

Newsletter

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April 2023

Dear Albert McMahon Families,

It has been a pleasure to welcome back all Albert McMahon students and their families from March Break. We hope that everyone is refreshed and ready for a busy Spring season. We are happy to report that Albert McMahon students are back into the swing of things and are working diligently on their third term schoolwork.

As we continue to maintain a safe school environment, parents/guardians and community members are reminded that the track and school playgrounds can be used before 8am and after 3pm. The school grounds remain a "closed campus" (students and staff only) from 8am-3pm on school days. Please keep in mind that your child's classmates and teacher may know you but not all students or staff will be aware of who you are. Caregivers, if you are intending on picking up your child from school during a recess or lunch break, please inform our office and wait for your child in the front foyer area or outside our main entrance. Please do not go onto our playground/field areas to retrieve your child, as this can be quite confusing for our outside supervisors.

Sincerely,

Shane Sliziak
Principal

Reena Hooge
Vice Principal



UPCOMING DATES!



Friday, April 7th - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 10th - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

Monday, May 1st - Bus Registration Opens

Tuesday, May 9th - Class Photos and Grade 6 Group Photo

Friday, May 12th - Wacky Hair Day

Friday, May 19th - Non Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL

Friday, May 22nd - Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL

Friday, May 26th - Carnival Fun Fair - 3:00 to 7:00

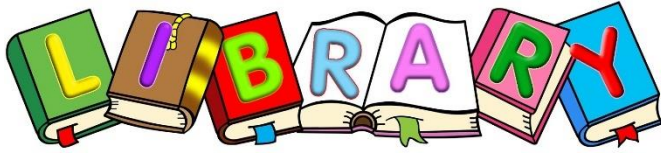


AME SPIRIT WEAR!

Spirit wear is now available on the hot lunch website! Visit <https://mcmahon.hotlunches.net> to place your orders. You can find an image of each item on the website by clicking the yellow square beside the description. Size charts will be available online shortly as well.

Lots of AME swag is available in different size options. We even have an option to order and personalize jerseys! Order deadline is **April 11th** and orders should arrive mid May!

****Choose sizes and colours carefully as there will be no refunds****



MISSION LIBRARY EVENTS

Pyjama Storytimes

Mondays, 6:45-7:30 pm

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, 3-4:15 pm

Between the Pages Tween Book Club (Ages 9-12, registration required.)

Wednesday, April 12, 3:30-4:30 pm

Puzzle Cube Drop-in

Wednesdays, April 19, 3:00-4:00 pm

Paws 4 Stories (Registration required)

Thursday, April 20, 3:30-4:30 pm

Family Storytime

Saturdays, April 29 and May 27, 11-11:30 am

For more details, go to www.fvrl.bc.ca > Events.



EARTH DAY

April 22nd is Earth Day! Please visit the below websites for events, activities and inspiration for how you can make a difference.

<http://ww2.earthday.net/~earthday/>
www.pitch-in.ca

ALBERT MCMAHON SCHOOL TWITTER ACCOUNT



We would like to remind parents to join our Twitter account as it is a great way to see some of the amazing things that are happening around the school. Please follow us at [@AlbertMcMahonE1](https://twitter.com/AlbertMcMahonE1)



2023/24 BUS REGISTRATION

Bus Registration opens on **May 1st, 2023** and is done on-line by following the steps below:

1. www.mpsd.ca
2. Click on the Transportation Icon - Yellow Bus
3. Follow the prompts to the Bus Registration Form
4. Complete the Bus Registration Form
5. Scroll down and hit submit



PLEASE RETURN REPORT CARD ENVELOPES

A reminder to sign and return the report card envelope to your child's teacher as soon as possible. These cards and envelopes will be used for the final reporting term in June.

BEAR AWARENESS

It's that time of year again when we are starting to see more bears around us.

How to prevent conflicts with bears

To avoid habituating the bears in your area, follow these steps.

- **Make trash cans inaccessible.** Bring them inside at night or buy a bear-resistant trash can or an enclosure for the container.
- **Enclose your compost pile.** Open compost piles, especially those that include kitchen scraps, are an irresistible treat in bear country. Burying compost won't work because bears will easily find and dig it up.
- **Recycle wisely.** If you store recyclables outside, use enclosed bins. (Persistent bears will break into even ruggedly built bins.)
- **Keep your barbecue grill clean and as free of drippings as possible.** Move the grill away from your house when you aren't using it, and clean it regularly with ammonia or bleach.
- **Rethink your bird feeders.** In the summer, birds can make do with naturally available foods. If you do set up feeders, install them away from your house.

Communities experiencing bear problems can take steps such as fining people who knowingly or unknowingly feed bears, requiring bear-resistant trash cans, distributing educational flyers and training police and animal control officers in aversive conditioning techniques that use rubber bullets, fireworks and pepper spray.

What to do if you encounter a black bear

If you see a black bear in your yard, don't fear the worst. A youngster may simply be passing through in search of a home of his own. Or an adult may be

checking out an enticing smell or interesting sound. Usually when he finds out there are people around, he'll head for the hills, never to be seen again.

If you do encounter a bear, remain calm and remember that the bear is likely more scared of you than you are of him. Attacks by black bears on people are very rare and most black bears can be easily scared away with the following approach:

- Stand and face the bear directly. Never run away from or approach him.
- Make yourself look as big as possible by spreading your arms or, better yet, a coat.
- Make as much noise as possible by yelling, banging pots and pans or using other noisemaking devices.
- If the bear approaches and you have bear spray, spray the bear as he approaches.
- In the very rare case that a black bear does attack you, fight back (don't play dead).
- After the bear leaves, remove whatever attracted him to the location (barbecue grill, bird feeder, pet food or garbage).

Please be aware of your surroundings and keep your eyes on your path and your mind on your task.





CARNIVAL FUN FAIR!

On Friday, May 26th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, our wonderful PAC is putting together an incredible Carnival Fun Fair! More details will be

released in the next few weeks, but of course, in order to pull off this community fun night, they need parent volunteers and support. Please email or message PAC if you are available to volunteer some of your time albertmcmahonpac@gmail.com This fair promises to be a fun-filled event with games, food and entertainment for the whole family.



CRAFTY KIDDO'S WANTED!!!

Do you have a crafty kiddo attending any of our Mission Schools? If you answered yes, we would like to invite them to be a part of the Carnival Fun

Fair as a craft fair vendor! As a vendor, they will have the opportunity to showcase their unique crafts to the community FREE of charge with the donation of one of their crafts for a raffle basket. If they choose to participate, we will provide them with a table. We ask that they bring their own equipment, such as chairs, extension cords and a grown up to help them set up. Grown ups will be permitted to set up earlier in the day while their kiddo is still in class. Please note: there will be limited electricity.

To apply, please send an email to albertmcmahonpac@gmail.com with the type of craft your kiddo sells and we will notify you of their acceptance as soon as possible.

Ready, Set, Learn

PJs, Pizza & Playtime!

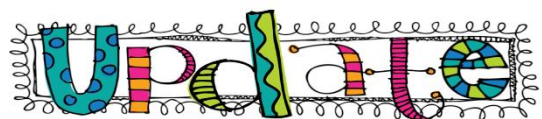


Join us for an evening of fun! Wear your pjs (or something cozy) and enjoy pizza, activities and a story!

Please register with the school

Mission Public Schools invites you to **Ready, Set, Learn - PJ's, Pizza and Playtime!** It will take place on **Tuesday, April 18th** at Albert McMahon Elementary School from **5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. The hour of fun is directed towards families with children aged 0 to 8.

If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so by contacting Mrs. Knight either by phone or email. 604-826-0274 or crystal.knight@mpsd.ca



UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Please let the office know if you have moved since the start of the school year and have a new home address or have a new home phone number or cell number. The office needs to keep up to date information to be able to contact parents during the day in case their child becomes sick or there is an emergency. Also, if you have any new alternate emergency contact names and information for your child please inform the office. Thank you!

Green Living

Celebrate Earth Day in Mission!

FREE ADMISSION



Saturday, April 22nd @ 10AM - 2PM

Fraser River Heritage Park 7494 Mary Street, Mission

Drop-in Bike Skills Clinic with HopOn | Llamas
Kids Activities | Food | Vendors | Repair Cafe
Guest Speakers | Seed Swap | Electric Cars
City Cleanup | Play Earth Ball & More

www.MESSociety.ca/gl or call (604) 826-9421



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Albert McMahan Elementary



Carnival Fun Fair



1 BALL \$2
3 BALLS \$5
PUSH \$25

Carnival Fun Fair!
May 26th 2023

**AME Food Trucks at the
Carnival Fun Fair!**

