September 2020

McLurg School

Welcome Back

Welcome back to McLurg School. We would like to extend a special welcome to the new students and their families and to our new staff members.

It has been about 5 months since we have been able to come together in person to learn. Our staff members are excited to be back however, school will look a bit different as we work to safely grow and learn together. On the next few pages, we will highlight some of the safety precautions we are taking and let you know how you can help. Please contact us with any concerns you may have. When families and the school work together, we are able to best support student academic learning and their social and emotional growth.

Communication and Web Site

Please check the school's web site calendar to stay informed about up-coming events. Our web site is https://mclurg.rbe.sk.ca/ and the Twitter Feed @mclurgmustangs. Our school's phone number is 306-791-8496.

Any information that is printed out will be sent home on Wednesday's (Thursday if your child is in B Kindergarten). This will include any information from our School Community Council (SCC). Please check child's back packs regularly.

Attached you will find a variety of forms for you to read and fill out. These forms need to be filled out and returned to school by **Friday, September 11th**

Lunch Room Registration Form (Pink)

Emergency Contact Sheet (White)

Neighbourhood Walk Waiver (Purple)

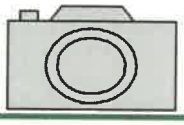
Responsible Use of Technology/Digital Citizenship Agreement (Blue)

Severe Weather Plan (Blue)

Fair Notice letter (Golden Rod)

Permission For early dismissal at 3:22 (Tan)

Tentative Photo Day



School photos will take place on two days to accommodate both Kindergarten classes.

September	**30**	Kindergarten and Grades 4/5
October	**1**	Grade 5 to Grade 8

Regina Public Schools Mission Statement

To instill the value of knowledge, the dignity of effort and the worth of the individual

Staff 2020-21

Pre Kindergarten	Ms. Rayner		
Kindergarten	Ms. Melnechenko		
Kindergarten	Ms. Jay		
Grade 1	Mr. Leippi		
Grade 1	Ms. Wilhelms		
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Lapchuk		
Grade 2	Ms. VanDusen		
Grade 2/3	Ms. Goulet		
Grade 3	Ms. Bentz		
Grade 3/4	Mr. Purtill		
Grade 3/4	Ms. Desjarlais		
Grade 4	Ms. Schenher		
Grade 5	Ms. Gerspacher		
Grade 5	Ms. Lang		
Grade 5/6	Ms. Cruze		
Grade 6	Ms. Weinrauch		
Grade 6/7	Mr. Schwindt		
Grade 7/8	Ms. Haas		
Grade 7/8	Ms. Ludtke		
Grade 7/8	Mr. Lorenz		
Grade 7/8	Mr. Rilling		
Learning Resource Teachers	Mrs. Ostapovich	Mrs. Schroeder	Mrs. Brown
Teacher Librarian	Ms. Langill		
Core French Specialist	Mrs. Lillejord		
Arts Education Specialists	Mrs. McDonald		
Physical Education	Mr. Barnes		
Band Teacher	Ms. Skrykiwsky	Ms. Schmirler	Ms. Friars
EAL	Mrs. Sageer		
Education Assistants	Mr. Heyman		Ms. Murdoch
	Ms. Lloyd		Ms. Septimo
	Mr. McGavigan		Ms. Usmani
	Ms. Messner		
Administrative Assistant	Ms. Ziebart		
Vice-Principal	Mrs. Brown		
Principal	Ms. Nelson		
Head Facility Technician	Mr. Heyman	Mr. Garoza	Mr. Siapno
Speech Language Pathologist	Mrs. Thunberg		
School Counsellor	Mr. Penny		
Psychologist	Mrs. Labuik		
Superintendent	Mrs. Herridge		

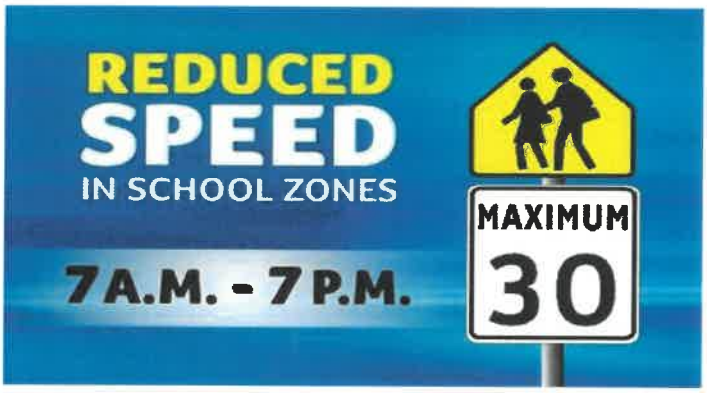
Pedestrian Safety,

September 7-14th is safety week at McLurg School. Teachers will be talking to students about personal safety, pedestrian safety, bike safety, bus safety and fire safety. We will also be practicing fire drills and lock-downs throughout the month.

When dropping off or picking up your child, please **do not park in front of the school or within 10 meters of the cross walk.** We also ask parents to not use the staff parking lot, front of the school or the bus bay to pick up or drop off students. For the safety of all children, we need to have our cross walk zones clear so that our children are easily visible. Remind your children to cross the street at the crosswalks. Also be sure not to park in front of fire hydrants.

We also appreciate that families who walk or drop off students limit their time on the playground. We are trying to reduce contact to keep or students safe and healthy.

U-turns are prohibited in school zones.



News from the SCC

The McLurg School Community Council (MSCC) would like to welcome all new families and staff to McLurg and welcome back those returning for the 2020/2021 school year.

The MSCC consists of volunteer parents & caregivers who work together with the school administrators to discuss school related topics and events. Those who are interested are welcome to join us during our monthly meetings or follow along for updates in the school newsletter or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MSCCpage.

Our first meeting of the school year will be our AGM. It will be held on Monday, September 28th at 7pm via zoom. A link to register for the meeting will be posted to our Facebook page.

Our involvement may look a bit different this year, but we are determined and committed to continue playing an important role at our school. We are here to help support the staff and school community as much as possible. Watch for unique fundraising opportunities and events to help make this year a success! If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please join us at one of our meetings, or contact us through our facebook page.

Safety Procedures 2020-21

At McLurg School, we have put some plans into place

1. Practicing Social Distancing

- Students will have designated lines for each classroom and be asked to space themselves 6 feet apart upon entering the school
- While in class, students will be distanced as much as possible. This will vary from classroom to classroom.
- Classes will stay together as a cohort group as much as possible.
- We have reduced furniture in the classrooms to allow students extra space to spread out.

2. Sanitizing and Hand Washing

- The McLurg Facilities staff will be doing extra cleaning during each day and in the evenings.
- Upon entering the school in the mornings and after recesses, students will be provided sanitizer to clean their hands.
- Teachers will be teaching students proper hand washing techniques and will help students remember to wash their hands before lunch, after using the bathroom and at other appropriate times.

3. Masks

- Regina Public School Division encourages all staff and students to wear masks. For grades 4-8 masks are mandatory while in grades K-3, whey are highly recommended.
- Teachers will also be teaching students proper mask use.
- Students who do not have masks will be provided with one.

4. Materials and Personal Belongings

- We ask that families label all personal items and school supplies that students bring to school.
- We will ask that students not share their supplies or materials.
- Please do not allow your child to bring toys or extra items to school.
- In September students will not be using lockers and their back pack and jacket will be placed on the back of their chair.

School Cash Online

For safety and efficiency reasons, we do not accept cash or cheques for class trips, school fees, clothing etc. at McLurg School. We use School Cash Online as the only means to pay. Please go to the Regina Public Schools website at http://www.rbe.sk.ca/parents/school-cash-online-program for all of the information on registering.

The friendly staff at the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk are available to 24/7 (365 days) to provide any assistance you may require using the online system. Assistance is available on the School Cash Online website, by emailing parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or by phone at 1-866-961-1803.

When Your Child is Not Feeling Well

If your child is not feeling well or displaying symptoms of Covid-19, we would ask that you keep your child at home and contact the Saskatchewan Government Health Line at 811 or contact your family physician. They will provide guidance for testing or isolating.

The primary symptoms of Covid 19 include:

Fever (this can even be a slight rise in temperature from what is usual)

Dry cough

Tiredness

Less common symptoms are: aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhea, headache, loss of taste or smell, and skin rashes.

If your child displays these symptoms while at school, he/she will be asked to put on a mask, if not already wearing one, and will wait in a designated area until you are able to pick him/her up from the school.

We greatly appreciate your commitment to helping keep our students and staff safe and healthy. If you are aware of having contact with a person who is positive for Covid 19, please include the school in your list of people for contact tracing.

When your child will be absent from school, please e-mail mclurg@rbe.sk.ca. Thank you for letting the office know. You may also email the teacher if you would like to.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

We are informing students that cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be used during school hours. During the school day cell phones and electronic devices are to be locked in lockers or kept in a secure place with teachers. We are not permitting students to have their devices on their person or with them during class hours. A school phone is available in the office if a student needs to contact home during the school day. Also, if you need to contact your child or if you have any questions regarding this policy please contact the office at 306-791-8496

Students who "forget" are warned the first time. The second time we collect the phone for the student to pick-up from the main office or from the teacher at the end of the school day. The third time, the parent has to pick it up it up from the administration offices.

Environmental Impact: Reducing Plastic at School

In an effort to begin reducing our environmental impact we will no longer be purchasing plastic cutlery and non-reusable cups & plates for the school.

Please remember to pack your child spoons and forks if they will need them to eat their lunch. Thank you in supporting our efforts to make a change.

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Lunchroom Information

Regina Public Schools provides supervised lunch rooms for all students. Please note however that no microwave ovens are available to students. Parents are welcome to send warm food in thermos containers for lunch.

Information and lunchroom registration forms have been sent home for students who want to stay at school for lunch. Please return these forms to the school as soon as possible. Lunchroom payments are outlined in the information sent home.

Health and Safety Reminders

Non-Covid Illness

We are working toward keeping all students healthy. Teachers will be encouraging children to wash their hands regularly, and the school maintenance staff will be cleaning high traffic areas frequently. If your child is ill, please arrange to keep him or her at home. Thank you for helping out in this way. If your child has a rash and you suspect Fifth's Disease, please check with your doctor and report it to the school as it can affect staff members who are pregnant.

Allergies and Diabetes

We have a few students enrolled at our school who have a **Life Threatening Allergy** to nuts. Therefore, nuts and products made with nuts or trace nuts should not be brought to school. Please ensure that your children wash their hands thoroughly before returning to school after having eaten a nut product. Reading products labels is important to ensure that snacks you send to school are nut free. Thank you for your cooperation.

We would like to remind families to up-date allergy forms and ensure that epi-pens have not passed their expiry date. If your child needs or keeps an epi-pen at school please inform his or her classroom teacher.

If you are planning to send treats for the class, please check several days in advance with your child's teacher. Some students may need to adjust insulin or other diet items to accommodate the sugar in a treat.

Supervision

Our Bell times atr 9:08 am and 3:22 pm. We provide outside supervision from 8:53-9:08 and from 3:22-3:37. A permission slip for dismissal at 3:22 has been sent home. Please encourage your child to come to school as close to the bell time as possible to reduce contact with others of the playground. If students want to play on the school grounds after school, they should go home or to day care and check in before coming back to the school to play.