

Mustang News

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

March 1st – 5th

Hello McCammon Mustangs!

This past week a number of students have arrived to school with illness symptoms. It is important to remember that the symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other respiratory illnesses including the flu and common cold ([BC Centre for Disease Control](#)).

We acknowledge the potential strain put onto families when their child(ren) need(s) to remain home due to illness and thank everyone for their continue support in working together to keep everyone safe and healthy.

As requested by Fraser Health in their [Back to School Letter](#):

- do a [daily health check](#),
- stay home when sick, and
- get tested, even with mild symptoms.

Kind regards,
Mr. Driscoll & Ms. Charlie

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday, March 4th - PAC Meeting Via Zoom
- Friday, March 5th - Ms. Besse and Mr. Allen's Vedder Trail Field Trip
- Wednesday, March 10th - Term 2 Report Cards Sent Home
- Friday, March 12th - Hot Lunch & Green Day
- March 15th - 26th Spring Break
- Monday, March 29th - School Reopens from Spring Break



INCLUSIVE SCHOOL PROJECT

2 weeks left to share your thoughts!

As we continue with our *Inclusive School Project*, we are seeking further input.

There are a number of thoughts and responses on Thoughtexchange. Thank you to those who have taken the time to share thoughts and stare others' thoughts, but we would still love to hear from more.

Join the conversation!

To access Thoughtexchange, use the link below. The power of Thoughtexchange is achieved through people sharing their thoughts and then "rating" other's thoughts. The exchange will remain open until **Friday March 12th** to allow people time to return to the exchange and continue interacting with other's thoughts. Your thoughts and ratings are automatically saved.

[Thoughtexchange Link](#)

McCAMMON NAME CHANGE

At the February 4th PAC meeting, Ms. Charlie and Mr. Driscoll shared the school's history in becoming McCammon Traditional Elementary. As with many aspects of education over the past 15 years, McCammon has evolved in a number of ways resulting in differences in how the school supports student learning today compared to what was in place in the past. This change is neither a positive or negative; it is simply the natural result of an education system continuing to learn and adapt to the changing needs of students today.

McCammon staff have worked this year in identifying some core values and beliefs that help inform the foundation upon which school staff support students. Staff continue to be committed to meeting each students' individual needs and recognize that some of the core values and beliefs that were held 15 years ago - when the school became McCammon Traditional Elementary - are different today. As a result, McCammon staff have agreed to move forward with removing the word "Traditional" from the school name and become McCammon Elementary School.

As partners in learning, we greatly welcome parent/guardian feedback in this change process and ask for parents/guardians to respond to the question below through an online response ([LINK](#)). School staff have already gathered similar information from students and, along with feedback from parents/guardians, will use the information to assist in defining the fundamental core values in becoming McCammon Elementary School.

"As our school moves forward with changing its name to McCammon Elementary, what is currently in place that would be important to continue? (i.e. practices, values, cultural norms)"



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten registration is open. If you know anyone who has a child turning 5 by December 31st, 2021, let them know they need to register their child through the school district's online registration system:

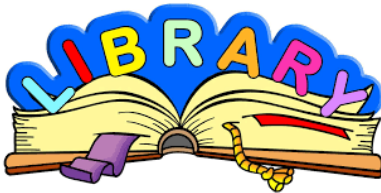
<https://sd33.bc.ca/registration>

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.

LIBRARY NEWS - (Mrs. Kushniryk)



I want to recognize the newest 100-night Super Readers before Spring Break so we will sort the rewards out for any students who have their 100 nights recorded on the class chart by Tuesday, March 2. Students reaching 100 nights after March 2 will be recognized later in the Spring.

Want to double your reading rewards? Take a look at the City-Wide Reading Challenge which starts March 1. Attached are the posters and the record sheet. Set your own reading goals and enter the prize draw. It's open to the whole family. Good luck!

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

STRONGSTART

McCammon Strongstart hours have changed starting this week. They are now:

Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays: 8:15-9:30 & 10:00-11:15

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 10:00-11:15 & 1:00-2:15

SD33 provides safe and rich learning environments in our school for our youngest learners and families. 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 the schedule, registration and sign-up information.

<https://sd33.bc.ca/strong-start>.



STUDENT FEES

For all students (Kindergarten to Grade 5), teachers have pre-ordered school supplies. If you have not yet paid your "student fees", please give \$45 to our school office. Thanks for your assistance.

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](#).

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Sapphire Creative website for clothing programs will be unavailable for some time. Parents/guardians can place orders through e-mail at:

programs@sapphirecreative.com

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

During the months of February to April, School District 33 is participating in the 2021 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. Students in Grade 5 will be completing the survey at school.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the survey any time before 11:59 pm April 30th, 2021, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>
3. Under the section *Direct Access - no logon number required* select:
 - o **District:** 33 Chilliwack
 - o **School:** McCammon Elementary
 - o **Language:** the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, our school will have the results immediately.

Thank you for participating in this innovative project.



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.

COVID-19 DAILY HEALTH CHECKS

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.

[BCCDC School COVID-19 Information](#)

[K-12 Health-Checker App](#)

[COVID-19 Symptoms](#)

Take the 2021 Reading Challenge!



March 1 - 21
Open to all ages

Read as many days as you can.

Set your own reading goal - podcasts and audiobooks count too!

At the end tell us how many days you read to be entered into a prize draw.

You can submit your ballot online, by email, or by texting 604-392-2404.

For the printable tracking sheet and ballot go to
<https://chilliwacklearning.com/services/everyone/city-wide-literacy-challenge/> **or scan the QR code.**



The Reading Challenge is this year's City-Wide Literacy Challenge

Reading Challenge Tracker: March 1 - 21

Name:

Email:

Phone #:

Age:

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Use this tracker to see how many days you can read. Make a daily reading goal for yourself. It could be 5 pages, 20 minutes, or whatever you think will be doable for you. Write it down to remind yourself.

My daily reading goal is _____.

Send us a copy or photo of this sheet to enter a draw for prizes before March 28.

You can text it to 604-392-2404 or email info@chilliwacklearning.com.

If you couldn't print this tracker, don't worry you can still enter to win by filling out the form at: bit.ly/CLSreadingchallenge



McCammon Traditional Elementary School Online Auction



McCammon Elementary PAC is hosting an online auction April 15th starting at 5pm and ending April 16 at 4:59:59pm. We have been posting sneak peeks of some of the amazing donations we have received from businesses in our community. We encourage

you to join the auction page on facebook and invite friends and family as well! Please join by typing the link below or using a QR Code reader on your phone or other smart devices.



<https://www.facebook.com/events/3514376775345628/>

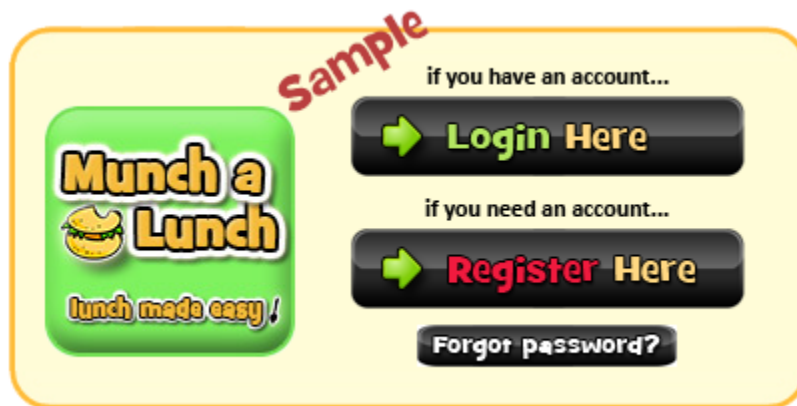
McCammon Elementary Hot Lunch Program

Hello Parents/Guardians!

We are excited to share that we have another payment option for hot lunches and school fundraisers. **Munch-a-Lunch** is an online ordering system that allows payment through a credit or debit card. If online payment is not an option for you, students will still be bringing home order forms and our usual cash payment will still be accepted.

HOW TO REGISTER:

- 1) Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mccammon>
- 2) Click the “**Register Here**” button (as shown below). The system will guide you through
- 3) After adding your children, click the green “Order Lunch!” button to order
- 4) Next time, just click the “**Login Here**” button to access your account.



ORDERING DETAILS:

- Online ordering will be OPEN beginning the Friday two weeks before a hot lunch day until the Thursday one week before the hot lunch day.
- If you need assistance with Munch-a-Lunch, please contact Michelle Levitsky at michellelevitsky@gmail.com.

Please note if your child is ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch by 12:00pm by contacting the school office before your arrival; otherwise please consider it a donation for a child who does not have a lunch. Consistent with previous years, there are **NO REFUNDS** as this is a school fundraiser. We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program as the funds go towards class field trip costs and general fundraising within the school.



February 21, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Effective immediately, Fraser Health is rolling out a new streamlined process to communicate information to the school community in regards to COVID-19 early notification and exposure events. The new process will streamline letters from three different early notification letters into one notification letter and continue to use a self-monitoring letter and self-isolation letter as needed. The school bulletin will be discontinued.

The new streamlined process is as a result of feedback received from schools and families, and Fraser Health has worked in partnership with the school districts to streamline the notification process. The new process is designed to:

- Increase Fraser Health's response time in issuing the appropriate notifications,
- Decrease the number of emails sent to staff and families and
- Increase the accuracy of the notifications.

In summary, the revised process is as follows:

- When a case has been identified and includes an individual who attended school during their infectious period, the school and district will be provided with a **notification letter** to distribute to the school community.
- If the case is linked to one or more classes, a **self-monitoring letter** will be issued to the affected classes.
- Additional **self-monitoring letters** and/or **self-isolation letters** will be issued as identified during the course of case and contact management.
- Instead of a *school bulletin*, the **notification letter** has been updated to alert parents and staff that case and contact management will be completed within **48 hours**.
- School exposures will continue to be updated daily on Fraser Health's [school exposures](#) page.
- In the event of case identification or a COVID-19 exposure at a school, parents and staff can expect one or more letters, as described below:
 - **Notification letter:** this is a general letter to the entire school community that serves as a notification that someone within the school community has tested positive for COVID-19.
 - **Self-monitoring letter:** This letter will be sent to classes or cohorts of the person who attended school while potentially infectious. The intent of the letter is to provide heightened awareness, beyond that of the daily health check, around monitoring for symptoms.
 - **Self-isolation letter:** Individuals or groups who are identified through contact tracing as being at higher risk due to proximity to the case or the nature of the exposure, will receive a self-isolation letter. The letter advises those individuals to self-isolate, which means that they should remain isolated at home.

It is key to note that COVID-19 cases at our schools are a direct reflection of community transmissions in Chilliwack. Therefore, it is important that we all follow Public Health advice on reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19 in our community.

The safety and well-being of our students, families, and staff remain our highest priority. Please be reassured that our school district will continue to implement the strict health and safety protocols we have in place so that our children and staff can continue to attend school as safely as possible. Thank you for your continued support and diligence in keeping our community safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arul-pragasam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rohan Arul-pragasam
Interim School Superintendent