



McCloskey Elementary School

MCCLOSKEY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember



December 2-10	Happy Hanukkah!
Monday, December 3, 10 & 17	YoBro/YoGirl (3-5pm) in Gym
Thursday, December 6	Hot Lunch
Wednesday, December 12	Term 1 CSL reports sent home
Tuesday, December 18	Early Dismissal (2pm) for P/T conferences - by request
Wednesday, December 19	Christmas concerts (afternoon and evening)
Friday, December 21	Final day of classes before Winter Break
December 22 - January 6	School closed for Winter Break
Monday, January 7	Schools re-open
Thursday, January 10	PAC meeting 7pm
Thursday, January 24	Gr. 7 Parent Night at North Delta Secondary (in the theatre) at 7pm
Friday, January 25	Professional Dev. Day (no classes)

K-3 Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 19th (Afternoon and Evening performances)

Mr. Teng continues to work with our McCloskey Choir as well as students from Kindergarten to grade 3. They are preparing to entertain us with a concert. Parents and guests are invited to attend. The afternoon start time is 1:30pm; the evening start time is 6:30 pm. For the evening concert, students need to arrive (to their outside classroom doors) by 6:00 pm. Parents and visitors will enter the gym via the outside doors.



Term 1 Report Cards coming home Dec. 12th

Parents, please watch for your child's First Term report card next Wednesday. Teachers have been working to provide all parents with this important communication of your child's learning. If your child's report card does not make its way home, please contact the classroom teacher. AIP (Annual Instructional Plan) and IEP (Individual Instructional Plan) comments will be included in report card envelopes for some students. The Learning Support Teachers or Mainstream Support teacher have prepared these reports. Supportive parental involvement and a strong home school connection is known to help foster student success.

Report Card envelopes must be signed and returned to the classroom teacher as soon as possible, no later than Dec. 21st. These envelopes are used again for second and third term reports.

Reminders for Parents:

- Please make every effort to get your child to school on time. We have had an increasing number of students arriving late. This means they are missing important learning time and checking on lates creates added time to our attendance process for the classroom teacher and office staff.
- Parents who drop off lunches or other items, please bring them inside to the table nearest the front door. Students should not be running out to your car to collect their items. Remember not to park your vehicle in front of the school. Stop in the round a bout if it is a quick drop off. Otherwise, please park on the street and walk in.
- Many of our younger students have managed to get extra wet or muddy during outside play. If possible, please send your child with a change of clothes and dry shoes to keep at school. This will prevent you from getting a call mid-day to bring dry clothing!



Cars, Snow and Children Don't Mix!

We would like to encourage parents and students to plan ahead for snow conditions and avoid bringing their vehicle into the school zone when conditions are hazardous. Assume that it takes time for Municipal Crews and School District staff to clear roadways and walkways.

What Can You Do To Help?

1. Arrange all the snow gear you need to walk to school the night before.
2. Plan to leave early as walking in the snow can take a little longer.
3. If you must drive, consider walking partway to avoid bringing vehicles on slippery roads in proximity to pedestrians. Park safely a few blocks away and follow the designated walking routes.
4. If you must bring a vehicle right to the school please try to come before 8:35 a.m. and then remove your vehicle from the school zone before the majority of pedestrians are in the area.

If you are running late or having trouble because roads are not clear yet or safe to travel we ask you to remember safety of all and not to rush and risk your safety and that of others. **Thanks for keeping the kids safe!**

Emergency Snow Closure

In the event of a heavy snowfall or violent wind storms, the Superintendent of schools may close or delay the start time for some Delta schools to ensure the safety and health of students and staff. Staff, students and parents should assume that schools will be open unless an announcement is made via radio, TV, or the District website. Please DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL to check on school closure information. Our **phone lines should be open for emergencies and to allow parents to phone and report student absences.**

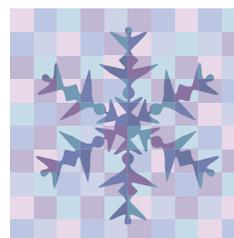
Should it become necessary to close schools or delay openings, a decision will be made as early as possible, but no later than 7:00 am on that day. District-wide school closures or delayed openings will be posted on the District website (<http://web.deltasd.bc.ca>), a notice recorded on the main District telephone number (604-946-4101), and announcements made via the following media outlets:

Radio Stations

CBC AM 690
CKNW AM
News AM 1130
CHQM-FM 103.5

TV Stations

CTV BC
980 CBC
City TV
Global BC



Let it Snow, Let it Snow...

Many of our students enjoy the snowy days and even though it does make getting to work/school more challenging, it is rather exciting! In preparation for even more snowy weather, we will be speaking with the students about the policy of the school regarding student behaviour and snow. Here is a point-form summary of expectations regarding the white stuff and a few explanations:



- ✓ Snow is exciting and should be fun for all;
- ✓ Any and all snow-play activities are acceptable except for those that endanger the fun and safety of other students;
- ✓ When sledding - only "soft" sleds are allowed and riders may not stand, but must remain seated, feet first.
- ✓ Unacceptable snow-play activities include throwing snow or ice, face washing and stuffing snow into the clothing of other students.



The consequence for students engaging in unacceptable snow-play activities on the school grounds is simple - they may be barred from playing outside for 15 minutes before and after school and during recess and lunch until the snow melts.

My response to students who ask, "Why aren't we allowed throwing snowballs?" is that we don't allow students to throw any item at other people on the school grounds

because it may injure them. Snowballs are not an exception.

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 back hall by the gym. If your child is missing something, please come have a look!



We will be bagging up everything that is left on December 20th. It will be donated when we return to school the first week of January.

Here is note from Aziza (Division 3).



This year, our school got the chance to learn tennis. The program was lots of fun: I think this was great because we got a chance to learn a new sport. In the beginning of the program, I didn't really like tennis but by the end of the program, I really loved tennis and I think that it's a great sport to play! If we didn't get this chance to learn tennis, I probably wouldn't have learned to play the sport. The program was lots of fun and I really hope that we get the chance to have another program in the future!

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children in learning this life-long sport. We hope to offer it again next school year. Tennis XL is a great organization to work with and the quality of the instructors is always high.

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 or bbryan@deltasd.bc.ca