

Mustang News



September 2026

McCammon Elementary Bell Schedule

7:59	Warning Bell
8:04	Instructional Time
9:35 – 9:50 9:50 – 10:05	Staggered Recess
11:55 – 12:35	Lunch Time – play first, then eat
12:35	Instructional Time
2:04	Dismissal

Important Upcoming Dates

- **September 22nd** – PAC Meeting
- **September 24th** – Meet the Teacher BBQ
- **September 25th** – Terry Fox Run
- **September 29th** – Truth and Reconciliation Walk
- **September 30th** – Truth and Reconciliation Day – Stat. Holiday

Message from the Office

If your child will be absent from school, please report their absence on our Safe Arrival app, call the school or send one of our secretaries an email: Rachel_alford@sd33.bc.ca

School Fees are \$40 per student and an additional \$7 if they have a planner. They can be paid online at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/sd33/>

Please continue to check our school website and calendar for updated information.

Message from Mrs. Thompson & Ms. Van Ry

Ey Swayel (*Good Day*),

It was really nice to see everyone this week! We had many returning students back with us, as well as new students joining our McCammon community. It has been wonderful to reconnect, meet new faces, and feel the excitement around the school. We are looking forward to the year ahead!

Our classes were finalized on Friday and we are looking forward to everyone being settled into their new classrooms on Monday. We know that it takes a little time for students to adjust to new classrooms, teachers, and classmates, and we are excited to see them build new friendships and connections along the way.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or to either of us for further clarification. We are also both out on supervision in the morning and after school, so please feel free to connect with us during those times if you would like to chat.

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year. We are excited for all that this year will bring!

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Our Amazing Staff

Teaching Staff:

Ms. Schmidt	Kindergarten
Mrs. Heinrichs	Kindergarten
Mrs. Cymbaluk	Kindergarten
Mrs. Lally	Kindergarten
Mrs. Key	Grade 1
Mrs. Kovich	Grade 1
Mrs. Timms	Grade 1
Ms. Montes	Grade 2
Mrs. Perera	Grade 2
Mrs. Gabrick / Mrs. Kikkert	Grade 2/3
Mrs. Wells / Mrs. Horne	Grade 3
Mrs. Gill	Grade 3
Ms. Petersen	Grade 4/5
Mrs. Brennan	Grade 4/5
Ms. Renwick	Grade 4/5
Mrs. Wellwood	Grade 4/5
Mrs. Bartel	PE Prep
Mrs. Keiwan	Resource Teacher
Mrs. Hysniu	Resource Teacher / LA
Ms. Tompke	ELL / LA
Ms. Klassen	LA / Prep
Ms. Van Schagen	Librarian
Mr. Jiwa	Counsellor
Mrs. Jackson	Literacy Teacher

Support Staff:

Ms. Hird	Child & Youth Care
Mrs. Comb	Indigenous Ed.
Ms. Davis	EA
Ms. Rieu	EA
Ms. Treadgold	EA
Ms. Bowerman	EA
Ms. Caskanette	EA
Ms. Campbell	EA
Ms. Weicker	EA
Ms. Semler	EA
Ms. High	EA
Mr. Lamm	EA
Ms. Michael	EA
Mrs. Ohri	EA
Ms. Gidon	EA
Mr. Mario	Custodian
Mrs. Brown	Strong Start & NHS
Mrs. Gallagher	NHS
Ms. Thompson	NHS

Office Staff:

Ms. Alford	Administrative Assistant
Ms. Fagrie	Administrative Assistant
Ms. Van Ry	Vice Principal
Mrs. Thompson	Principal

PAC

As a parent or guardian of a McCammon student, you are automatically a member of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

PAC meetings are a great opportunity to stay informed about what's happening at the school, ask questions, share ideas, and become more involved in our school community.

We invite you to join us for our first PAC meeting of the year on **September 22 at 10:30 a.m.** We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions, please contact our executive at mccammon-pac@sd33.bc.ca

School Safety

Parking Lot:

For the safety of the front parking lot, please see the poster below. At the back parking lot, please use the parking spaces and leave the center section open for cars to circle through to pick up students. Please use sidewalks while walking to your vehicles, as cutting through the parking lot can be very unsafe.

Hallways:

We ask that parents/guardians do not enter the hallways during school hours (7:49 – 2:04). If your child needs to use the bathroom prior to school starting, please check in at the office.

E-Scooters:

Students are not permitted to ride e-scooters to school. Please see the attached poster.

Meet the Teacher

We are excited to invite all McCammon families to our Meet the Teacher BBQ on **September 24** from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

We will be serving hot dogs, and there is no cost to families. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher, connect with other McCammon staff members, and spend time with our school community.

The event will take place outdoors, weather permitting. Please note that there will be an opportunity to visit your child's classroom during our parent-teacher conferences in October.

We look forward to welcoming everyone and kicking off another great year together!

Monday Morning...Where to go...

Now that classes have been finalized, students will line up at or near the door where they will enter the school each morning. Please see a map showing each teacher's designated line-up location below.

A welcome email and/or newsletter from your child's teacher was sent home on Friday. If you are unsure where your child should line up, please stop by the office, and we will be happy to assist you.

At the end of the school day, students will be dismissed from the same door where they entered in the morning. Thank you for your patience and support as we help students settle into their new classrooms.



From the School District

This was sent out from Minister Beare to share with our families:

Dear Families of Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students,

Supporting literacy development is one of our district's highest priorities. Last week, the Ministry of Education and Child Care shared information about the implementation of early literacy screening for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 3. We are pleased to share that this work aligns closely with practices that have been in place in Chilliwack for many years.

Our teachers use district literacy assessments throughout the primary years to monitor student progress, inform classroom instruction, and identify students who may benefit from additional support. This long-standing commitment to early literacy means we are well prepared to meet the provincial requirements while continuing to use assessment information to guide instruction and respond to students' learning needs.

For more information, please see the Ministry resources linked below:

- [Letter to Parents and Caregivers of Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students](#)
- [Early Literacy Screening: Parent and Caregiver Brochure](#)
- [Pathways to Proficiency: Foundational Literacy](#)
- [Pathways to Proficiency: Foundational Numeracy](#)

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's learning.

Sports

Over the next month, both Cross Country Running and Soccer will be getting underway at McCammon!

Cross Country Running is open to students in **Grades 3 to 5**. There will be **three cross-country races** taking place in September and October.

Soccer is open to students in **Grades 4 and 5**.

Students who are interested in participating are asked to listen carefully to the morning announcements for information about upcoming interest meetings.

We look forward to seeing many students get involved in these exciting opportunities!

Accident Insurance

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – A Financial Group offers a comprehensive accident insurance plan for those who may not have additional coverage to cover student injuries that occur on school grounds:

<https://sd33.bc.ca/accident-insurance>

Why did the teacher wear
sunglasses?

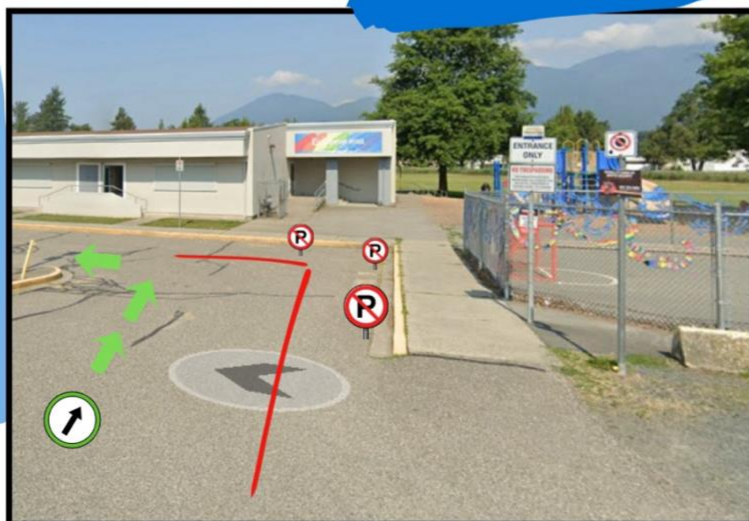


Because the class was so bright!

McCammon Parking Zones



- Use the “thru lane” for quick drop offs.
- Pull **ALL THE WAY** forward past the orange crosswalk.
- Do not park in the inside lane as this blocks busses and traffic.



Do you know the rules to operate an **ELECTRIC KICK SCOOTER?**



IT'S THE LAW

Police can issue you a
VIOLATION TICKET
and **\$109 FINE** or
higher if you break
the rules

YOU MUST:

- Ride only in participating communities
(see QR code below)
- Be 16 years or older
- Obey traffic signals and signs
- Wear an approved safety helmet
- Use lights at night
- Ride with due care and attention for others

YOU MUST NOT:

- Use a high-power model (motor over 500W and goes over 25 km/h)
- Have a passenger
- Ride while impaired or distracted
- Ride on sidewalks or crosswalks unless a sign permits it
- Have a seat on your device



**Scan for the Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project
rules and participating
communities**



Ministry of
Transportation
and Transit



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.

Fair Notice



Common programs and integrated services shall provide information to those who receive or are affected by their services. This is referred to as **Fair Notice** that such a multi-agency program/initiative exists. The Chilliwack School District is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all staff, clients, students and community members, and as such, is a member of the Chilliwack Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA or ARTO) Protocol.

WHAT IS A VIOLENCE THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT (VTRA) PROTOCOL?

The protocol is designed to enhance communication between all partners. It is incumbent upon the partners to share necessary and appropriate information that may initiate or facilitate the Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) process. It is a trauma-informed and equity-inclusion guided practice that utilizes and Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) process to:

- To ensure the safety of all individuals,
- Begin to understand the factors that contribute to the Individual of Concern's (IOC's) threatening or high-risk behaviour,
- View the Individual of Concern (IOC) as in need of intervention and support rather than discipline.
- Be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the Individual of Concern (IOC). It may include disciplinary action but will include appropriate supports to aid in the Individual of Concern (IOC) in developing and using more appropriate strategies,
- Promotes the emotional and physical safety of all.

It is NOT a Disciplinary tool or response.

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 appropriately.

DUTY TO REPORT?

Often when we hear in the media about a violent incident, we learn that the Individual of Concern had made threats in advance of acting violently. To keep our communities safe, staff community members, students, and parents all need to act responsibly and report all threat-related behaviours and high-risk activities. This report can be made to any community partner of the Chilliwack VTRA/ARTO Protocol.

When a report of a threat is received by any member of this protocol, and upon screening it is determined the threshold for the "Categories of Action" is met, the Chilliwack VTRA/ARTO Protocol will be activated.

"Categories for Action" may include, but are not limited to:

- Serious violence or violence with intent to kill,
- Violence with intent to do serious bodily harm,
- Verbal/written threats to kill others ("clear, direct and plausible"),
- Verbal/written threats to do serious bodily harm ("clear, direct and plausible"),
- Social Media/Technology generated threats to harm/kill others,
- Possession of weapons (including replicas),
- Bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices),
- Fire setting,
- Sexual intimidation or assault,
- Ongoing pervasive and targeted bullying and/or harassment,
- Gang related intimidation and violence,
- Hate incidents motivated by factors including, but not limited to, race, culture, religion, and/or sexual and gender diversity,
- Suicidal ideation or attempts as related to "Fluidity" or "Conspiracy to Two or More".

CAN I REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. If for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process, by either the Individual of Concern or parent/guardian, the threat assessment will continue in order to ensure and restore a safe and inclusive environment for all.