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Message from the Principal

Now that the first month of school is complete, we are feeling really settled and comfortable in our classes. Our teachers participated in class reviews this week with me and our resource team and it was great to hear so many positive things about the groups of students. We heard the words kind, caring, inclusive, energetic, curious, helpful, and thoughtful. We have many of our school routines up and running such as Student Council, Breakfast Club, Cross Country Running, Volleyball Teams and on Wednesday we had a successful Walk to School Day. We have had two PAC meetings and some good conversations about home-school communication and connection, fundraising and potential guest speakers for Parent Education. As always, if parents have thoughts or questions to share with us, we welcome your input. Join us for Coffee Club on Fridays during Breakfast Club from 8:00 – 8:30 am.

Newsletters are sent home every other week, usually on a Friday. We encourage students to write for the newsletter and we have a small group of regular reporters. Anyone can join – just listen to morning messages for meeting times.

New Staff Members

We would like to welcome the following teachers: **Mrs. Tamana**, who will be here as a Resource/ELL teacher on Mondays and Wednesdays, and **Mr. John Hudson**, who will be here as a band teacher until the Winter Break. Mr. Hudson is a retired band/music teacher and we are really grateful to him for getting our band program started for the school year. In January, we will be welcoming a new, permanent band teacher for the remainder of the school year and beyond. Our Band Rental Night will be **Monday, October 16th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at McNeely.**



We are still understaffed by one teacher in Resource/ELL and one EA, but hope to be up to full strength soon. Thank you for your patience.

Interview with Ms. Clark

by Megan and Siena, Student Reporters

You will see Ms. Clark on Spirit Days. Did you know she plans and organizes all of the Spirit Days with the help of Student Council. We asked her these questions:

1. What do you like most about teaching?

I love getting to work with amazing kids and being a big kid.

2. If you were not a teacher, what would you be and why?

I would work for the Vancouver Canucks or the Seattle Seahawks because I love sports, or I'd work at Starbucks because it's the best.

3. Why did you want to become a teacher?

I have always loved working with kids and watching them succeed.

4. What are your hobbies?

I like being active, watching the Seattle Seahawks, going to country music concerts and shopping.

5. What are your favourite books?

I love the Harry Potter and the Percy Jackson series.

6. What is your favourite subject to teach?

Social Studies.



Cross Country Running

We will be having a short Cross Country Running Season beginning this week and ending on Wednesday, October 18th with a district fun run at Garry Point Park, at 3:30 pm. We will be practicing at recess each Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the meet. At the meet, students in grades 1, 2, and 3 will run 900 meters. Students in grades 4 and 5 will run 1100 meters and students in grades 6 and 7 will run 1300 meters. Parent drivers will be needed. Students who participated this week were given a notice. Please call Mrs. Paxton if you have questions.

Volleyball

Volleyball season has begun here at McNeely! Our teams, made up of boys and girls in grades 6 and 7, will be having games against other schools in our area in the month of October, November and December. Come on out and cheer them on! Students, make sure you come prepared for practices and games with good runners, gym strip and a great McNeely Mustang attitude.



Interview with Ms. Mills, Teacher Librarian

By student reporter, Kaiya Dhaliwal

Ms. Mills is very excited to be putting books into your smiling kids' hands again. She is very excited to see how students love reading over the year. If you did not know, Ms. Mills has just come back after having her baby boy which is very exciting. He has a very goofy sense of humor. He is starting to flip pages. He used to rip pages. Ms. Mills is very excited to read Wild Robot by Peter Brown and Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke. She always likes book suggestions. Her summer was full of new adventures and early mornings. She is anxious to learn your children's names, so tell your children to be patient. Ms. Mills is an awesome librarian.

Earthquake Preparedness

On Thursday, October 19th, we will be joining many other organizations across BC in the Great Shake Out. During this Earthquake Drill, students and staff will be practicing duck and cover and how to evacuate the building. We take earthquake preparedness very seriously. If you have any questions, please give us a call.



Munch-A-Lunch – Friday, October 13th – PASTA

Our next Hot Lunch will be *Friday, October 13th*. Please remember that online ordering closes this coming Monday night at Midnight!