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<https://mccammon.sd33.bc.ca/home>

Dates to Remember	
Sep 1-3	Office Open 8:00-12:00
Sep 10	First Day for Grades 1-5 (8:00-10:00)
Sep 11	First Full Day for Grades 1-5 (8:00-1:55)
Sep 17	PAC Meeting (6:30pm school gym)
Sep 25	Terry Fox Run
Sep 30	Orange Shirt Day
Oct 1	PAC Meeting (6:30pm school gym)
Oct 9	Student Photo Day

Vice-Principal & Principal Message



It is our pleasure to welcome everyone to another great school year. Whether you will

be dropping your child off at McCammon Traditional Elementary for the first day of Kindergarten or you are a veteran parent of a school-aged child, the start of a new school year is always a time filled with excitement.

Our school staff are eager to have students back in their classrooms and filling the hallways with energy and enthusiasm for learning. McCammon is a safe place for staff and students and our school's robust Health & Safety protocols are in place.

It is our goal to help every child and their family to feel welcomed, connected, and part of our McCammon Mustangs family. Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to grow in his or her academic, social and emotional abilities.

For more information about our amazing school and to find our calendar of events, check out our school website at <https://mccammon.sd33.bc.ca/home>.

Ms. Jaimee Charlie & Mr. Brad Driscoll

What Happens for Week One?

Thursday, September 10th (8:00 - 10:00)

On Thursday, September 10th lists will be posted around the outside of the school. Students will be listed alphabetically by grade. Once you find your child's name, there will be a teacher's name beside it. Cones will be set up on our back field labelled with teacher names for students to line up behind. Teachers will lead students into the school once the 8:00 bell rings.

Students will spend the morning reconnecting, reviewing the new health and safety protocols and code of conduct. At the end of the morning (10:00), students will be dismissed from same place in the back field as they lined up in the morning.

[McCcammon's Stage-2 COVID-19 Health & Safety protocols](#) will require students to be assigned to cohort learning groups of no greater than 60 students. Our Health & Safety protocols further require us to minimize movement of students between cohorts and therefore students will be placed in their regular class on the first day of school. We recognize there may be the need to move students between classes and will communicate with parents if this occurs. Again, our goal is to keep class changes to a minimum. Thank you for your understanding.

Friday, September 11th (8:00 - 1:55)

On Friday, September 11th students will again line up on the back field behind the cone with their teacher's name and dismissed from the same area. Teachers will communicate with students where their morning lineup area will be for Monday.

School Calendar



You can find our School Calendar on our website below. We strongly encourage you to check the website calendar on a regular basis for upcoming events.

<https://mccammon.sd33.bc.ca/home>

Open House BBQ



Unfortunately, due to current Provincial Health Orders for gatherings, we are unable to host our annual Open House BBQ. We greatly value partnering with families and welcome ongoing communication. Teachers can be reached through email or by calling the school office to make an appointment. Teacher email addresses can be found on our school website.

Little Mountain Child Care Centre

Little Mountain Child Care will continue to offer before and after school care as well as a full-time pre-school within McCammon for the 20/21 school year. For more information about any programs Little Mountain Child Care Centre offers, contact Tanya Bos at:

littlemountainchildcarecenter@gmail.com

Bell Schedule (2019/2020)

7:45	Supervision begins outside
7:55	Warning Bell
8:00 – 9:05	Instructional Time
9:05 - 10:05	Recess
10:05 - 11:55	Instructional Time
11:55 - 12:10	Eating Time
12:10 - 12:35	Play Time
12:35 - 1:55	Instructional Time
1:55	Dismissal
2:10	Outside Supervision Ends

Parking & Bus Loop



Thank you for your help in continuing to make our roads and parking lots safe and respectful areas. Please remember that we have a no idling zone in our parking lots. We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts to only park in designated areas, and for not parking along yellow lines, in No Stopping zones, or along the bike lane on Hamilton Street.

The traffic flow in our front parking lot remains the same with the front parking lot being closed to public traffic while busses are present before and after school. Once busses leave, parents are welcome to use the curb lane as a pick-up/drop-off lane. Our front parking lot curb lane is a no parking zone at all times. There is also a "Thru-Lane" painted on our front parking lot to allow vehicles to exit if they accidentally enter while busses

are present or are looking for a parking spot. **Students are not to be dropped-off or picked-up in the thru-lane at any time.**



Transportation for our bussing students is time sensitive, and our bus drivers would greatly appreciate if vehicles did not park in front of the school or in the bike lane on Hamilton Street as it is difficult for busses to safely maneuver in and out of our parking lot when this occurs.

Finally, we have a number of students and community members that require the use of our accessible parking space. Please be respectful and leave this space for those who require it. Thank you for your cooperation!

Bus Registration



Bus registration for the 2020/21 school year is open. More information can be found on the Transportation website. Students can get their bus passes from the school office.

<https://sd33.bc.ca/transportation-department>

Drop Off and Dismissal Procedures

Students will enter and will be dismissed through their outside classroom door when present or the nearest school door if no outside door exists. Students **are not** to exit the school through the front doors. When dropping-off and picking-up your child, we ask that you park your car in a parking space and walk your child on and off the school grounds. Please remember to also practice physically distancing at all times.

Attendance Reporting



Please ensure that you contact the office to report your child's absence. This can be done by phoning or emailing the school at mccammon@sd33.bc.ca. Unless your child is ill, please ensure that your son or daughter comes to school on time. Research tells us that students with excellent attendance perform better in school and are more apt to experience success.

Super Reader

We will once again be partaking in the Super Reader program with the Kiwanis Club. Mrs. Kushniryk, our school librarian, will explain the program to students and information will be sent home with students so everyone

can get started right away. Let's aim to surpass our reading goal this year...READ...READ!!

PAC Meeting



All parents are automatically members of our PAC and are encouraged to attend the meetings. PAC meetings provide parents with information about our school, a chance to ask questions or raise concerns and of course, a chance to become involved with our school.

Our September PAC meeting will be held on Thursday September 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Please RSVP your attendance through the PAC Facebook page which you can find here. The meeting will also be streamed through Zoom for those who prefer to attend virtually. PAC will email attendees the Zoom link prior to the meeting.

Nut-Aware School Policy



At McCammon Elementary, there are classrooms with students with severe allergies to peanuts and nuts. For these classes, products containing nuts may be prohibited. Classroom teachers will send home information letting parents know of products not allowed in the classroom. We ask for your cooperation in continuing to provide safe learning environments for our students, your children.

School Uniforms

McCammon PAC Executive and school administration have collectively decided that student uniforms will be optional for September start-up. Students are encouraged to wear uniform items they have, and still fit. At the October PAC meeting, further discussion about student uniforms will take place to determine the next steps for uniforms.

Uniforms are available through online ordering with Sapphire Creative. PAC also has some limited items at school for purchase. Contact Jennifer Dearborn at mccammon-pac@sd33.bc.ca about items at school or visit Sapphire Creative's website at:

[Sapphire Creative](#)



School Supplies



For all students (Kindergarten to Grade 5), teachers have pre-ordered school supplies. Families are asked to pay \$45.00 per student (\$52.00 for classes that use student planners). Teachers will send home information about collecting student fees once classes are set.

Inside Shoes

We greatly appreciate all the hard work Mr. Lam and Mr. Wilde do each day to keep McCammon looking so clean. To assist them, we ask students to wear inside shoes while in the school. For September, please have your child bring a pair of shoes they can keep at school. We realize some families may not have had a chance to get another pair of shoes. Students can wear what they have until another pair can be brought to school.

Bikes / Skateboards / Scooters



As the warm weather continues, please remember that it is mandatory for all bicycle riders to wear a helmet. Please ensure that your child(ren) has a helmet and an adequate bike lock. Also, students are asked not to ride bicycles, skateboards and scooters on school grounds. Bikes and scooters can be locked up in the under covered area which is locked during school hours.

Student Accident Insurance

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses.

iA Financial Group is now offering a new comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan is ideal for supplementing costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.

To apply or to find out more, visit:

<http://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

Student Daily Health Check

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

1. Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If your child answered “YES” to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) they should **NOT** come into school. Notify the school office of the absence and if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8- 1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

McCammon Traditional Elementary Code of Conduct

Purpose Statements:

This code of conduct sets out the expectations for behavior at school and during school activities that take place at any location. It also includes those activities at home that may have a direct impact on school life. All staff, students and parents at McCammon Traditional Elementary will work together to help each other reach their fullest potential. Everyone will be treated with respect and dignity set out by the Human Rights of British Columbia regardless of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and age. Behaviors or actions that help people grow and mature will be encouraged. Staff will keep students focused on our school guidelines.

At McCammon Traditional Elementary we will:

- * **BE RESPECTFUL:** Treat others the way you would like to be treated.
- * **BE RESPONSIBLE:** A responsible person knows what to do and carries it out or
- * **BE CARING:** Finds appropriate solutions and alternatives to problems.
- * **BE COOPERATIVE:** Is willing to learn and cooperate with a good attitude.

As a member of the McCammon family, we pledge to practice and use the following appropriate behaviors:

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| * Use appropriate language | * Listen and Respect adults in the building |
| * Be friendly, kind, and respectful to peers | * Show good sportsmanship |
| * Set personal goals | * Show initiative |
| * Follow school rules | * Come prepared, ready to learn |
| * Dress in uniform | * Respect school property |

The school community considers the following to be some examples of unacceptable behaviors:

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| * Vandalism | * Profanity and/or vulgar language |
| * Defiant behavior | * Bullying (physical/verbal/cyber) |
| * Stealing | * Violence (physical/verbal) |
| * Anything intended as a weapon | * Harassment |

Some of the incentives that you may receive at school include:

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| * 4B Slips | * Recognition by staff | * A feeling of Self Worth |
| * Good news contact with home | * Recognition at assemblies | * Classroom recognition |

Some responses to not following the Code of Conduct may include:

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| * Warning and Problem Solving Strategies | * Change of Program | * Loss of Privileges/fieldtrips |
| * Formal Write up (home contact) | * Phone Call Home | * School Based Team Meeting |
| * Time Out | * Letter of Apology | * Suspension |

At McCammon Traditional Elementary we share a responsibility to protect every teacher's right to teach and we respect our students as learners. We understand that everyone is unique and we encourage positive behaviors and actions that help people become contributing citizens of our school community. We look forward to working together.

Fair Notice

The Chilliwack School District and community partners are committed to making our schools safe for students and staff. As a result, schools will respond to all student behaviours that pose a potential risk to themselves, other students, staff and members of the community.

Student threat assessment protocol: Fair Notice

What behaviours initiate a student threat assessment? A student threat assessment will be initiated when behaviours include, but are not limited to, serious violence or violence with intent to harm, kill, verbal/written threats to harm/kill others, Internet website/MSN threats to harm/kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats and fire setting.

Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students and community members must report all threat-related behaviours.

What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to.

What is a Threat Assessment Team?

Each school has a Threat Assessment Team which is multi-disciplinary. The team may include Principal, Vice Principal, District Resource Teacher, School Counsellor and Police.

What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?

The purposes of a student threat assessment are:

To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others.

To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.

To understand factors contributing to the threat makers' behaviour.

To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker.

To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

What happens in a student threat assessment?

All threat making behaviour by a student shall be reported to the Principal who will activate the protocol for the initial response. Once the threat has been activated, interviews may be held with the student(s), the threat maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident. Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students are required.

Can I refuse to participate in a threat assessment process?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. However if for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat maker or parent/guardian, the threat assessment process will continue in order to promote a safe and caring learning environment.