



McLeod Road Traditional School

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McLeod Road Newsletter #2 – September 13, 2021

Hello Families,

The first week of school was very smooth and students have settled into their new classrooms. Thank you for encouraging your children to ensure a positive return to classes!

As you may have noticed, I have changed the format of our parent newsletters for now. Newsletters will be going out once a month. However, there will be emails sent for other items as needed throughout the month as well. This will also all be posted on our website as well.

Some of you may also have noticed the Mrs. Peckinpaugh is not here! I am sad to inform you that Mrs. Peckinpaugh has moved to another school. She will definitely be missed and we wish her all the best!

New Staff:

We have some new staff at MRT this year. Please join me in welcoming:

Trixie Cadd (Ms. Trixie) who will be our new Head Secretary until October 1st at which time our permanent posting will close and we will have someone for the rest of the year.

Mrs. Harneet Brar, who is our new Teacher Librarian.
Mr. Lee McDonough, who is our new Band Teacher.
Ms. Sarah Brown, who is our new French Teacher.
Mrs. Bhupinder Dhaliwal, one of our new Education Assistants.
Mrs. Jazz Soni, one of our new Education Assistants.
Mrs. Aneesha Gill, one of our new Education Assistants.
Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur, one of our new Education Assistants.
Ms. Raveena Kang, our new Integration Support Teacher.
Mrs. Esh Sandhu, our additional Learner Support Team Teacher.

Medical Alerts:

If your child has any medical alerts, such as allergies, etc., please pick up a relevant form from the office. This form is to be filled out every year.

Student Lunches:

Please ensure that your child has everything they need for their lunch. We will not be handing out any disposable cutlery anymore. Please note that lunches cannot be dropped off anymore and we will continue with this policy from now on.

Orange Day / Statutory Holiday for Truth and Reconciliation:

Please note that **September 30th**, is now a statutory holiday and school is closed this day. MRT will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day on Wednesday, September 29th. Students are encouraged to wear orange on this day. If students are not participating, they are required to continue wearing their uniform.

Also attached to this email is an order form for Orange shirts. Please return the order form with the payment (either cash or cheque) to your classroom teacher by this Friday, Sept. 17th.

Coming Home this Week:

Later this week, your children will come home with a few forms that need to be signed and returned. Please ensure that you look at them carefully and return them back as soon as possible.

Dates for the Calendar:

September 22	Meet the Teacher (more info to come)
September 27	Voting Station in MRT gym
September 28	Orange Day
September 30	Statutory Holiday (Truth and Reconciliation)
October 1	Terry Fox Run at MRT

Bell Schedule

8:25	First bell
8:30	Morning instructional session starts
10:15	Recess
10:30	Instruction continues
11:45-12:00	Lunch (students eat lunch in classrooms)
12:00-12:25	Students play outside
12:30	Afternoon instructional session starts
2:30	Dismissal

Please ensure that your child is at school, on time, **before 8:25 am.**

Important Health and Safety Procedures and Routines – COVID-19 Related:

- **Parents and caregivers are responsible to assess their children each day before going to school.** If your child is experiencing symptoms of common cold, influenza, Covid-19, or other infectious respiratory disease, **please keep your child home until there has been an assessment by a health care provider AND the symptoms have resolved.**

- Access to our building will be limited to students and staff unless arrangements have been made through the office. Please call the office if you need to make an appointment.
- Please send your child to school with all items needed for the day. No items or lunches should be dropped off at the office during the school day. (students bring mask, full water bottle, backpack, and lunch and snacks every day)
- Physical contact will continue to be discouraged, as we must all respect others' personal space.
- Regular and frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing will be occurring.
- Reduced hallway traffic with directional arrows are in place.
- Masks are mandatory inside for all staff and students in Grades 4-7. Masks are strongly encouraged for K-3 students.
- Daily cleaning and disinfecting will occur.
- No sharing of food of any kind.
- Ensure your child arrives to school on time each day, and **limit early pick up times.**

Please do not hesitate to call the school should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ms. Reena Chohan
Principal