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Newsletter



Principal's Message

Welcome Back Families of McKim! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful break. We are glad to have everyone back for the final three months of the 2020-2021 school year.

We continue to thank you for your efforts in changing your morning drop off routine. We have noticed a much safer environment for our students in the past month.

As we gear up for the final three months of the school year, we will put our focus on preparing Grade 7 students for a successful transition to Selkirk for their high school experience. We will also start meeting with Marysville and Lindsay

Park Elementary Schools to prepare them for Grade 4 at McKim.

We will patiently watch the provincial guidelines and hope for a safer environment for everyone with the warmer weather ahead. Please remind your children to continue to be patient and follow the guidelines set out by the British Columbia Provincial Health Office.

Again, we are excited to welcome you back into the school and look forward to the last three months of the 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you,

Brad Carrier
Principal, McKim Middle School

Calendar of Events

Apr 6: Return to classes

Apr 20: PAC Meeting at
6:30pm

Apr 26: Non-Instructional
Day for Pro-D (No
Classes)

Apr 30: Dance Off Event

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Updated COVID Response Plan

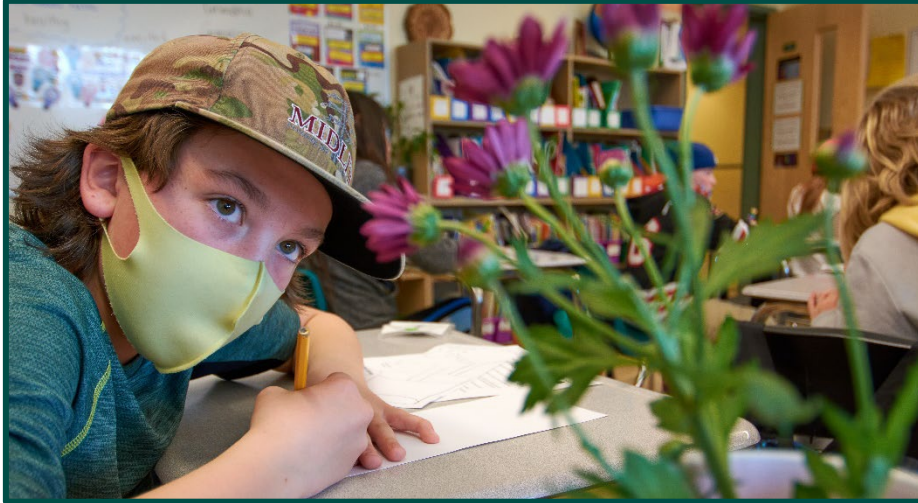
The Provincial Health Office recently updated the [BC COVID 19 Response Plan](#) to include additional [province wide restrictions](#). The Ministry of Education has also updated the [Safe Return to School Plans](#) with the latest information. The primary upgrade for Education is focused on Mask Protocols.

Students will now be required to wear masks at all times when indoors, unless they are eating or drinking or the activity or situation falls within the “exceptions” area in mask protocols. Students will be able to remove their masks while outside. As the weather improves, teachers will continue to look for opportunities to move their classes outside. One thing to note, the BCCDC language says “should” and the Ministry guidance says “require”. You will also note the BCCDC addendum is time limited and aligns with the recent “circuit breaker” orders Dr. Henry provided. The Ministry will continue to work with Public Health up to and after April 19th, and determine if further changes are required for health and safety reasons.

Over the next three weeks, we need to be vigilant in ensuring that all COVID protocols are being followed in schools. The number one reminder is to make sure you are doing the daily health check and if your child is not feeling well, please keep them home from school. All protocols from prior to the break will remain in effect until further notice with updated mask protocols.

The last mile always feels like the longest. To date we have been very effective in keeping COVID 19 out of our schools and we all need to stay strong just a little bit longer. We continue to appreciate your ongoing support in keeping our school community as safe as possible.

Learning at McKim



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#/=)

A Rich Learning Environment

McKim School provides a rich learning environment, with engaging and interesting projects and activities happening on a daily basis in classes school-wide. This is an exciting place to learn! The next pages highlight a few of these activities as captured the week before March Break.

School-Wide Rewards for Positive Behavior

McKim continues to focus on positive behaviors, with a focus on self-discipline before and after March Break. There are many excellent behaviors observed in our classrooms and around the school. Thank you to all of the students and staff who make our learning community so positive!

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