



November 2024 Newsletter



Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on November 20th & 21st. Students will be dismissed 1 hr early (1:40pm) on both days. **Please make sure you book your parent teacher interview either online or phone the school on a Tuesday or Thursday. A link will be on our school website as well.**

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/McLeodElementaryParentTeacherInterviews@sd59bccca.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Book Fair

We will be hosting a book fair at McLeod November 18th - November 22nd! We are looking for parent volunteers to help supervise the book fair during parent teacher conferences. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Jans, Ms. McKay, or Mrs. Dueck for times.

To check out the book fair online please use the link below

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/mcleodelemschool1>

Students will be able to access the book fair during library times, recess, lunch, and after school accompanied by a parent.

Student Vote

We are excited to announce that our school participated in the CIVIX Student Vote program! This initiative provides students with the opportunity to engage in a practice voting experience, mirroring the democratic process they encounter in the upcoming provincial election.

Throughout this process, students learned about the importance of voting, the electoral system, and how their voices can impact their communities. The practice vote allowed students to cast their ballots and explore the significance of civic engagement.

We encourage you to discuss this experience with your child and reinforce the value of participating in democracy. Thank you for your support in fostering informed and active future citizens!

Afternoon Multi-Age Art Lessons

1. Mr. Leroux – Wampum Belts
2. Mrs. Doornbos – Mixed Media – Animal Art
3. Mrs. Dueck – hand sewing Christmas mitten ornament
4. Ms. Mackay – face painting
5. Ms. Evans – watercolour painting

Students were presented with some choices for four lessons related to a specific project. Then, they got to choose their top three selections. We have just finished our third lesson. Please, let teachers know if you're interested in assisting with sewing, beading, painting, or face-painting.

The multi-grade art lessons are a wonderful opportunity for us to build community, build friendships, and help each other. We will be problem-solving, planning, organizing, and showing resilience to complete projects with others. These are all examples of core competencies and are skills we assess for our report cards.

We are very excited and having a lot of fun so far.

Important Dates:

November 4th – Whole school art afternoon #3

November 6th – Dress like a teacher, dress like a student

November 8th – Remembrance Day ceremony at 10:45am all families welcome

November 11th – Remembrance Day - No school

November 13th – Whole school art afternoon #4

November 14th – Career Day – Dress like what you want to be when you grow up

November 18th – November 22nd – Book Fair

November 20th & November 21st – Parent Teacher Conferences – One-hour early dismissal (1:40pm)

November 22nd – Dress like a farmer & Farm Olympics (PM)

November 25th – November 29th – Kicking off Christmas Week, Ornament hunt throughout the week.

November 27th – Family Christmas Breakfast 9:00am. Families please RSVP, details to come.

December 2nd – NID No school for students

December 4th – Grinch Day

December 9th – December 13th – Christmas Challenge Week

December 13th – Christmas Lunch, whole school gingerbread decorating

December 16th – Deck out in Christmas Day – Wear all things Christmas

December 17th – Dress up as a Christmas Character Day

December 17th – Christmas Concert 7:00pm (Doors open 6:30pm)

December 18th – Christmas PJ Day, afternoon movie

December 19th – Christmas Sweater Day & PAC Craft Day

December 20th – Bowling, Last day of classes

December 23rd – January 5th – Winter Break

January 6th – School back in session

Thank you to everyone who participated in the apple fundraiser! Thank you to all parents and Mrs. Doornbos who helped organize, transfer, and deliver all 577 boxes of apples.

Currently we have raised \$6480 for our school playground!

There are 23 boxes left to sell.

9 boxes of Gala

5 Boxes of Okanagan Blend

9 boxes of Honey Crisp

If you would like more apples, please let Mrs. Doornbos know. Once the extra boxes are sold, we will earn \$7321. Please spread the word as we would like to get these boxes sold asap.

We are happy to announce Ms. Chelsea McKay has joined us at McLeod as the Librarian & LAT Teacher. Ms. McKay will be with us until December and then Mrs. Mooring will return. Welcome Ms. McKay!

Please let us know if your child will be absent. If we have not heard from you, we will be sending you an email to confirm your child is safe. Please email Mrs. Jans in the office - jjans@sd59.bc.ca or your child's teacher.

We have our school back up phone (cell phone) available in the office again. If you would prefer to text us when your child is away, you can text 250-784-8022. We will try to check the school cell phone before school, recess, and lunch, but never during class time. This is not to be used by students contacting parents. The school telephone is still available for students during break times and when accompanied by a teacher.

If you haven't already, please send back your child's 'start of the year forms'. This is important for us to have updated and/ or correct contact information at the school. Also, a friendly reminder if you haven't already submitted, school fees are \$40 per student. Thank you!

Looking forward to spring already, we have confirmed our **Gwillim trip dates for the Grade 4-7 students on May 6th – 9th, 2025**. We will be needing volunteers to join us! Please make sure your police checks and all volunteer forms are up to date and into the office. Please contact Mr. Leroux or Mrs. Dueck if you would like to join us for Gwillim!

We raised **\$527.30 for the Terry Fox Foundation!** Great job everyone and thank you to everyone who donated!

Coaching and Fair Play Codes

Please, see the Fair Play Codes of BC for coaches, parents, and athletes. We are grateful to have extracurricular sports at the school and for the voluntary efforts of parents and teacher coaches.

LINK: <https://coachesbc.ca/coaching/codes/fairplay-codes>

Over the past few school years, we have established a precedent in allowing a small number of younger students (grade 3) to participate in our practices, based on observations of teachers and coaches. This has been very successful in growing our relatively small teams in volleyball and basketball. It allows us to have extra players for drills and simulations. It at times has been helpful in allowing us to participate in practices and games where we've had a lower number of players. It continues to be on a case-by-case basis.

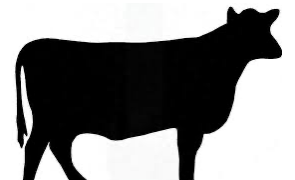
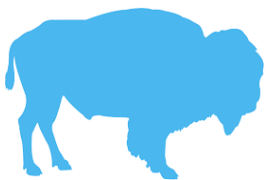
If you have any questions, please, contact Joanne Dueck or Eric Wolfe (District Athletic Director)

If you submitted an order form for school pictures, you should have received an email from Lissaloo photography by now. The email will display a proof of your child's pictures. If you have not, please let us know at the school and we will follow up with Lissaloo Photography. We haven't heard of a delivery date for the pictures ordered, but hopefully they will arrive soon.

House Teams

Our school leadership team has been working hard coming up with fun, school spirit days for our school. Each time students participate they will receive points towards their house teams. We encourage everyone to participate and have fun with it!

The house teams are: **Red Roosters, Blue Bisons, Black Angus and the Purple Mustangs**. Check with your child(ren) and see which team they are on. When we have special theme dress days or contests like our current reading incentive, students will be earning points for their house teams.



Leadership Students Giving Back

Leadership students will be organizing the Giving Tree – new mitts, toques, gloves, etc. will be hung on the tree in the hallway to give to the homeless shelter/Nawican/Other Shelters. All donations of this kind will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent to school with your child or feel free to drop items off.

Leadership student will be selling hot chocolate and cookies to raise money for their 'Giving Back Project'. Starting November 12th, every Tuesday students can purchase a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie for \$2. Leadership will donate the money raised to those in need, such as Homeless Shelter, Hospice, Seniors Care Home, Senior's care packages, Kids Christmas Campaign.