

MCLEOD ELEMENTARY

Orange Shirt/Terry Fox Run



What a wonderful afternoon running through the forest. Alba Odden was the lucky winner of the Terry Fox T-shirt. She took it upon herself to raise money for the Terry Fox

Foundation and brought in an astonishing \$120! Arianna and Hunter were the winners of Terry Fox pins. Thank you to all students and parents who donated towards the Terry Fox Foundation.

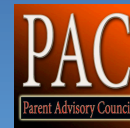
IMPORTANT DATES



October 11- Friday
School Picture Day



October 14 - Monday
Thanksgiving Holiday



October 15 - Tuesday
Parent Meeting @ 3:30 pm
School Library



October 24 - Thursday
Shell Open House
Come for supper 5-8pm



October 25
Professional Development
for teachers
No school for the kids.



October 31 - Friday
Halloween activities will
be in the afternoon only.



Shell Open House - Thursday, October 24

Shell will be holding their annual Open House at the school on Thursday, October 24 from 5-8pm. All community members are welcome to attend. Our school Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is catering the supper. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so the more people that come for supper, the more money the school will make. Bring your family for a free supper and invite your friends and neighbors. We are **looking for volunteers** to help prepare the meal and of course, to help at the end of the evening to clean up. If you can spare a couple hours on this day, Please contact Chantel Odden 250-780-2088 or Mrs. Dutka.

Safety Procedures Practice

The staff and students have been reviewing and practicing all their safety procedures for the school. We are discussing and practicing fire drill, lock down and shelter-in-place procedures.

These procedures must be reviewed and practiced several times throughout the year.

Mrs. Dutka will be going over some of these procedures at the next Parent Meeting if you wish to know more about them.

The important thing for parents to remember is - no matter what the emergency, please do not come down to the school until contacted to do so. The school only has one phone line and this will be used to make contact with the proper authorities. In the case of a lock down or shelter-in-place, the outside doors will be locked and not opened for anyone...sorry that means even you as the parent.

Our primary evacuation site is the McLeod Curling Rink, and our secondary evacuation site is Dawson Creek Secondary School – South Peace Campus.

Still time to sign up for Elementary Curling



No previous curling experience needed, just come out and have fun.

The elementary curling league is starting up for any students in grade 4-7.

Where: Dawson Creek Curling Club

When: Every Thursday

Time: 3:30-4:30pm

Cost: \$30

All equipment will be provided. The students just need a clean pair of shoes, gloves and loose clothing.

For more information, contact Mrs. Dutka

****Parents will need to drive their own children****

Important Notice from Transportation Department

Winter is coming and in preparation, SD # 59 Transportation Department asks for your assistance with the following:

For the safety of all students riding on SD # 59 school buses in the coming winter months, students must have appropriate winter clothing when they ride the school buses.

This will include but not limited to: winter coats, winter footwear, head wear and hand protection.

This is to ensure the safety of all school bus passengers if there were to be any delays while the bus is performing its route. I.e: mechanical challenges, road conditions or other delays.



Thank you for your assistance,
School District # 59 (Peace River South)
Transportation Department

School Health Tips

Common sense can go a long way toward staying healthy in school. In addition to frequent hand-washing, encourage your child to follow these tips:

- **Frequent hand washing.** Frequent hand-washing is one of the simplest — and most effective — ways to stay healthy in school. Remind your child to wash his or her hands before eating and after using the toilet, blowing his or her nose, or playing outside. Suggest soaping up for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice
- **Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.** Encourage your child to cough or sneeze into a tissue — If it isn't possible to reach a tissue in time, remind your child to cough or sneeze into the crook of his or her elbow.
- **Keep your hands away from your eyes and out of your mouth.** Remind your child that hands are often covered in germs.
- **Don't share water bottles, food or other personal items.** Offer your child this simple rule — if you put the item in your mouth, keep it to yourself.

Also help your child avoid anyone who has a communicable infection. Close contact with a friend who's contagious — such as at play dates or sleepovers — could lead to your child's own illness.

Of course, it's also important for your child to eat a healthy diet, get plenty of sleep, and stay current on his or her vaccinations — including a yearly flu vaccine. To prevent spreading illness at home, use the same tips for the entire family.

Meet & Greet Muffin Morning

Thanks to all of you who joined us for our Muffin Morning. The students are always eager to show off their classroom and work. A **BIG** thank you to Mrs. Dutka's grade 3/4/5 class for baking the yummy muffins and yogurt pops and to Brittani Wager for being a volunteer in the kitchen.



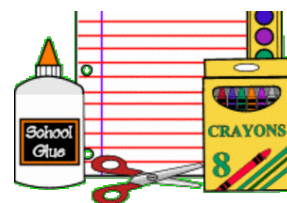
Picture Day is coming on Friday, October 11.

All students will have their picture taken on this day. Also, there will be class pictures taken as well. Proofs will be sent home and you will be able to complete the order form, or you can make it simple by ordering your portraits online using your Picture Day ID and child's first name to get started. These codes will be printed on your child's proofs.



School Fees are Due

If you have not done so already, please submit \$40 per student for your child's school fees for the year.



PAC

Parent Advisory Council

Next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, October 15 @ 3:30 pm in the school library. Mrs. Dutka will review some of our school policies, such as:

- Dress Code
- Code of Conduct & Fair Notice
- Nutrition Policy
- Safety Procedures – fire drills, lock down and Shelter-in-place.
- Communication Process for Parents