

May 19, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of Albert McMahon Students:

It is the busy season here at Albert McMahon! Students and teachers are working hard to get final learning opportunities completed before year-end. As well, staff are busy planning safe ways to do year-end activities, field trips and student recognition events. As we are all feeling the pressure of year end (staff and students), it is easy to lose sight of our day to day routines. As well, with the weather improving, we are all getting a little restless as summer approaches. With less than six weeks to go, please continue to engage with your child on a daily basis about their experiences at school, daily reading, current events, etc. and contact the classroom teacher or myself if there are any concerns.

We are happy to announce that our Grade 6 students will have Covid-Safe tours of their middle school in June. Dates will be communicated to parents in the coming weeks. The visits are intended to give them an idea of what their schedule will be like next year, course offerings, meet some staff and students, plus answer any questions. I have noticed some excitement and anxiety in students already for next year. We will do our best to support a positive and successful transition for each student. Let us know if there is anything else that is needed. In addition, Grade 6 teachers have been busy planning a Grade 6 Grad. Although it will look different than years past, we are excited! More information to follow very soon.

"Welcome to Kindergarten" was held last week on our school field for kindergarten students starting in September. We would like to thank all the familiar faces that attended the event and encourage families to reach out if they have any questions about next year.

Lastly, please encourage your child to bike safely to school and to walk their bike while on school property. There have been instances of riding bikes on sidewalks and in the bus lane during the morning rush. Thankfully, the winter weather is behind us!

All the best,

Shane Sliziak, Principal

REMINDER

Please note the following dates:

Thursday, May 20th - PAC Meeting, (7pm Zoom)

Friday, May 21st - Non-Instructional Day

Monday, May 24th - Victoria Day Holiday

Friday, May 28th - Month End Virtual Assembly

Friday, June 25th - Grade 6 Grad

Monday, June 26th - Year End Virtual Assembly

Tuesday, June 29th - Last Day of School

Tuesday, June 29th - Final Report Cards Go Home

VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW

We are happy to report that we received many outstanding virtual talent show submissions. The deadline passed last week so we are unfortunately not taking any more. Mr. Nguyen and his team will be reviewing submissions and creating a video for classes to view in early June. Several parents have reached out to ask if the video will be available for parents to watch. We need to be very mindful of required media consents by parents when we share video or pictures of students. With that said, we are confident we will be able to put a sharable version together with the appropriate consents in

place. More to come on this early June! Finally, we would like to thank parents for their support at home with video submissions.

2021-22 PLANNER COVER CONTEST

Our students have been very busy over the last few weeks with their planner cover contest submissions. The closing date is this Friday, May 20th. We've already received many submissions and it's going to be very difficult to select a winner. Once we've selected the winner, we will be sure to communicate it out to our entire community. We have some amazing artists here at Albert McMahon!

MOVING?

As we begin to get ready for the 2021/2022 school year, any changes in enrollment will affect our school. If you are planning on moving before the beginning of the school year, or if you know of a family that will be starting at Albert McMahon in the next school year (and have not registered), would you please advise the office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help!



MISSION PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS



TRANSPORTATION REGISTRATION 2019/2020

Families are advised that Bus Registration for the 2021-22 school year will run from **May 1st through June 30th, 2021**. To ride a district school bus, all **new and returning** riders must complete a registration form each year. Registration may be initiated by using our on-line bus registration form. This can be accessed at www.mpsd.ca and clicking on the 'Transportation' link on the Home page. The Transportation office will be closed in the summer

months. However, on-line registrations may still be submitted throughout July and August.

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.

YEAR END FIELD TRIPS

Some classrooms are planning year-end field trips for their students. We would like to communicate to families that extra special attention is being put into the planning of these field trips so that they are Covid-Safe. Some extra safety precautions are: wearing masks on busses, staying in our health region, only having one cohort attend (and ride a bus), no parent volunteers, sticking to outdoor field trips, and all the other things like handwashing, distancing and staying home when sick. These special safety precautions will be communicated to families on field trip forms when they go home. As well, it's always a parental option to not have your child attend as we will make alternatives for your child here at school. Also, please be aware that not all teachers are planning year-end field trips.

COVID SAFETY REMINDERS

Covid fatigue is a real thing, and as we enter the last six weeks of school, we would like to remind everyone to adhere to the policies that have kept us safe this year. Please remember to keep your child home when sick. If your child is not feeling well, use the following apps to help you navigate next steps. It can often be difficult to know when to consult a medical professional, so these apps are great at assisting with the decision-making process.

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/>

<https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>