



February 2026 Newsletter

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 25th from 2:00pm-6:45pm and Thursday February 26th from 2:00pm-4:45pm. **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 or 250-784-8022. *Our booking page does not allow to book more than one at a time, but we can do that for you manually. Please contact your student's teacher for assistance.* If you do not want a conference time, please let us know.

The Learning Updates for Students (new report cards) will be coming home Friday, March 13.

Hot Lunch Menu:

February 6th – Potato Soup
February 13th – Corndogs & Veggies
February 20th – Chicken Quesadilla
February 27th – Tacos & Fruit



Important Dates:

February 2nd – Pajama Day
February 6th – Leadership in the afternoon
February 9th – PAC meeting 2:45pm
February 12th – 100th Day of school
February 13th – Wear Valentines colours Day
February 16th – Family Day – No School
February 25th – Student Led Conferences – Early 1hour dismissal (1:40pm)
February 25th – Pink Shirt Day
February 26th – Student Led Conferences – Early 1hour dismissal (1:40pm)
February 27th – Jump Rope for Heart Deadline
February 27th & 28th – Elementary Curling Bonspiel
March 2, March 4, March 6 – Swimming
March, March 11, March 13 – Swimming
March 12th – Talent Show (10:45- 12:10)
March 16th – March 27th – Spring Break

Changes to the Calendar:

Due to booking the whole school in for swimming lessons, we are moving the talent show. The talent show will be on Thursday, March 12 from 10:45 – 12:10. Please, sign up with Mrs. Dueck for auditions, masters of ceremonies role, and stage and sound support.



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.

Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, February 25th

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.

Real Acts of Caring at School

February is a month of caring, families, and friendship. Some ideas for students to show caring for their classmates and school staff:

- Give a meaningful compliment to someone
- Stand up for someone who is being treated wrongly
- Correct yourself and apologize when you've made a comment that might make someone feel small
- Make a card for someone that might need a boost
- Say "please" and "thank you"—and really mean it
- Be cooperative and patient
- Let the person behind you in line go ahead of you

Fit February Challenge

Through the month of February, we all will be tracking kms walked, jogged, or ran each day. Please, submit your calendars by Monday, March 2 to be eligible for prizes. Our goal is for each of us to reach 50km and kickstart a healthy, active lifestyle. If we aim at 1.8km per day, we will be on track to make our goal. Maybe make it a family activity! Please, see the attached calendar for details.



Jump Rope for Heart

The past two years have included some record-breaking fundraising to the Heart and Stroke Foundation with our Jump Rope for Heart. Two years ago, we raised over \$8,000 and last year was \$1,200. Thank you to all those donors for their support and generosity. It does go to wonderful programs and health education in schools.

For this year, we will have a Jump Rope for Heart day: Friday, February 27th. It will focus on our Winter Wellness activities: cross-country skiing, skating, and snowshoeing. We will have a heart-healthy hot lunch and a smoothie station during our activities. More details will be coming out soon.

Louis Riel and Métis History Week February 16th – February 20th

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.

McLeod Swimming

The PAC has generously offered to sponsor the K-3 students for swimming lessons as well this year. Thank you, McLeod PAC! *This means the whole school will be participating in 6 swimming lessons at the Chetwynd Recreation Centre.*

The dates are:

Mon. March 2, Wed. March 4, Fri. March 6, Mon. March 9, Wed. March 11, & Fri. March 13.

The K-4 classes will leave the school at 9am on those days for lessons at 10-11 and return to the school by noon. The 5-7 class will be leaving the school at 10am for lessons from 11-12 and returning to the school by 1pm.

Please make sure students arrive to school on time, we will have to leave McLeod on schedule to give us enough time to travel to Chetwynd and change for swimming. Unfortunately, if the bus is missed alternate transportation to the pool will not be provided by the school.

Permission and participation forms will be coming home soon. Please, update your child's teacher on most recent swimming lesson levels passed by your child(ren) as soon as you're able. It will help the Chetwynd Recreation Centre staff plan and prepare for lessons and give us the best possible instruction. We value the swimming lessons because it is a vital area of activity and health and includes a very important life-saving component.

Because this means 6 days of bus riding trips for lessons, we will think about bowling or other field trips at a later time (term three).

"The Accessible British Columbia Act aims to support the identification, prevention, and removal of barriers that people with disabilities face in their day-to-day lives. As part of the Accessible BC Act, our school district has made available an online form for members of the public that interact with us to provide feedback about accessibility in our organization. The QR code (ABOVE/BELOW/TO THE SIDE) provides a direct link to the form. To navigate manually to the form, or for more detailed information, please visit sd59.bc.ca/district/accessibility."



We will soon be missing our secretary of more than 6 years, as Jamie Jans will be stepping back from her role at the school to focus on other aspects of her family and family business. We will miss her cheerful way of answering email and phone questions and always helping in the most practical and efficient ways. We will let you know when we have filled the position or what any changes are. In the meantime, emails should go to specific classroom teachers to make sure they are seen and answered. We will try to answer phones when available. Please call on recess or lunch breaks.

Kindergarten Registration For September 2026

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, 2026**, he/she is eligible to start Kindergarten in September 2026. 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**.