

# McNeely Bulletin

Always remember at McNeely, we care about each other, we care about ourselves and we care about this place.



## Our “Cohort Games”

Last Friday, with planning from Ms. Clark and help from all of our staff, we had a COVID-Friendly “Sports Day”. The classes moved around in their cohorts and hands and equipment were sanitized each time before moving to the next station. Thanks to the PAC who provided a popsicle break for all students. It was a fun morning for the students and, given the year we have had, it was a great way to celebrate by being able to do something fun. Please find a couple more photos on page 2.

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### OUR LAST BULLETIN

Please come back for more updates next year. In the meantime you can check our website.

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### SUMMER IDEAS

Have a Safe and Restful Summer. Here is a link from the District for some activities.

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### RETURN TO SCHOOL

The First Day of School is Tuesday, September 7th. It is only for 1 hour and goes from 8:45-9:45.

### 1 McNeely Website and Phone Number

The School office will be open again August 30th.

604-668-6250

[https://](https://mcneely.sd38.bc.ca/)

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### 2 Summer Activity Ideas

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### 3 Important Dates



**September 7th- First day back to school**

**Meet the Teacher- September 23rd**

## Wishing These Staff Members All The Best At Their New Schools

It is with gratitude that we say goodbye to a couple of staff members who have been with us this year but who will be moving on to new locations in September.

**Ms. Bethany Douglas** has been with us for the past year and a half working in Division 12 and teaching our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. Ms. Douglas' smile and enthusiasm have brought joy to many of our primary students and we wish her luck at Ferris Elementary where she will be taking a K/1 job there next year.

**Ms. Kelly Wong** has been teaching in Division 11 this year as part of the job share with Mrs. Chan teaching grade 1 and 2. We know that the students in Div. 11 are going to miss her artistic talents and creative ideas. Additionally, Ms. Wong has worked in many other divisions at McNeely this year as our "go to" Teacher on call. We thank her for her flexibility and ability to adapt to all the different teaching environments she has worked in.

**Ms. Ritu Tara** is one of our educational assistants. Ms. Tara has worked to support several different students at the school since being hired midway through the school year. Ms. Tara has taken a posting at Dixon Elementary; we wish her all the best.

## Summer Technology - How to Take a Break From A Screen- Outdoors?

Overuse of technology this summer could be a problem that many of us may have to deal with. A good way to avoid this is by setting some strong boundaries in your home right as the summer starts. Children may think they "need" time on a device, but how much time is spent using a screen each day is something that should be determined by the parents. When the summer "duldrums" hit, students may say something like, "I'm bored"... Here is an interesting acronym for "bored" that may help you out if your child mentions being "Bored" to you.

Ask them, "have you \_\_\_\_\_"

- B** – Been creative?
- O** – Outside to play?
- R** – Read a book today?
- E** – Exercised for 30 minutes?
- D** – Done something helpful around the house?

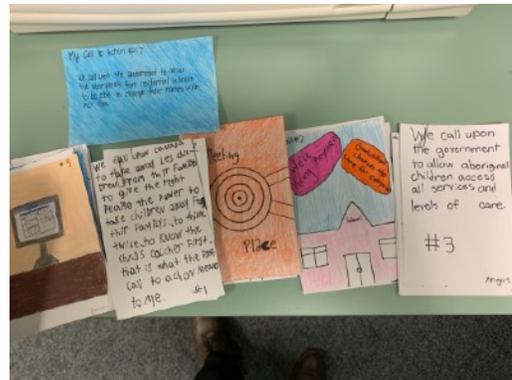
Here are 5 tips to consider if you are hoping to limit tech time this summer.

- 1. Create tech-free times.** If left to their own devices, kids will pick up their cell phone as soon as school is out and not put it away until bedtime. Find at least one or two opportunities during the day—at the dinner table, for example—for everyone to disconnect. Mealtime is a prime opportunity for conversation. Make a commitment and have everyone check their devices at the kitchen door.
- 2. Resist overreliance on technology to pacify boredom.** Many parents worry that technology keeps their child entertained. The best opportunities for conversation and learning are often found in everyday situations, such as running errands, long car trips, and being outside.
- 3. Don't overestimate the value of educational apps.** Children learn best simply through talking, playing, and reading. Technology is not the best way to teach, though it can reinforce and allow them to practice skills under development.
- 4. Set daily time limits.** The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends two hours or less of screen time each day. You should make adjustments according to your family's values, schedule, children's ages, and children's individual needs.
- 5. Be consistent in enforcing the parameters you set for tech use.** I know how easy it is to set limitations and then relax or completely forget what I said. Consistency is the key to compliance.

Reference: <https://outsidetheboxmom.com/>

## Coming in September

Due to unexpected circumstances, our school wide project in honour of the students found at the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc residential school, our project involving putting the 94 calls to action into student-friendly language has been delayed. Classes learned about what happened and cards were created. We are looking forward to featuring this part of our learning when we return in September and we will be able to give it the attention it deserves, leading up to Orange Shirt Day on September 30th.



## To Our Grade 7 Students; Thank You!

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Whether it was as a “big buddy” or reading a book to a kindergarten student in the hallway, our grade 7 students have always been great role models for the younger students at McNeely. This year, we were unable to do a final ceremony in the gym, but we were grateful to have the opportunity to have their families come and take photos and receive a memento of thanks from their teachers on Thursday. On Friday, the grade 7 students were able to watch their grade 7 movie featuring their baby photos and enjoy a pizza lunch with their classmates. We wish you all the best of luck in high school, whether that is at Cambie Secondary, or elsewhere.

May this group of future graduates (2026!) enjoy success in their high school careers.

And Don't Forget; Once a Mustang, Always A Mustang...



### Looking for the School Slideshow Year-End Video?

This will be coming out on Monday via email. Thank you for your patience.

### Lost And Found Table Out In Front To Look At- Monday, June 28th

On Monday, June 28th we will put the lost and found tables outside the front door. There are lots of missing items. Please come by before and after school to take a final look for the year. After this day, any remaining items will be donated.