



Principal's Message

Dear Families of McKim!

As we begin the New Year we remain focused on keeping students and staff as safe as possible while together in school. Frequent reminders to adhere to the COVID safety plan here at McKim will help us along this journey. We appreciate your continued support of the safety programming that has been set at the school.

We are working hard to build community within the restrictions. With the singing event in December and more school wide events to come, including a Fashion Show and a Dance Off, we are keeping the school spirit alive and well at McKim. We feel this is an important aspect to your child's education experience.

Thank you,

Brad Carrier
Principal, McKim Middle School

Calendar of Events

Jan. 4: Return to classes

Jan. 12: PAC Meeting

Jan. 15: Dress a Decade
Spirit Day

Jan 29: Cohort
Competition.
Wear Your Colour
Day

Drop Off Bin at Front Door

To keep our students and staff safe, we have a drop off bin at the front door for items your kids might need during the day. Simply put your child's name on the item, leave it in the box and our office staff will come and pick it up and deliver it to your child.

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Communication at McKim During COVID

Communication between school and home has been more challenging with COVID restrictions, but it is our goal to keep our families fully informed and engaged in the learning experiences that your child is involved with at McKim. We look forward to the time when we can have parents in the building on a more regular basis. In the meantime, it is our goal to empower our classroom teams (teacher and education assistant) as these staff have strong relationships with students. Parents are encouraged to be active participants in the communication process by emailing your child's classroom teacher or writing in your child's planner.

Each classroom team has a unique classroom culture and uses a variety of methods to communicate with parents. These include a combination of the following:

- Planner
- Email
- Portal or class website
- Text messaging
- Phone call
- Virtual meeting (via Teams)

You can expect general communication from your child's teacher regarding regular activities in the classroom, trips to the Nature Park, or special activities such as a movie. More personal communication may come from the classroom team for incomplete work, challenging behaviors, or instances when a student is unprepared for a field trip. Our learning services and office team may also contact parents to support students with learning or behavior needs.

Specific questions about activities or learning in the classroom should be directed to your child's teacher. You can find our staff directory on our school website at: [McKim Staff Directory](#)

January Events



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#/=)

French Fashion Show

Mme Stang's Grade 6 class will be undertaking a fashion show this month that will be broadcast to the entire school. McKim staff are making excellent use of technology to try to bring our school population together. A big thanks to Jackie Seward for her work on these video initiatives!

Internet Safety Series for Parents & Caregivers

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) is providing free registration to parents and

caregivers interested in attending an Internet Safety Series. This series is designed specifically for those with school age children and is offered by The White Hatter, who specialize in internet safety and digital literacy education. The live online presentations will be held at 7pm throughout January and February. For more information on specific topics and dates, and to register please contact Carol at CBAL. Tel / text (250) 687-4681 or email cfairhurst@cbal.org

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