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Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Families of McKim!

It is hard to believe that there are only three weeks until Spring Break! Please read through this March newsletters as there are some important updates!

Here at McKim, we value safety for our students and staff. To ensure this, we need your help. We have been noticing more people violating the no stopping and no parking signage in front of the school. This is creating an unsafe environment for students, staff, and parents. We have had a few near misses with our crossing guard, and people driving over pylons. Please keep the area in front of the school clear and do not drop-off, or pick-up your child in the areas highlighted in red on the third page of this newsletter.

As of March 1st, the new Covid safety protocols will officially be in place at McKim. The plan is available [here](#). The biggest change is that McKim is now falls under the Middle School guidelines when it comes to provincial safety measures for Covid-19. With this, we see changes in phys. Ed., music class, and the wearing of masks. Please carefully review this document so you can help your child understand the changes.

Enjoy the change in weather as Spring is soon upon us. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping McKim a safe environment. From all of us at McKim, thank you so much!

Brad Carrier
Principal, McKim Middle School

Calendar of Events

Mar. 09: PAC meeting at 6:30pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 634 9920 1945
Passcode: KKSz7bT@

Mar. 10: Intensive French meeting at 6:00pm

Mar. 15: Term 2 Reports Sent Home

Mar. 19: Canadian Tuxedo Spirit Day

Mar. 19: Last day of classes before the break

Mar. 22-Apr. 5: March Break

Apr. 5: Easter Monday

Apr. 6: Return to classes

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Updated COVID Safety Protocols

McKim has been re-designated as an intermediate school based on our school structure. The revised plan is available [here](#). Effective March 1st, key points for McKim are the following:

1. Morning Gathering Areas:

We are changing our practice in the morning to improve distancing of students from different cohorts to keep our school community safe. Students are expected to stay in their designated area between 8:20am and 8:44am.

2. Masks: Mask protocols for all staff and middle school students are changed. Students and staff at McKim should wear a mask indoors at school except when:

- Sitting or standing at their workstation in a classroom or learning space,
- There is a barrier in place,
- Eating or drinking.

This means that masks are expected in all common areas (hallways, washrooms, office, library, Learning Hub, and Aboriginal Education room.

3. Music Education: Students within the same cohort should be spaced as far as possible. In middle schools, masks should be worn when singing.

4. Physical Education:

Activities should be adapted wherever possible to reduce physical contact. There should be no activities that include prolonged physical contact or crowding. Physical education and extracurricular exercise and sport activities should occur outside whenever possible. High intensity exercise activities are those that result in significantly increased respiration rates.

If indoors and the activity is stationary, have students spaced 2 metres apart. If the activity involves movement, ensure there is ample space available to reduce the likelihood of physical contact beyond a brief moment.

Masks should be worn indoors by middle and secondary students during low-intensity indoor activities where physical distancing cannot be consistently practiced.

5. After school: Students are expected to leave the school grounds immediately, maintaining physical distance from other families and their children regardless of whether members of those other families are in your “social bubble” outside of school.

Morning Gathering Areas



Gathering Area	Class	Class
Rotary	4-2: Kingwell (Grade 4)	4-4: Cooper (Grade 4/5)
	5-1: Strachan (Grade 5)	5-4: Spensley (Grade 5/6)
	6-1: Shaw (Grade 6)	6-3: Woytowich (Grade 6)
Creek	5-2: Deruiter (Grade 5)	4-1: Neeve (Grade 4)
	4-3: McRae (Grade 4)	5-3: Turcon (Grade 5)
Servery	7-4: Morrison (Grade 7)	6-4: Armstrong (Grade 6/7)
133	6-2: Stang (Grade 6)	
Front	7-3: Bowes (Grade 7)	
	7-2: Sellars (Grade 7)	7-1: D'Etcheverrey (Grade 7)

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Grade 6 Intensive French Registration

If you have a child currently in Grade 5, you have the option to register your child in the Intensive French Program at McKim Middle School beginning September 2021, subject to space being available in the program. As the program is limited to 28 spaces, there is a lottery process established if more than 28 registration forms are received.

On March 8th, your child will see a demonstration intensive French lesson to see the kinds of activities that are done in class and students will have a chance to ask questions about the program.

There will be a parent Q & A meeting held on March 10th at 6:00pm where we can answer

any questions you may have about the program. Clint Dolgopol, Selkirk Secondary Principal will be also be present to answer any questions about how the program looks as students progress to high school.

Registration forms are due by noon on Wednesday, March 17. You may register online [Here](#) OR deliver the paper form to the District Administration Office in Invermere, fax it to the District Administration Office (250-342-6966) attn.: Robin Myers, or scan and email to robin.myers@sd6.bc.ca.

You will be notified whether or not your child was picked by lottery for the IF class before we leave for March Break.

Facebook

You are encouraged to follow our Facebook page to get regular updates for activities and events at McKim. We will be working to provide insight into the learning opportunities in classrooms, our school spirit events, and important updates as they come out.

Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/mckimschool>.

Website

More information is also available on our school website at:

[http://www.sd6.bc.ca/school/mms/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www.sd6.bc.ca/school/mms/Pages/default.aspx#/=)



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