

MCNEELY NEWS

McNeely Elementary School- A Place Where Caring and Curious Minds Grow

PAC MEETING

Please attend our first PAC Meeting of the year. It will be held at the school, in the staff room at **7pm this coming Monday, September 12th.** The PAC will be looking to elect a president and some executive positions. All are welcome to attend. Last year, meetings were on Zoom and were typically only 1 hour long. This being our first in person meeting might be longer than that but we aim to begin promptly at 7:00 and run a streamlined meeting.

School Website

This year we are trying to direct more traffic to our new and improved school website. You can find all of our bulletins, along with calendar items and more on the website.

It is also the way for you to find out about all the ways you can read and learn through our library website.

Find us at [www.https://mcneely.sd38.bc.ca/](https://mcneely.sd38.bc.ca/)



Welcome Back, Mustangs

Message from our Superintendent, Mr. Scott Robinson

In the spring, schools began to re-open their doors to visitors such as parents and caregivers as we continued to transition out of the pandemic. We are pleased that schools will now be able to welcome visitors to their schools in ways that will be similar to how they did before the pandemic. In the coming days, individual schools will communicate school-based routines and protocols related to welcoming visitors. Thank you to everyone for respecting those protocols.



Message From The McNeely Admin Team

At McNeely we will be welcoming families in the school, but only through the front door. This is for security reasons. Please check in to the office with Mrs. Farrow or Mrs. Hoeckh before heading down any hallways to your child's classroom. Parents are welcome to come into the school for meetings, to volunteer with the PAC or to drop off forgotten items (which can be left on the table in front of the office).

Staff Changes

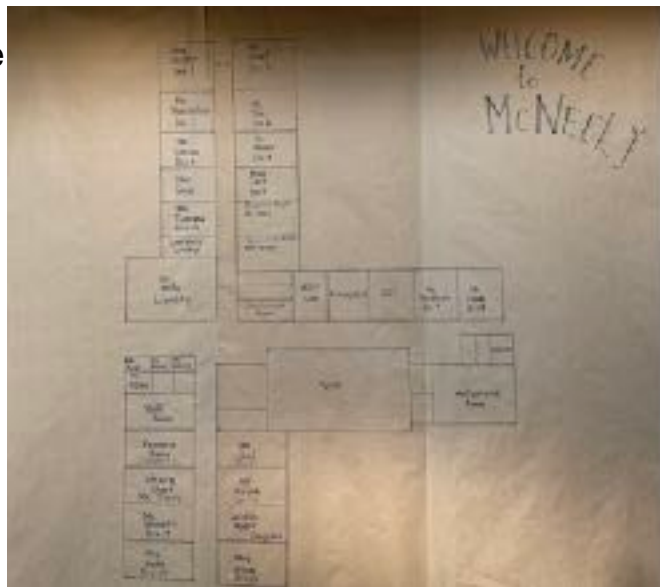
At McNeely since the end of the summer, there have been a few staff changes and moves. The staff members involved are all looking forward to the excitement that working in their new role will bring.

- **Ms. Reid**, coming from Learning Services, is our new Vice Principal
- **Ms. Mansahia** is now teaching grade 3 /4 - and will be teaching Division 7
- **Ms. Chan** is now teaching grade 2/3 – and will be teaching Division 8
- **Ms. Lehal** is now teaching grade 1 /2 - and will be teaching Division 11
- **Ms. Tamana** is now teaching grade 1 /2 - and will be teaching Division 12
- **Mrs. Hass** will be teaching Kindergarten- and will be teaching Division 15
- **Mr. Hong** will be teaching as part of our Learning Resource Team.

You can also find this information, (along with calendar updates) on our school website.

Additionally, we have created a large map of the school with the rooms drawn in and teachers names in the front foyer. Come on in and take a look.

We will be adding some exciting details soon.



Parking Changes

As you have likely seen already if you drive to school, we have made changes to our parking lot. These changes were made for safety reasons. Students walking through the south parking lot between cars to get to the kindergarten classes were in danger. We were not allowed to paint any new cross-walks in this area. For this reason, we will be closing this lot at 8am each day using a chain. Staff (and this includes all staff that work in our building, not just McNeely teachers) will be the only ones allowed to park in this lot.

We encourage families to walk to school, especially in good weather and even more so if you live close. Bike racks are available for some of our older students to use. The other thing you can do is use the newly painted “drop off zones” in the morning to drop off your child. Drop off means you can get out of the car to let them out but you cannot leave your car to walk them to their classroom.

Thank you for helping us to make the McNeely parking lot a safe place for our students.

