



McCloskey Elementary School

# MCCLOSKEY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Issue 2



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October 5, 2018

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Monday, October 8	Thanksgiving Day (school not in session)
Wednesday, October 10	Parent Teacher Conferences (Students dismissed at 2:00 pm)
	Book Fair (2-6pm) in the Library
Thursday, October 11	Parent Teacher Conferences (Students dismissed at 2:00 pm)
	Book Fair (2-6pm) in the Library
Monday, October 15	YoBro/YoGirl (3-5pm) in the Gym
Tuesday, October 16 - Thursday, October 18	Gr. 7 camp
Thursday, October 18	Gr. 6 Immunizations
Friday, October 19	Provincial Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
Monday, October 22	Curriculum Implementation Day (school not in session)
Tuesday, October 23 - Nov. 5	Tennis lessons in Gym (grades 1-7)
Thursday, October 25	Hot Lunch (Ming and Sing)
Thursday, October 25	PAC meeting @ 3:05pm in Library
Monday, October 29	YoBro/YoGirl (3-5pm) in Gym
Wednesday, October 31	Halloween Parade (1:15pm in Gym)
	
Monday, November 5	YoBro/YoGirl (3-5pm) in Gym
Tuesday, November 6	Photo retakes (9am)
Friday, November 9	Remembrance Day assembly (10:30am)
Monday, November 12	School closed (Remembrance Day stat)
Monday, November 19	YoBro/YoGirl (3-5pm) in Gym
Thursday, November 22	Hot Lunch day
Friday, November 23	Pro D Day (no classes)
Monday, November 26	YoBro/YoGirl (3-5pm) in Gym

## Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving 2018 is on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving Day is all about togetherness, love and expressing our sincerest gratitude to the people who love and care for us and to those who have helped us in some way. On behalf of the staff at McCloskey, we wish our students and their families a relaxing Thanksgiving long weekend.



**PLEASE READ:  
IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**

### Updating Parent Connect

Please login to your Parent Connect account, review the Permission Forms and select the appropriate response to each form. If you have more than one child at the school, you must select a response for each child.

The following forms have been posted on Parent Connect for you to review and authorize:

- Google Apps for Education
- Family Demographic Information
- Fruit and Vegetable Program Permission
- Outside Media in Schools
- Personal Information Consent Form (PIC)
- Emergency Release Information
- Walking Field Trip Permission

The school district requires completion of these forms annually. Failure to respond will automatically be designated as a NO for the listed items.

**IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS REVIEW AND RESPOND TO THESE FORMS BY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>. Please complete ASAP!**

To access Parent Connect, go to

<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>

- You can now logon with your email address.

- If you forgot your password or you are logging on for the first time, click on the Forgot my Password button and if you have an email address on file the system will email you your password.

- Your pop up blockers must be turned off for Parent Connect to work properly. Instructions on removing pop up blockers can be found on the Parent Connect login screen.

- If you do not have an email address on file please contact Mrs. Neidig at the school office (604-596-9554) to provide an email address for our records, or for more information on how to log onto Parent Connect without an email address.

## Early Dismissals for Parent-Teacher Conferences Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup>



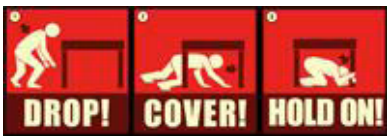
All students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. These conferences provide parents and teachers with an opportunity to discuss your child. As this is the first formal interview of the school year, **teachers are interested to hear about your child from you**, their parents. We are expecting all parents to attend these conferences as they are important and will help us to establish a good working relationship with parents.

**The process for booking appointments will be on-line through Parent Connect. You do not call in for an appointment.** Instructions have been sent home this week. The link found on Parent Connect is now **active** until noon on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Book early to avoid disappointment!

We want to connect with you.

Each year we are required to have three formal report cards (Dec., March and June) as well as two informal reports to parents. These interviews are considered an informal report. If you are not able to come in on either of these dates, we ask that you contact the teacher(s) and set another appointment time or conduct your interview on the phone at a mutually agreed upon time



### Emergency Preparedness

This month we will be focusing some of our attention on our school's Emergency Preparedness plans. This will include a fire drill and an Earthquake drill. We will **ONLY** be including the classroom portion of the Earthquake drill, which includes being aware of and checking for hazards around the room. The drop-cover-hold drill will be explained to the students and practiced as well. We are required to have three Earthquake drills each year. Later in the school year (likely in May) we will extend the drill to include a full student release. In the event of an emergency, a full scale Emergency Release protocol is in place. Parents are asked to bring ID and wait as we record the name of the parent picking up. If someone other than a parent comes to pick up a child, they must be on the Emergency Release section of Parent Connect. They will need to wait in line at a central release station, show ID, and then the child will be released to them. It is very important that all parents review the information currently on Parent Connect for each of their children. Please note that that your Emergency Contact is not the same as a designated Emergency Release.



## Lost and Found

It is very important that all of your child's belongings (jackets, gym clothes, boots, shoes, etc.) be labelled with their name. We will make every effort to check for this before placing items in our Lost and Found area. Our Lost and Found is located in the hallway by the gym. If your child is missing something, please come have a look!

## Halloween Costumes

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, students are invited to wear costumes. All students need to remember a couple of guidelines for school costumes. These are: **no replica weapons** may be brought to school even if they are part of a costume and please ensure that your child's costume is **appropriate for regular classroom work (not too revealing, no masks in class)**. Try to keep it simple and save elaborate costumes for the evening activities. Please **label all parts** of your child's costume. The costume parade will be starting at 1:15pm. Students will "follow the leader" around the hallways and come through the Gym as well. Parents may come to the Gym to watch the parade.

# HALLOWEEN PARADE

## McCloskey Website and blog

Parent newsletters will be posted on the McCloskey's Web Page (<http://mc.deltasd.bc.ca>).



Yours truly,

Mrs. B. Nelmes  
Principal

Mrs. B. Bryan  
Vice Principal



### MISSION STATEMENT

*At McCloskey we are dedicated to providing a positive, safe, and caring learning environment which encourages high standards, mutual respect, and personal responsibility. With school, home and community working together we encourage all students*  
**TO ACHIEVE THEIR PERSONAL BEST**  
*in acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to become productive citizens.*

Do you have any Feedback/Questions/ Concerns? You can call us at the school or email us... [bnelmes@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:bnelmes@deltasd.bc.ca) or [bbryan@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:bbryan@deltasd.bc.ca)