

Here's to 2019-2020!

**WELCOME BACK!**  
**SEPTEMBER 2019**



**McKim School**

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

Stacy DeCosse - Principal

## **WELCOME TO MCKIM SCHOOL**

We are so excited to see everyone back after summer break. Welcome to the grade 4's and all the new students!

We have had several renovations over the summer. We have a new library in the foyer area, two additional classrooms upstairs, new staff washrooms and some modifications to the change rooms in the gym. Feel free to walk around and take a look next time you're at the school. Just sign in at the office first please.

See you around!

Stacy DeCosse  
Principal  
250-427-2283

A few things...

### Communication

Please remember that we are all here to work together for the best outcome of your child. If you have concerns please let us know. If you do have a concern, the first call you need to make is to your child's teacher. They work most closely with your child and will be the best resource for you. Either the teacher or the parent are welcome to ask Stacy and Brad to assist in conflict resolution or support after that.

### Planners

Thank you to PAC for paying for our school planner this year! WOW! Very generous. Watch for planners coming home and use them back and forth to communicate between school and home. Please look at the front of the planner to read the code of conduct and school information and expectations.

FIRST DAY OF  
SCHOOL.....

September  
3rd, 2019

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Child Abuse  
Reporting Pro-  
tocol Training  
Sept 26th  
5:45pm

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Open House  
Sept. 26th  
6-7pm

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Pac Meeting  
Sept 26th. 7pm

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Terry Fox Run  
Sept 26th  
11-12pm

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Orange Shirt



### School Supplies

Attached is a school supply list (last page of news letter) for all grades at McKim. Some teachers will request specific supplies once they have their class together. For example, some teachers use scrap books and others don't so we didn't want everyone to buy one but only have a few classes use them. Please re-use any supplies you have at home! Not everything needs to be new.. Feel free to be as penny wise as you can. If you need support with purchasing supplies please call or email Stacy at [stacy.decosse@sd6.bc.ca](mailto:stacy.decosse@sd6.bc.ca) or 250-342-1455 (cell).

### School Clothing

PAC has generously offered to organize and subsidize "Spirit Wear" again this year. Look for order forms for T-shirts and Hoodies, to come soon.

### Criminal Record Check/ Child Abuse Reporting Training

At various times through out the school year we will be needing parent help. If you are interested in helping out with field trips, reading with students or other activities, the School District requires a current, clear **RCMP Criminal Record Check**. You can pick up a form from school and once filled out you need to take it to the RCMP station with your driver's license. There is no charge for this check but processing times vary, so please don't leave it until the last minute before a field trip to get it done. Criminal Record Checks are valid for five years, so if you have done this for another school in our district please let us know and we can get a copy from them. *Child Abuse Reporting Protocol* training is a 20 minute session required for anyone who wishes to volunteer in schools.

CARP Training on Sept.26th at 5:45pm

### Open house

September 26th 6-7pm.

Please come and get a tour of your child's classroom and meet their teacher. This is not a parent/teacher interview but a casual way to put a name to a face with teachers and parents. See you then!

### PAC

Welcome to a new school year!

The next PAC meeting is September 26th at 7pm, right after the open house, please stick around for a quick meeting to kick off the year. PAC is responsible for projects around the school, we would love to share what we do. There is not a big time commitment, we mostly like to hear your input and vote for the funding allocation.

### Child Abuse Reporting Protocol (CARP)

EVERY Parent or Guardian who wishes to volunteer at ANY point in the year NEEDS to do this training. It needs to be redone every school year. The first session offered is just prior to the Open House on Thursday September 26th, 2019 at 5:45pm.

### Lunch Hour / Playground Expectations

Students are expected to go outside at break times for fresh air and exercise. They need to be dressed appropriately for the weather. Students come in as soon as they hear the bell/whistle. If students are inside during lunch or recess they will be directly supervised by an adult. Our goal is to have an inclusive, happy, active playground.

- ◆ Students are expected to look after themselves, each other and this place.
- ◆ Be a good sport, include others, strive to solve problems peacefully
- ◆ Students are expected to stay on school grounds. Permission from parents is required before leaving school property.
- ◆ Cell phones and electronic devices are not to be used during recess including personal music players and video games.
- ◆ Skateboards, bikes, etc. should not be ridden on school property at any time of day.

Supervision and safety are important at lunch time. We want children to engage in play that is safe and inclusive when outside. We want children to eat healthy foods in a safe environment. We have 8 lunch hour supervisors who supervise children at lunch but we need the students to behave in responsible and safe ways to ensure everyone has a positive lunch time. We encourage kids to eat all of their lunch to help set them up for success for the afternoon of learning. We discourage juice boxes due to messy recycling. Water is the best beverage for kids at school; it hydrates them yet has no sugar that makes sustaining attention in the afternoon difficult.

- ◆ From 12:00 – 12:30 students will be outside following playground expectations unless supervised by an adult in a club or other activity.
- ◆ Between 12:30 and 12:50 students should be in their own classroom eating lunch. Students are expected to remain seated in a chair during lunchtime.
- ◆ Students are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch and snacks. Students are encouraged to have bottles for drinking water in class. Juice and pop is discouraged due to potential messes with spills and sugar content.
- ◆ Talking should be quiet and overall classroom noise should be minimal.
- ◆ When the bell rings at 12:50, desks should be cleaned off, items put in the garbage, compost or recycling bins.
- ◆ **MICROWAVES: unfortunately we will not have any.**

**Please remember that McKim is a NUT AWARE school - Please do not send food with nuts to school**

### Kids Plus Accident Insurance

Our school board is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities. Information and enrolment forms are available in the office.

### Brkfst/Lunch Program

We have a breakfast club that all students are welcome to attend for toast or cereal in the morning before class begins. If your child does not have a lunch for any reason, they can let us know in the morning and at first recess kids meet with a supervisor to make a bag lunch consisting of a sandwich and fruit. Thank you to all our community and parent donors who help us with cash and food donations.

### School Bus registration

Bus drivers have handed out forms to the students. If your student did not get one, please ask your bus driver. Please return completed forms back to your bus driver asap.

### Parking and Student Drop off

For those parents dropping off their children at school we ask that you please use the parking lot **and pull into an actual parking space**. This will allow other parents and buses to turn off Rotary Drive into the parking lot and minimize the risk of accidents. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep all our students safe. Please do not park in the **YELLOW ZONE** near the crosswalk on Rotary Drive.

### Head Lice

Every year there are several cases of lice in the community. In accordance with School District Policy there will be no lice checks in school. If we suspect a student has lice, parents will be notified. Please check your children regularly. For more information call the school or go to [www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca). Remind your children not to share head gear, combs and brushes, etc.

MICROWAVES....because we know you are all curious!

### No more microwaves

Unfortunately we will no longer be able to offer microwaves for students at McKim. With the additional classrooms and library, we no longer have a space that fits district practice (microwaves cannot be in classrooms), nor do we have the wiring to support several microwaves in one spot. Sorry for any inconvenience.



## MCKIM STAFF 2019-2020

Stacy DeCosse—Principal  
Brad Carrier—Vice Principal

### **Secretaries:**

Gwen Zanini, Hannah Hollister

### **Gr. 4**

Bill Sutherland

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Jessica Howard

Jessica Champigny

Jenny Choy

Donnelle Olafson

Shannon Duffly

Monica Abbey

Amber Anderson

Penny Flagel

Diana Weist

Chelsey Tierney

Chris Morris

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### **Ab Ed workers**

Jacinta Marina

Kiki Jarvis

### **Itinerant staff:**

Denise Stephenson - counsellor, Genesta

Boroski - Community link worker, Jamie

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or Hearing

### **Custodians:**

Jo Ann Lesosky , Krista Smith, Kim Balcom



# Collaboration

SD6 is a research-based,  
collaborative learning community



Our teaching and learning is guided by these principles

## FIRST PEOPLES PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING

Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors.

Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).

Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.

Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.

Learning recognizes the role of Indigenous knowledge.

Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story.

Learning involves patience and time.

Learning requires exploration of one's identity.

Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situations.



For First Peoples  
classroom resources  
visit [www.fnsc.ca](http://www.fnsc.ca)



<http://www.fnsc.ca/learningfirstpeoples/>

<http://www.oecd.org/education/ceri/50300814.pdf>

## The OECD 7 Principles of Learning

1

Learners at the centre

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The social nature of learning

3

Emotions are integral to learning

4

Recognising individual differences

5

Stretching all students

6

Assessment for learning

7

Building horizontal connections

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labour Day	3 Classes begin 8:40 Early dismissal	4 Welcome Assembly 9:30am	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Terry Fox Run 11am CARP 5:45pm Open House 6Pm PAC 7pm	27	28
29	30 Orange Shirt Day					

# McKim Supply List

2019-2020

1" Binder - 2  
Lined Loose Leaf Paper -1 pkg  
Binder Divider - 1 pkg  
Ruler - 1 x 30cm plastic  
Erasers - 1 pkg  
Glue Sticks - 2  
High lighters - 2 (any colour)  
Scissors - 1 pr.  
Pencils - 1 x HB 12 pack  
Pencil sharpener  
Pencil Crayons - 1 pkg  
Felt tipped markers - 1 pkg  
White Board markers -1 Black , 1 Blue (not fine tipped)  
Fine tipped Sharpie - 1  
Ball point pen - 1 blue, 1 red ( grades 5-7)  
Pencil Case or box - 1 (with name on it)  
Water bottle - 1 (with name on it)  
Tissue Boxes - 2  
Inside Shoes - (That won't leave black marks)

**Please feel free to re-use any supplies you might have at home.**

\*Individual teachers may request specific items in September.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call **Stacy Decosse**  
at **427-2283**.