



Mustang News

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

May 3rd – May 14th

Hello McCammon Mustangs!

COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDER

We are finding an increasing number of students coming to school with COVID-like symptoms such as coughs, sore throats, headaches, and general nausea. Fraser Health's guidance is for everyone with COVID, flu or cold-like symptoms to remain home and contact 811 for directions with regards to a possible COVID test.

When students come to school with symptoms, or develop symptoms at school, our health protocols require us to isolate the student from others for immediate pick up and then disinfect all areas of the school the student was in. This creates extensive work for school custodial staff and regularly displaces classes to other areas of the school until their classrooms have been disinfected which negatively impacts the quality of learning for students.

We recognize the possible inconvenience to parents' personal and work schedules that are caused when their child needs to remain home and thank everyone for their ongoing support and efforts as we all do our part to keep each other safe and healthy.

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. For any symptom, Fraser Health recommends that parents/guardians contact 811 immediately to seek guidance with regards to a COVID-19 test. 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](#)



DROP-OFF & PICK-UP REMINDER



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 lanes 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 it 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!

McCAMMON NAME CHANGE

At the Chilliwack Board of Education meeting this past Tuesday, the Board voted to accept our proposal to change our school's name from McCammon Traitional Elementary to McCammon Elementary. This change will take place for the 2021-22 school year.

The request to change our school name is the result of the natural process of change that education moves through over time. Staff feel the school values, beliefs, and pedagogical underpinnings upon which the school operates from today are different from those that existed when the school moved to becoming McCammon Traditional Elementary.

McCammon staff would like to thank all parents and students for their feedback and support for this change.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 30th School closed to students - Professional Development Day
- May 5th 9:00-1:00 Cheam Wet Lands Field Trip (Mrs. Brennan & Mrs. Hysniu)
- May 6th 6:30pm PAC Meeting (Via Zoom)
- May 7th 8:30-11:50 Blue Heron Field Trip (Ms. Besse & Mr. Allen)
- May 21st School closed to students - Professional Development Day
- May 24th Victoria Day - School closed to staff and students
- May 26th 8:30-11:30 Cheam Wetlands Field Trip (Mrs. Van Schagen & Mrs. Monkman)

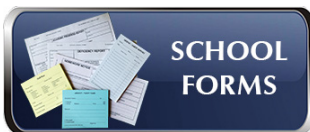
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



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>

SCHOOL FORMS



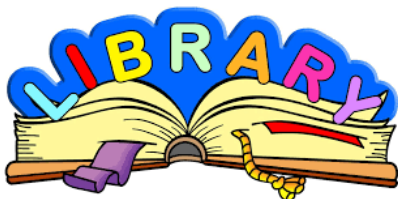
Check out the "School Forms" section of our school webpage to access various forms sent home with students. This is an easy place to get that "extra copy" for when the dog chews it or when your coffee unfortunately spills over.

MCCAMMON 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)



One more month of Super Reader rewards! How many more 100 night readers will we see? How many students will reach 200 or 250? **Keep on reading, McCammon!!**

<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>.

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.

PAC AUCTION

McCammon PAC would like to thank everyone who donated and participated in the online auction. PAC raised an incredible \$3312.00!!! Thank you for supporting McCammon Elementary School! Below are some of the items that were sold. A big thank you to all those who donated to this great cause.





McCammon Traditional Elementary School

CLASS OF 2021

Grade 5 Fundraiser - Bottle Drive

Save your empties!

Drop off dates: any Friday morning between 8:05 - 8:25 AM starting Friday April 9th, 2021 through to Friday June 4th, 2021

Drop off Location: to the left of the schools front doors on the grass patch. It is preferred to have the cans carried in to the school grounds, if you need to drive in to drop off then be mindful of the school drop off loop.

*If you would like your bottles picked up from your house on a Friday morning after 8:25 AM you can private message **Bonnie Hawkins Franklin** at **604-798-8156** to arrange the pick-up.

All proceeds go to this years' Grade 5 Year-end celebration.

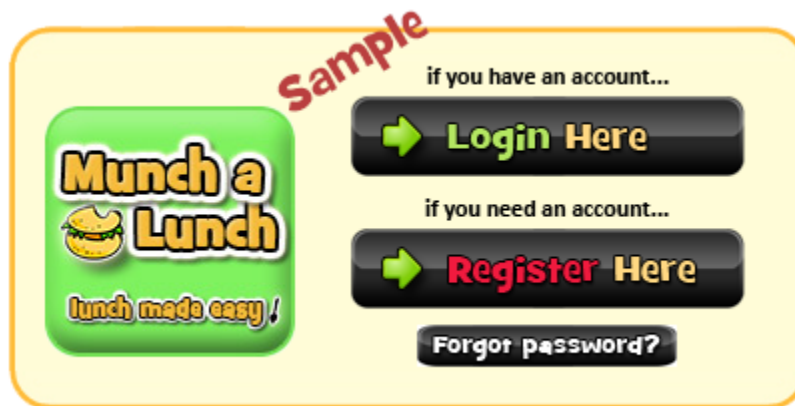
McCammon Elementary Hot Lunch Program

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.



Indigenous COVID-19

Immunization clinic at
Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School

**For First Nations, Métis, Inuit
individuals who are
18 years of age or older in 2021
Saturday May 8, 2021**

**To book an appointment:
call [604 792-8539](tel:6047928539)
between 10am and 12noon**

Please book by: Thursday May 6, 2021

By appointment only



BC COVID-19 SPEAK: Your Story, Our Future – Round 2

We would like to invite you to participate in the BC COVID-19 SPEAK **Round 2** Survey.

<http://www.bccdc.ca/covid19survey>

In May 2020 over 400,000 British Columbians participated in the first survey known as *BC COVID-19 SPEAK: Your story, Our future*

This new survey will help us examine one year into the pandemic how British Columbians have been affected and how their experiences may inform recovery and re-opening.

Some of the key highlights from the first round of the SPEAK survey included:

- Families with children were struggling the most and had significant concerns about their child's overall well-being with school closures and significantly reduced social connections.
- Young adults were disproportionately affected by the pandemic in relation to employment, financial insecurity and disruption to significant development and life goals.
- Societal impacts have not been distributed equitably during the pandemic and are compounded for those already experiencing the most stress and with the least resources.

We hope you will lend your voice to this important survey to help further our understanding on the priorities for British Columbians as we seek to recover from the pandemic.

And finally, thank you for your continued efforts to help protect yourself and all British Columbians during COVID-19.



BC Centre for Disease Control



BCCDC Foundation
for Public Health



March 29, 2021

Dear Superintendent, Principal and School Partners:

Re: Immunizations for school-aged children

Fraser Health’s Immunization Program for school-aged children will resume this year beginning with students in grades 7 and 10 who missed their immunizations during the 2019-2020 school year due to COVID-19. These appointments will be located at local public health units. Health unit staff will contact families to book these immunization appointments over the spring and summer.

The immunization programs for kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9 students from the 2020-2021 school year are currently under development.

We appreciate the support and understanding of our school partners. Further details will be provided once our plans are finalized.

No action is required by the school for school-based immunization clinics at this time, however your support in informing parents and school personnel of the following is appreciated:

- The Fraser Health Immunization Program for school-aged children will resume this year.
- To start, public health staff will contact families of students currently in grades 7 and 10 who missed their immunizations during the 2019-2020 school year, due to COVID-19.
- These students will be offered immunization appointments over the spring and summer.
- Immunization information for Kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9 students from the 2020-2021 school year will be provided at a future date.

We’ll continue to keep you informed about upcoming clinics and our communications with families during the school year.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact the manager of your local public health unit.

Sincerely,

Ariella Zbar

Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health Authority

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Hope HU Tel: 604-860-7630 Fax: 604-869-2332	Langley HU Tel: 604-539-2900 Fax: 604-514-8036	Maple Ridge HU Tel: 604-476-7000 Fax: 604-476-7077	Mission HU Tel: 604-814-5500 Fax: 604-814-5517	New Westminster HU Tel: 604-777-6740 Fax: 604-525-0878	Tri-Cities HU Tel: 604-949-7200 Fax: 604-949-7211
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