



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It seems like a long time has passed since we were preparing to come back to school this year. We feel so fortunate to be learning in the same building with your children. The students and staff have become accustomed to the new safety procedures in place for us to be in school. Thank you for your support as we make the required adjustments.

School startup has been extremely busy this year, with the new practices and a new admin team. Dan Clark joins the team as Vice Principal after teaching at Kimberley Alternate School for

fifteen years. We welcome Dan's wealth of experience and knowledge with outdoor learning and teaching with technology. I am enjoying my transition from VP to Principal of McKim.

We want to improve the communication to homes, and we thank you for being patient while we implement an improved communication strategy to share news and events with you. You are receiving our first revamped monthly newsletter, and we are working to provide more updates to our website. We have also introduced a Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/mckimschool>.

We plan to have many events for students this year that follow our COVID protocols, but we have implemented a slow introduction of these to ensure our school success with our core role – teaching and learning in our classrooms. Check the events list for more details on this.

If you have any questions please contact me via email or phone.

Have a great day!

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# Calendar of Events

**Nov. 3:** PAC Meeting in the theatre at 6:30pm

**Nov. 10:** Remembrance Day Ceremony

**Nov. 11:** Remembrance Day – No Classes

**Nov. 16-20:** Metis Week

**Nov. 27:** Crazy Hair Day

**Dec. 11:** Winter Sing-Off Video Presentations

**Dec. 14:** Term 1 Reports Sent Home

**Dec. 18:** Classroom Door Decorating Competition Judging

**Dec. 18:** Pajama Day

**Dec. 21-Jan. 1:** Christmas Break

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# COVID Reminders

1. **Be absent:** We all try to avoid absences, but there are times when it is important. If you are not feeling well with any cold or flu-like symptoms, it is best to stay home.
2. **Hand hygiene is critical:** Even before COVID-19, studies had shown that regular hand hygiene in schools can decrease absenteeism due to illness by about 40%! Staff and children should wash their hands often, or use hand sanitizer if hand washing is not immediately available.
3. **Space Out:** In order to protect students from transmitting illnesses, spacing out refers to physical spacing. A person can become infected by spending time within 6 feet of an infected person.
4. **Wear a mask if you can tolerate one:** We encourage all students and staff to wear masks in common areas of the school, or when physical distancing is not possible.



# Events at McKim



## Halloween

This is one of the favorite events for students at McKim. This year, significant thought went into how staff could create a similar experience to past years while maintaining COVID protocols. Staff organized a Halloween parade in the field, where classes were separated and could walk passed other classes while maintaining lots of space outside. Despite steady rain during the parade, there was a lot of excitement and cheering!

## Remembrance Day

In the next few weeks, staff are working on planning Remembrance Day ceremonies for all classes using a combination of technology and a limited number of students in the theatre.

## Kindness Challenge

Starting in mid-November, McKim staff are going to lead a variety of kindness initiatives to help students' social-emotional development.

# 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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