self-Assessments HOME
4 Pork Roast and Potatoes 	5 Pancakes (V) 	6 Beef Stew 	7 Roasted Chicken and Fried Rice with Salad Bar 	8 Bacon Alfredo 
11 Taco Casserole 	12 Sausage and Eggs (V) 	13 Pulled Pork 	14 Ham and Potato Soup with Salad Bar  Pajama Day	15 Turkey Dinner For everyone (hosted by PAC) 
18 Perogy Casserole (V) 	19 French Toast (V)  CHRISTMAS CONCERT	20 Ham and Cheese Bun  CHRISTMAS CONCERT	21 Spaghetti and Salad Bar (V) 	22 Chicken Caesar Wrap 
25 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 	26 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 	27 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 	28 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 	29 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 

More McLeod News



McLeod 2023 Christmas Concert

We are so happy to be bring our annual Christmas Concert back to our stage this year. We will be performing in the afternoon Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20.

Seating is limited and families will only be able to attend ONE performance.

Tuesday, December 19

~ last names A to J

Wednesday, December 20

~ last names K to Z.

Please contact Ms. Lindsay if you need to make alternate arrangements.

We will also be working to live stream and record the show. More to come on this.

Holiday Care

Connexus Community Resources

Counselling and support programming for children, youth, and families.
Ph. 250-567-9205

Carrier Sekani Family Services

Holistic health and wellness services for Carrier and Sekani people, including youth services and maternal child health.
Ph. 250-567-2900

Neighbourlink

Food bank and Wednesday hot lunches
Ph. 250-567-9007 to register for food bank or to call for emergency food

Kids Help Phone

Ph. 1-800-668-6868 (toll free)
Txt. Kids text WELLNESS to 686868
Available 24hrs/day to Canadians aged 5 to 29. Confidential and anonymous care from professional counsellors.

Wellness Together Canada: Mental Health and Substance Use Support

Get connected to mental health and substance use support, resources, and counselling with a mental health professional.
Ph. 1-866-585-0445 to speak with a Program Navigator
Txt. Adults text WELLNESS to 741741
Web. <https://ca.portal.ws/>
Available 24/7 to everyone.

Hope for Wellness Help Line

1-855-242-3310 (toll free)
Available to all Indigenous people who need immediate crisis intervention.
Telephone and online counselling.



Please like our [PAC Facebook Page](#) to stay up to date with what is going on in the school!



LET'S GO McLEOD! WE NEED YOU!!!!

Our McLeod PAC is hosting the McLeod Christmas Craft Fair again. This is a HUGE event and we will need lots of help. The Fair is this Saturday, December 2, 2023. **We need more volunteers for the times indicated below.** Please contact PAC (wlmcleod.pac@gmail.com or Facebook page) or the school to sign up to help as much as you can:

- **December 2 (7:00-9:00 am) – vendor set-up support**
- **December 2 (9:30-3:30 – any amount of time is appreciated) – event and concession support**
- **December 2 (3:30-5:00) – clean-up**

Please be part of this McLeod team!

SKI and SNOWBOARD TRIP CHAPERONES



We have booked our grade 4-6 trips to Murray Ridge for February 2024. We will need chaperones to join us.

SD91 has a new policy that chaperones on trips such as this will need to complete extra paperwork including a Criminal Record Check. If you will be helping us as a chaperone for this event, please drop by the RCMP station as soon as possible and ask for a CRC to volunteer with a school. Once you have the CRC, bring it to the school and we will have one more form for you to complete.

Thank you in advance for your help!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

- We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day. That is why the Province's [ChildCareBC plan](#) is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.
- The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care.
- While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.
- This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all.

Who should fill out this survey?

If you have children attending Kindergarten to Grade 7 at a B.C. school, we want to hear from you about your family's child care needs.

What will this survey be used for?

The survey results will be used to support planning for future initiatives under the ChildCareBC plan. All responses are voluntary and anonymous; you and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Information received will be combined and shared with your school and district as a summary.

How do I complete the survey?

The survey is now available online at: <https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1731> and will take 10-15 minutes to complete.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Education and Childcare

Community News

Recipe

INGREDIENTS	SERVINGS	PREP TIME	COOK TIME
SD91 is looking for recipes from the community to help build a school district recipe book. The recipes will also be used to make school menus. If you have a recipe to share it needs to: • be okay to serve a large population, easily 50 or more servings. • be transportable, so holds well in moving between sites. • include a list of ingredients, amounts for each ingredient to be used in the recipe, instructions, and any comments regarding traditional ways it may be served at home (ex. Side dishes, time of year, time of day it may be served) FROM THE: <i>There is need for more diverse recipes that may include fish or be plant-based and suitable for vegetarian and vegan diets.</i>			

Send recipes to rturnerklopper@sd91.bc.ca with contact information.

Or drop it off at the local school
Submit by Jan 5, 2024



Scan here for the School District Proposed Policy Updates



2024 Nechako Nordics Ski Program

The objective of The Jackrabbit Program is for children (ages 4-12) to learn basic cross country ski skills and to instill a lifelong interest in the sport, thereby enhancing their quality of life and health!

REGISTRATION for The Jackrabbit Program can be made online at:

<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=32959&lan=1&cartlevel=1>

Lessons start January 6th (January 13th for Bunnies) and run on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm and Saturdays from 10:00am-12:00pm.

To avoid being disappointed please register as soon as possible as space is limited!!!

For more information, please visit our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1302526809779153>, our Webpage at:
<https://nechakonsc.weebly.com/>

For any other questions please reach out to Steph Roller or Sammy Morin at:

svonroller@gmail.com samantha.morin.message@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone out on the trails!



The Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce presents

Merry Madness

Saturday December 2nd

Parade of Lights
Dec. 2nd 7pm*

Scavenger Hunt
Dec. 2nd
(Check out our facebook page for details)

12 Hours of
Specials
from 10 am
to 10 pm
Dec. 2nd

Free Pics
with Santa
At the Co-op Mall
Nov 25, Dec 9th & Dec 16th
11am to 4 pm
Dec 2nd
8pm-9:30pm 9pm - 11 pm

Best Decorated
Store
Dec 11th - 16th
(Post a pic on our facebook page)

Dec. 2nd
McLeod School Christmas Craft Sale
9:30-3:30
Madness Bazaar
Friendship Centre 9:30-4:30

Elf on the Shelf
Dec 1 - 12
(Check out our facebook for clues)

Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce
Connecting Business and Community