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www.mccammon.sd33.bc.ca

Dates to Remember	
Aug 31-Sep 2	Office Open 8:00-12:00
Sep 7	First Day of School (8:00-10:00)
Sep 16	PAC Meeting (6:30pm school library)
Sep 24	Terry Fox Run
Sep 27	Monthly Assembly
Sep 30	School Closed: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct 7	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 8	Early Dismissal (11:00)
Oct 11	School Closed: Thanksgiving Day
Oct 13	Student Photo Day
Oct 14	PAC Meeting (6:30pm school library)



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>.

What Happens for Week One?

Tuesday, September 7th (8:00 - 10:00)

Please arrive as close to 7:55 as possible. When the 8:00 bell sounds, all students who attended McCammon last year will enter the school via their last year's classroom door. Students new to McCammon will go to the library through the front door.

Students will spend the day reconnecting and reviewing our school procedures and code of conduct. At the end of the morning (10:00), students will be dismissed from the same door they entered the school. New students will be taken to the hockey court.

Students will work in grade-groups beginning Wednesday and until our classes are set. Once we receive the go ahead for our School District Office to set classes for the year, an email will be sent home notifying parents. Once classes are set, students will bring home information from their classroom teacher about their 2021-22 class.

Bell Schedule (2021/2022)

7:45	Supervision begins outside
7:55	Warning Bell
8:00 - 9:55	Instructional Time
9:55 - 10:05	Recess
10:05 - 11:55	Instructional Time
11:55 - 12:10	Eating Time
12:10 - 12:35	Play Time
12:35 - 1:57	Instructional Time
1:57	Dismissal
2:12	Outside Supervision Ends

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 Elementary for the first day of Kindergarten or 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 Communicable Disease Plan guidelines 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.

Mrs. Monica Padgham & Mr. Brad Driscoll



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 21/22 school year. For more information about any programs Little Mountain Child Care Centre offers, contact Tanya Bos at:

littlemountainchildcarecenter@gmail.com

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 always a no parking zone. 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 several 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 2021/22 school year continues to be open. More information can be found on the Transportation website.

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

Drop Off and Dismissal Procedures

Students will enter and 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.

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!!

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.



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 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Please RSVP your attendance through the PAC Facebook page which you can find [here](#).

Nut-Aware School Policy



At McCammon Elementary, there are classrooms with students with severe allergies to peanuts, nuts, and other foods. For these classes, products that students are allergic to 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

During the June 2021 PAC meeting it was approved that students would no longer be required to wear uniforms beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. As was the case for this past school year, students are welcome to show school spirit by wearing school clothing. If you have uniforms at home that have a lot of wear left, feel free to send your child in uniform, with the understanding that uniforms will no longer be enforced. McCammon clothing can be purchased through Sapphire Creative at:

www.sapphirecreative.com

Inside Shoes

We greatly appreciate all the hard work Ms. Fournier and Mr. Wilde (our custodial staff) 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



Please remember that it is mandatory for all bicycle riders to wear a helmet. We ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child has a helmet and an adequate lock. Also, students are asked to not 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>

McCammon Elementary Code of Conduct – 2021/2022

Purpose Statements:

Pursuant to Chilliwack School District Board of Education Policy 501: Student Behaviour, 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 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 finds appropriate solutions to problems.
- * **BE CARING:** Is thinking about the needs of others.
- * **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 for a learning environment | * 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 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.

School Dress Code

All SD #33 Elementary school student clothing should be suitable for a school learning environment. Clothing and footwear should be comfortable and appropriate for students to participate safely in all school activities (i.e. P.E., recess, and lunch activities). Clothing should demonstrate a respect for the school community and the B.C. Human Rights Code. Any person dressed in an inappropriate manner, will be advised – personally and discretely – and given an opportunity to meet the school dress guidelines.

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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.



August 27, 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians / Caregivers,

Welcome back! I sincerely hope that you had a wonderful summer and that you had the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends. Over the summer months, the Ministry of Education and public health experts have been monitoring the pandemic situation and have been planning for the safe return of students and staff to schools in September. I want to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on some key items relating to health and safety protocols in those plans, and it is hoped that this information will reduce anxiety for families as we look forward to returning to school.

Full-Time In-Person Instruction:

On August 24, the B.C. Government confirmed in their [media release](#) that students would be returning to full-time, in-person instruction this September, including resuming sports, music, and other extracurricular activities. Parents/Guardians, if you have questions concerning your child's instructional program, please contact your school principal.

Preventative Health & Safety Protocols:

Listed below are the preventative health and safety measures that will continue from last year. Please note that the school district will continue to ensure that all infection prevention and exposure control measures co-developed between public health officials, a stakeholder led steering committee, and the Ministry of Education are met or exceeded when students and staff return to school in September.

- Staff and students are to continue to do their own Daily Health Check and should remain home if they are not feeling well.
- Mask wearing indoors for all K-12 staff, visitors and students in grades 4 to 12, including at their desks and on school buses.
- Mask wearing indoors strongly encouraged for students in Kindergarten to grade 3, but this remains the choice of the student and their family.
- Continued posting of directional signage to manage traffic flow and prevent crowding.
- General cleaning of the premises, and the cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, will occur at least once in a 24-hour period.
- Continued focus on rigorous hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Maintain building air ventilation as per standards and specifications for ongoing comfort.

What is different for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Students will no longer be organized in learning groups/cohorts.
- Students/staff will not be required to social distance by 2 metres. Schools will work to implement measures such as respecting others personal space and engage in outside activities and learning as much as possible.
- A new Communicable Disease Plan will replace our District's Safety Plan. It will have many similarities to our current Safety Plan but will reflect any ongoing measures and additional measures to be implemented as advised by public health.
- Regional Medical Health Officers will now have the authority to implement additional safety requirements at a regional, district or school level during times of increased community transmission of COVID-19.

- School gatherings and events will now align with provincial/regional public health recommendations and Orders.
- School sports; extra-curricular activities & assemblies; theater and dance performances; and staff gatherings and meetings can now occur.

We ask that you continue to follow [BC Health and Safety Guidelines](#) in school settings, and adhere to the [BC Restart Plan](#) outside of school settings.

Additional information can be found in the Ministry of Education comprehensive document: [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

As the new school year approaches, Fraser Health wants to ensure that students are protected against COVID-19. As a result, Fraser Health plans to run immunization clinics during lunch and after school at the high schools to provide students opportunities to be immunized against COVID-19 if they so choose ([mature minors](#)). Please note that as per protocols, notices will be sent home to parents from Fraser Health, so parents are informed regarding the vaccination clinics.

Finally, as we approach the start of the new school year, our renewed [Strategic Plan](#) will guide our work as we continue to focus on high levels of learning for all students while creating world-class educational experiences. Thank you again to our district partners, including our parents/guardians/caregivers, for helping to co-create our laser-focused Strategic Plan. During the school year, we will find opportunities to share our progress with our educational partners.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to keep our community safe during this pandemic, and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on September 7. Enjoy the rest of your summer holidays.

Sincerely,



Rohan Arul-pragasam
School Superintendent