

October 2017- Newsletter #2

Dear Parents/Guardians of Albert McMahon Students:

The school year is now well under way. Interim reports have been sent home and teachers are busy teaching and assessing their students. This will lead up to our first term formal reports, which will be sent home on Nov. 20th. Parent/teacher conferences will be on the evening of Tuesday Nov. 21st. If your child's teacher needs to schedule the conferences on another day, he or she will let you know. Our school programs are up and running: peer counselors have been helping out with primary students at lunch times. The athletic teams at McMahon are always popular with our students and this year we had our cross country teams compete at the Hatzic and Heritage Park events. Thanks Ms. Huffer for coaching the team. Basketball season has begun with games kicking off this Thursday. Thanks Mr. Reist for organizing the athletics program and Miss Reist and Mr. Sharma for coaching the basketball teams. Many of our leadership students represented our Me-to-We team at the main event in Vancouver on October 18th. Thanks Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McDonald for sponsoring our Me-to-We team and organizing the We Scare Hunger food donation drive. As you are aware the hot lunch program is running: thanks to the PAC volunteers for providing these, and many other services at our school. Looking forward to the arrival of our school spirit wear and wearing it with pride! It is a great pleasure to be working in this positive learning environment.

Happy Halloween!



Hardeep Grewal
Principal



Cyndie Anderson
Vice Principal

TERRY FOX RUN

On September 28th Albert McMahon students took part in the annual Terry Fox Run. We are proud to share with everyone that our school raised **\$500.00** for the Terry Fox Foundation! It is heartwarming to see that such a generous, giving spirit exists in our school.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Due to Remembrance Day being on Saturday, November 11th, school will not be in session on **Monday, November 13th**. We will be holding a Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday, November 7th at 11:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

FALL BACK!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on **Sunday, November 5th**

WEST COAST RECESS

Please remember as the weather constantly changes we will continue to have a "West Coast Recess". Students need an active break from the classroom environment and will be expected to be outside at recess regardless of the weather. Of course consideration will be given to extreme weather conditions. Please ensure that your child is prepared for the possibility of inclement weather and an outside recess. This means students come to school wearing a proper jacket and proper footwear. Umbrellas and boots are always a great idea on those wet west coast days. All students should keep a spare set of clothing (particularly pants) at school. Many thanks!



INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of problematic weather arriving and causing school closure decisions, district-wide or partial, please check the district website at:

http://www.mpsd.ca/districtinformation/closures_via_w.aspx which is updated daily with any unscheduled school closures, or listen to the radio for unscheduled closures.

- CBC Radio One
- CKNW - 980 AM
- Country - 107.1 FM
- CKWX (News 1130) 1130AM
- STAR FM - 98.3 FM

BLANKET AND COAT DRIVE

The weather is getting chillier and gets very cold for people in need of proper housing and clothing. You can help somebody in need simply by donating a new or gently used blanket or coat to the box in our foyer. We are doing this in conjunction with a local charity, Blanket BC. For more information, check their website: <http://www.blanketbc.org>



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

WorkSafe BC's "enews" has some timely safety tips for parents, pet

owners, drivers and those considering using fireworks this Halloween. Read the tips online at:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/enews/131023/131023.htm>

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

FRASER HEALTH UNIT

Fraser Health has a wonderful site you can access on the internet. It's a valuable resource for all school aged health questions at your fingertips. The website is: http://www.fraserhealth.ca/your_health/school_health/



DON'T FORGET! IMPORTANT DATES....

Sunday, November 5th - Turn clocks back one hour

Friday, November 10th - NO SCHOOL - Dismissal at 11:00 a.m. (Assessment and Evaluation day - During the afternoon, teachers will be working on assessment and evaluation of student learning).

Monday, November 13th - NO SCHOOL stat in lieu of Remembrance Day

Monday, November 20th - Report cards home

Friday, November 24th - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, November 30th - PAC meeting at 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Downtown Trick or Treating: Monday, October 31st, 3 to 5 pm. Walk along 1st Avenue and receive treats from participating shops while supplies last.

Bald Eagle Festival: November 18th and 19th. View eagles in the wild as well as presentations, nature and environment exhibits. For more information go to www.fraservalleybaldeaglefestival.ca

National Child Day: November 20th, 10 am-1 pm. Children's celebration at the Mission Leisure Centre with crafts, bouncy castle, community and developmental information.

MISSION LIBRARY

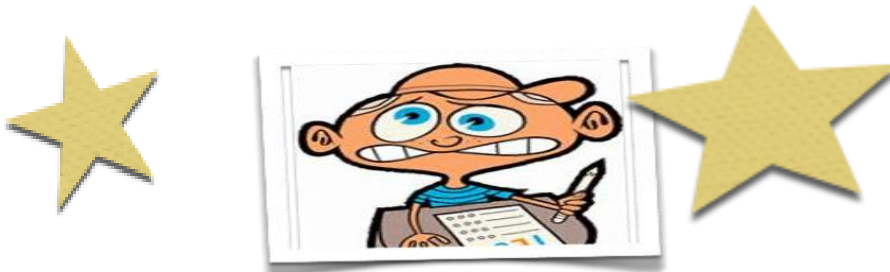
Check out the latest library programs at <https://fvrl.bibliocommons.com/events/>

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Hot Lunch Soup and Crackers	2	3	4
5 Turn clocks back one hour	6	7 Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am	8 Hot Lunch Sangam Sweets	9	10 Half Day Assessments Dismissal at 11:00 am	11
12	13 Stat in lieu of Remembrance Day	14	15 Hot Lunch Panago Pizza	16	17 Book Fair 2:10 - 3:15	18
19	20 Report cards home Book Fair 2:10 to 3:15	21 Parent/teacher conferences (evening) Book Fair 2:10 to 3:30 & 4:00 to 6:00	22 Hot Lunch Hot Dogs Book Fair 2:10 to 3:15	23	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29 Hot Lunch Soup and Crackers	30 Newsletter available on- line PAC meeting 7:00 pm		

CHAMPIONS

A group for Parents and their 8 – 12 years old children



Do anxiety and worry control your child's life? Are you looking for a way to help your child?

Over a 7 week period learn along with your child ways to manage anxiety

Every Tuesday from 3:30-5pm

Next group begins January 9, 2017

Location: Ministry of Children and Family Development (CYMH), 101-7364 Horne Street Mission, BC V2V 3Y7

To register: Please come to the CYMH Program Walk- In Intake on Tuesdays between 9 – 12 PM or 1- 3 PM, 201 7364 Horne Street, Mission, BC V2V 3Y7

Group facilitated by Matthew Herman and Virginia Jacob, Child and Youth Mental Health Clinicians

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