



McCammon Traditional Elementary School

"Together, to Be our Best"



Chilliwack
School District



Mustang News

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

November 2nd – 6th

Hello McCammon Mustangs!

This past week was our Student Led Conferences week. Teachers spent the week connecting with parents about their child(rens) progress thus far in Term 1. Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement. If at anytime you need to speak with your child's teacher, you can access their email address from our school website.

A couple dates to remember:

- Monday, November 2nd - Afternoon Adventures (2:00-4:00)
- Tuesday, November 5th - Second Day (2:00-4:00)
PAC Meeting (6:30 school library and Zoom)
- Monday, November 9th - Afternoon Adventures (2:00-4:00)
- Tuesday, November 10th - Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly for classes
- Wednesday, November 11th - School Closed for Remembrance Day
- Tuesday, November 12th - Second Day (2:00-4:00)
- Friday, November 13th - Hot Lunch & Moustache Day
- Thursday, November 19th - Photo Retake Day
 - o If you are interested in ordering photos please visit: www.mylifetouch.ca

Let's all keep working ***Together, to Be our Best!***

We all have a part in
helping each other remain
healthy and safe.





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McCammon PAC Christmas Fundraiser - Purdys Chocolatier, just in time for Christmas!

If you'd like to support PAC through purchasing some very sweet Christmas gifts for friends, family and yourself, see the class link on launch letter that students are bringing home.

After you've signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign. Orders are due Monday November 16, 2020.

Contact Isabelle if you have any questions. Isabeller20@hotmail.com

Library News - Super Readers (Mrs. Kushniryk)



It's been a busy week at the Book Fair, even though we have had to adjust how we shop! The virtual part of the Book Fair will remain open until 11:59pm Friday night. The Library part of the Book Fair will close at the end of the school day Friday.

We will know in a few days how many books we are able to purchase for our Library with Book Fair funds. Thank you for your support. Happy Reading!!

Super Reader continues with lots of 25 and some 50 nights prizes being awarded. A big thank you to Mrs. Redekop for her work sorting prizes and writing 4-Bs every week.

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



McCammon's School Counselor

Mr. Morelli continues to be available to assist students. He has developed a wealth of online information for families to access. Use this [link](#) to access his page. He can also be reached by email at duane_morelli@sd33.bc.ca.

Strong Start

StrongStart is open!

StrongStart is a play-based early learning program for young children up to age 5 at no cost to families. We'd love for you to join in on the fun! Visit our webpage for schedule, registration and sign-up information: <https://sd33.bc.ca/strong-start>.



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Student Fees

For all students (Kindergarten to Grade 5), teachers have pre-ordered school supplies. Teachers will send home information about collecting student fees. Please send these fees in as soon as possible.

School Uniforms



McCammon - Short Sleeve
Polo

We are asking that our students wear a McCammon uniform top that displays the McCammon logo. This can be a uniform t-shirt, polo or hoodie. For bottoms, students can wear personal bottoms that are appropriate for a school setting. Details about ordering uniforms can be found on our school website through this [link](#). Information is also attached to this newsletter.

Access to McCammon Elementary

Visitor access is limited to one person at a time in our front office area. If you need to speak in person with office staff, please read and then follow our front office protocols located on the outside rolling board. We encourage everyone to contact office staff by phone (604)795-7000 or by [staff email](#).

If you need to delivery anything to your child during the school day, there is a table outside the main front door. Simply write your child's name on a post-it, staple it to the item and we will deliver it to your child in his/her class. This will assist us in minimizing the number of visitors inside our school. If you need to enter the school, remember you must complete the visitor sign-in sheet and hand sanitize.

Daily Health Checks & Language Teaching

Thank you families for completing the Daily Health Check each morning as outlined in our Health & Safety protocols. Thank you for contacting the school to inform us when your child(ren) are staying home.

If a child has any cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious disease symptoms, they must remain home. If symptoms arise while at school, parents/guardians are required to immediately pick up their child. If the isolated symptom worsens over 24 hours, parents/guardians are asked to consult with a health care professional or contact 811 to rule out COVID-19. If the isolated symptom remains the same or lessens over 24 hours, the child is welcome to return to school. Throughout this process, please communicate with [Mr. Driscoll](#) or [Ms. Charlie](#) by phone (604)795-7000 or email.

[COVID-19 Symptoms](#)



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PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Retake Day! McCammon Traditional Elementary School

What to Expect:



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Pictures are sent home
with your child



Review pictures
& purchase on
mylifetouch.ca

Questions? Please contact Customer
Service at 866-457-8212.

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All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture requested by the school.



2020/2021

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

Information for Parents and Students



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions, walking/sidewalk conditions, and general condition of buildings and accessibility to sites. *For more details on how this is done, [click here](#).*

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the **School District website** www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations **STAR FM (98.3 FM)** or **THE DRIVE (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Little Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions. *(Please note: the greater Promontory area does not have a snow plan).*

All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website www.sd33.bc.ca

How are District Sites and Road Conditions Assessed during Inclement Weather?

Beginning at approximately 2:00 a.m., a team of maintenance and transportation staff begin investigating road conditions and conditions at district sites. Unpredictable conditions can be a result of the varying elevations within Chilliwack. For this reason, road assessments take place in the following areas:

Rosedale, Popkum, Little Mountain and Chilliwack Mountain, Columbia Valley (to the U.S. Border), Chilliwack Lake Road (to Allison Pools), Promontory, Ryder Lake (to Look-Out Point), Prest Road, Marble Hill, Yarrow (including Majuba Hill), and Greendale.

District crews provide an estimated time that snow and ice will be cleared from parking lots, sidewalks and busses. The Manager of Transportation also consults with City of Chilliwack Maintenance Staff and the Fraser Valley Regional District (EMIL Anderson). Weather reports and storm warnings are taken into consideration for the day. Other concerns include fallen or low-lying trees, power failures, accidents and traffic flow. Sidewalks that have excessive snow due to snow removal off the streets are also a safety concern, especially along corridors where students would normally walk to school.

Decisions are also made based on weather conditions forecasted for the “whole day”. If weather changes mid-day there is no way for us to bring students home early because in many cases both parents are working, or may not be home.

Once area assessments are complete, the Facilities/Transportation Team meet to compare their observations. A recommendation is then made to the Superintendent of Schools prior to 5:00 a.m.

How do we make a decision to announce a Snow Day?

Once a recommendation is received, the Superintendent of Schools makes a decision based on the information provided; taking into account the safety of students and staff as a primary concern.

A district announcement is immediately placed on the local radio stations, School District website and social media sites. Notification is also sent to staff, District partners, Community/NLC Coordinators, Daycares and Preschools.

Snow Days are announced on a day-by-day basis only. If inclement weather should continue for more than one day, a routine assessment will occur each day with recommendations brought forward prior to an announcement.

Should inclement weather occur over a weekend, Community School/NLC Coordinators and Principals at these sites are updated and notified of any closures so they may plan accordingly should they need to cancel rentals and re-schedule planned events. For this reason, Community School and NLC sites (or sites hosting significant events) are given priority for snow removal on weekends.

Principals should notify Facilities Staff of significant planned events (including weekend events) booked at their site so that snow removal crews can be scheduled accordingly.