



February 2025 Newsletter

Welcome Back! Hope everyone had a wonderful winter break!

Please make sure your child comes to school with proper winter clothing, mitts, toques, winter jackets, and snow pants. We plan to use outdoor equipment often and students must be dressed appropriately.

It will be an outside recess unless the temperature is colder than -20c. Please make sure your children come prepared for the cold.

Student led parent teacher conferences are on Wednesday February 26th from 2:00pm-4:45pm and Thursday February 27th from 2:00pm-5:45pm.

Both days we will have one-hour early dismissal (1:40pm)

In these conferences students will guide their parents/guardians through subject stations. Each student will present their progress this far in the school year. There will be a few families in the classroom at a time. If you would like a private meeting with your child's teacher, please contact them directly.

Please go to our website and follow the link to the book page.

<https://www.sd59.bc.ca/schools/mcleod-elementary>

If there isn't a time available that you would like, please contact the school 240-843-7374 on a Tuesday or Thursday. Our booking page does not allow to book more than one at a time, but Jamie can do that for you manually.

If you do not want a conference time, please let us know.



Wednesday February 12th

Mrs. Doornbos and the leadership team will be offering a pancake and sausage breakfast for 100th day of school. Students are welcome to dress up like they are 100 years old.

Grade 4-7 Ski Trip is on February 24th. Please return both ski trip forms before February 14th. Thank you.

Important Dates:

February 4th – Wear your favourite clothes

February 3rd – 7th – Louis Riel Week

February 12th – 100th Day of School. Dress like you're 100 and Pancake Breakfast

February 14th – Valentines Day. Wear Valentines Day colors.

February 17th – Family Day, No School. Louis Riel Day

February 20th – 80's Day

February 24th – Grade 4-7 Bear Mountain Ski Trip

February 26th – Pink Shirt Day, support antibullying

February 26th & 27th – Student led parent-teacher conferences. 1 hr early dismissal (1:40pm)

February 28th – Jump Rope for Heart

March 1st – Elementary curling bonspiel

March 3rd – 7th – Dr. Suess week

March 3rd – Fox in Socks Day - Wear crazy socks

March 4th – Cat in the Hat Day – Wear favourite hat and stripes

March 5th – Wacky Wednesday – Wear your clothes inside out, backwards or mismatched

March 6th – Green Eggs & Ham Day- Wear green

March 7th – Dr. Suess movie in the afternoon

March 7th & 8th – Basketball year end tournament

March 14th – Talent Show

March 14th – St. Patrick's Day family dance at McLeod Hall (see flyer attached)

March 17th – March 30th – Spring Break

March 31st – Back to school

Hot Lunch Menu:

Feb 7th - Tacos in a bag

Feb 14th - Corndogs

Feb 21st- Chicken Quesadilla

Feb 28th - Potato Soup

Next PAC Meeting - Feb 11th - 6pm

March 14th- Family St. Patrick Dance at the McLeod Hall – See more information attached

Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, February 26th

Pink Shirt Day started in 2007 and continues to be recognized as a day to stand against bullying of all forms. All students have the right to feel safe, valued, and respected. The entire month of February features friendship and kindness.

Louis Riel and Métis History Week February 3rd – February 7th

This month, we are honouring Louis Riel and celebrating Métis history at our school. As part of our commitment to understanding and appreciating our western Canadian heritage, we will be raising the Métis flag and reflecting on the significant role the Métis people have played in shaping our history. While Louis Riel was once viewed as a rebel, we now recognize his courage in standing up for his principles and the rights of his people. His leadership and advocacy for Métis rights have left a lasting legacy, and we are grateful for his contributions to the cultural fabric of our country. Through this learning, we aim to deepen our students' understanding of Canada's diverse history and the importance of standing up for justice and equality.

Volunteers Needed:

Now is a great time to get our volunteer forms and RCMP Personal Information Checks in. These are good for three years and allow us to have support and supervision for these great experiences for students. Please, pick up a package at the office, or let us know if you need one.

Then, as special events arise, you'll be ready to sign up to assist us and support our students.

The Gwillim Lake overnight intermediate camping trip will be May 7-9. We need several volunteers to stay in the cabins and accompany us on our outdoor experiences. We need parent volunteers to prepare and cook food. Please, let us know if you would be able to support us with this memorable and valuable learning experience.



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Jump Rope for Heart - February 28th

Last year, our school was recognized as a top Canadian school earner and participant in The Heart and Stroke Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart Program. Last year, we raised over \$8,000 due to your commitment and generosity. The teachers last year offered various challenges to assist with the fundraising. One teacher cut her hair, and another dyed his. As well, a teacher was duct-taped to the wall by students.

We will roll out a series of challenges at each of the \$1,000 increments. There will be messy challenges where teachers will receive pies in the face, cold water dunks, and sprayed with whipping cream. There will be food challenges where teachers will eat spicy foods (hot peppers and hot wings) and surprise foods blindfolded (Survivor-type challenges with pickles, ice cream and ketchup), and finally dried edible insects. A finale will be extreme hair with gelled spikes, temporary hair colour and braided styles for teachers.

Stay-tuned! More details to follow soon.

On February 28th we will participate in stations throughout the whole school in recognition of Jump Rope for Heart. These will include many activity stations (basketball hoops and hula hoops, skipping, aerobic exercise and games) and some hydration and nutrition (smoothies) stations. Please, let us know if you would like to assist us on that day.

Kindergarten Registration For September 2025

We are already looking forward to the next school year. If you have a child or know of a child that will be **turning 5 before December 31, 2025**, he/she is eligible to start Kindergarten in September 2025. We will need a copy of the child's birth certificate and health care card when registering. Please contact us on a Tuesday or Thursday at **250-843-7374** to register your child. Reminder to parents that any new kindergarten registrations that require bus service must call the bus garage at **250-782-2106**.

Monday Morning Assemblies and First Aid Training Drill

New occupational first aid requirements in BC have all schools practicing a first aid scenario at school. We have rehearsed and practiced a physical education injury scenario and expected class responses to get help. We will practice a whole school first aid scenario where we will practice students calling for teacher/staff help and simulating summoning emergency services. We will continue working through parts of this exercise in our Monday Morning Assemblies.

Talent Show

Our Talent Show will be on Friday March 14th at 10:45am until 12:10pm. Friends and family may join us to watch performances. We will be holding auditions prior to the Talent Show (held at lunch). Mrs. Dueck will be looking for a master of ceremonies, and stage and sound helpers, as well.