

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well it certainly is wonderful to get kids outside more often at school. Just having bright sunshine brings smiles to many kids' faces. It should not be that simple but just the fresh air and sunshine certainly helps lighten the load for the students at McKim. Teachers are bringing students outside more often and school is beginning to feel more normal again. We are going to make it to the end of this

pandemic and look back and be thankful that we had very few interruptions at McKim Middle School. I look forward to planning the 2021-22 school year.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as changes come so frequently during this pandemic. On behalf of the staff at McKim, I have to say how fortunate we are to be learning and teaching with your children every day at school.

More information will be sent to you in June regarding school supplies as we will be implementing a new fee option to save you time shopping in August. If you have any suggestions or concerns please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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Calendar of Events

May 12: Early dismissal

May 13: Class photos

May 24: Victoria Day No
Classes Monday

May 26: School store is
open until this
date at: [Click here](#)

May 31 – June 6: Go By
Bike Week

June 8: PAC Meeting

2021 Pitch-In Week

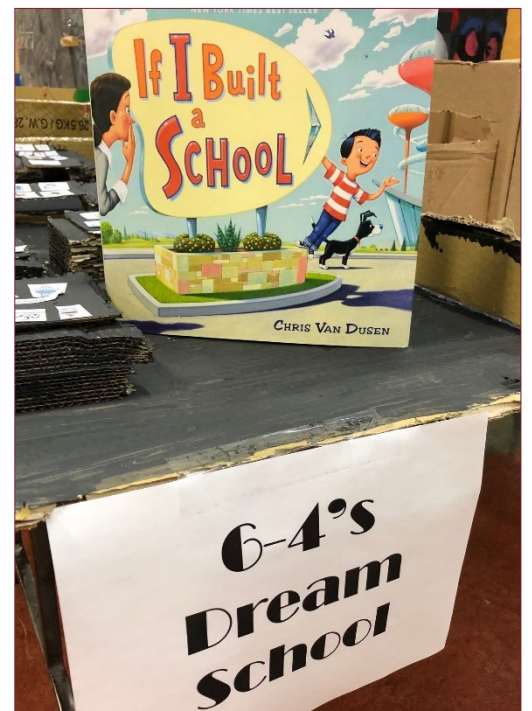
In collaboration with the City of Kimberley and Operation Clean Sweep, classes at McKim got out into the community near the school to clean up the garbage that has melted out of the snowbanks. Our Community Links Worker, Alana Frogley organized 11 classes to help with this initiative! Thank you to all of the classroom teams who helped clean up their areas!



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If I Built a School STEM Challenge

Ms. Armstrong's class read the book, "If I Built a School," by Chris Van Dusen to springboard this project. This Designing a School STEM Challenge gave students the opportunity to design and create their perfect school. Students learned technical drawing skills, including sketching techniques and manual drafting techniques. They had to identify how they were going to use recycled materials for the building process, and how they were going to use materials in ways that minimized waste. It was a fun team building activity, that got students thinking critically as they built their perfect school.



Outdoor Safety

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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5 STEPS FOR TICK SAFETY

1

AVOID

Avoid heavily wooded areas and brushing up against leaves and tall grasses. Hike in the center of trails.

2

PROTECT

Wear long clothing that covers the skin and light colored clothes that ticks are easily spotted against.

3

REPEL

Use a Center for Disease Control (CDC) approved insect repellent. Lemon Eucalyptus products are effective.

4

CHECK

Do a thorough check for ticks especially in easy to miss areas such as behind the knees, ears, hair. Follow up with a shower.

5

REMOVE

Remove ticks with tweezers close to skin. Dispose of the tick, such as flushing down toilet. Tumble clothes in hot dryer for 10 mins.

Tick Safety

As we start to get outside in our natural areas around town, this is a reminder to be mindful about the hazards posed by tick bites. Watch out for ticks in areas with grass and shrubs that are frequented by ungulates. Tuck in your socks, check your clothing and your pets to make sure you are not transporting ticks into your house.

Bike, Scooter and Skateboard Safety

It is great to see so many students travelling to and from school on their own, and we are delighted to see so many people wearing their helmets. This is a friendly reminder to walk your bike, scooter or skateboard on school property to avoid collisions and injuries.



Important COVID Reminders

Please ensure your child has an extra mask in their backpack when they come to school. The office is giving out a large number of masks each day and cannot keep up with the continued requests. We appreciate your attention to this to keep everyone safe through the end of the school year.

Fun fact: At McKim, office staff have given out 650 disposable masks since January that will end up in landfill.



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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Families receive \$800 per student/month to host students ages 13 to 18 for 5 or 10 months. Families need to provide meals and a furnished, private bedroom. RMISP follows federal and provincial COVID regulations to ensure safety of host families, students, and communities. For inquiries in Kimberley, Cranbrook, and the Elk Valley, please contact Ulli Murtagh at ulli.murtagh@sd6.bc.ca or 250-432-5904.

School Store

You can place your orders until May 26 for school orders. [Click here](#)

McKim Middle School Online Store Fan Wear 2021
Deadline: Wednesday May 26th, 2021 (11:59pm MDT)

Welcome to the McKim Middle School On-line Store.
ALL prices include Cresting. No exchanges or refunds.
On-line store is open until May 26, 2021. Completed orders will be delivered to the school for pickup on ~June 18.
Individual orders are compiled into one school order. In order to meet production deadlines, NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. All orders will be delivered to the school for distribution. Except those of you who decided to pick Home Delivery.
[How to Measure Guide](#)

Youth Apparel Browse by Category

- 1 Color**
Gildan Youth Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt \$30.10
- 2 Colors**
A/c Youth ES Active Baseball Youth Tee \$26.10
- 2 Colors**
Home of the 'Stangs - A/c™ Pro Team Short Sleeve Youth Tee \$29.95