



McCloskey Elementary School

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# MCCLOSKEY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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This will be the final Newsletter for this school year. Please check this site in late August for up-to-date information regarding September start-up.

Dates to Remember

	
Monday, June 4	Gr. 6's to Deas Island (canoeing and orienteering)
Tuesday, June 5	Gr. 3 Swimming at 1:00 pm
Wednesday, June 6	Gr. 3 Swimming at 10:45 am
Wednesday, June 6	Gr. 7 tour of ND (1-2:30 pm)
Friday, June 8	Family BBQ (sponsored by our PAC)
Tuesday, June 12	Popcorn Day
Tuesday, June 12	Gr. 3 Swimming at 1:00 pm
Wednesday June 13	Grade 6's to Victoria (full day field trip)
Wednesday, June 13	Gr. 3 Swimming at 10:45 am
Friday, June 15	Sports Day at McCloskey
Friday, June 15	Hot Lunch (Church's Chicken)
Monday, June 18	Author Visit (Linda Smith) for Gr. 1-6
Friday, June 22	Gr. 7's to Playland
Friday, June 25	Crazy Hair and Hat day
Monday, June 25	Gr. 7 luncheon
Tuesday, June 26	Gr. 7 Beach field trip
Thursday, June 28	Special assembly for Year End and Gr. 7's
Thursday, June 28	Final day of classes (10:30am Dismissal)
Friday, June 29	School Admin day (no classes)

## Are you Moving? Do you know of New Families in the McCloskey area?



If you plan to move over the summer we will miss you and we wish you well in your new location. It would be very helpful for us if you would let the office know of your plans. Also, if you know of any new students (or students wishing to return to McCloskey) please ask them to call or come in to register as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your consideration and your help with this. We want to work with accurate numbers as we begin the staffing process for the 2018-2019 school year.

## Developing Writing at Home

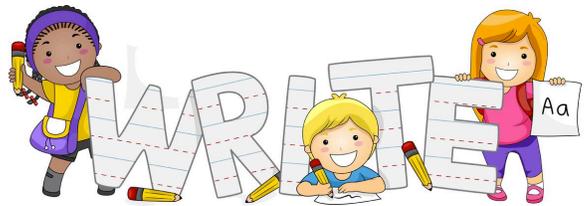
Writing is a terrific way for children to express their thoughts, creativity, and uniqueness. It is also a fundamental way in which children learn to organize ideas. And learning to write well helps children to be better readers.

When engaging in writing, young children often mirror what they see around them - adults and older children writing lists, notes, text messaging. They are observing the way writing is used in our everyday lives.

### Writing at home

Here are some suggestions that engage your child in the writing process:

- Have your child write instructions for taking care of the family pet. These will be useful as you plan your summer vacations!
- Write a letter or thank you note to a relative. Talk through what your child wants to say before writing begins.
- Make a shopping list before going to the grocery store.
- Write an online review of a book or an item you recently purchased ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)) or a recipe you tried ([www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)).
- Talk about the presidential election and write a description of the kind of president you want.
- Find a picture in the newspaper and write an article to accompany it.
- Start keeping a personal diary, a household guestbook, or a baby book for a younger sibling.



### What should I write about?

Help your child get their thoughts together in an organized way. Especially when a child starts writing, he may need help planning out what he wants to say.

*Writing tip: Get organized! Use sticky notes to help organize ideas. Put each idea or important word on a note, and lay the notes out on the table for easy rearranging. This helps with planning and organization.*



## Help Your Child Read This Summer!

Summer reading — it's important! Research shows that kids who read four or more books over the summer are better prepared for the coming school year and do not go down the 'summer slide' — the loss of reading and learning skills during the summer break. Reading over the summer months really does make a difference to your child's learning.

Here are five easy ways you can help your child reduce summer reading loss:

- Make reading important. Be a role-model for reading. Let your child see you reading throughout the day and use daily routines as reading opportunities. Cooking, reading TV listings, looking for information on-line, reading directions, or following a map all provide authentic reading experiences.
- Give your child the power of choice. Having reading materials available is key to helping kids love to read, and the reading materials kids choose themselves are best. In fact, 92% of children and teens say they are more motivated to read and are more likely to finish a book they have picked out. Help your child find texts that appeal to his or her interests, yet are age appropriate and 'just right' in difficulty.
- Set aside time to read every day. We know that the more kids read, the better they become at reading and the more they will enjoy reading. During the summer, encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day. Make reading 'down-time' — an opportunity for family members to read together, either aloud or quietly to themselves. Keep track of progress by recording book titles, pages read, and minutes spent.
- Talk it up. Talking about books during and after reading helps improve comprehension. Encourage kids to share their ideas and opinions by asking open-ended questions. Talk about what you read to let them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you — soon they might start doing the same.
- Be part of a reading challenge. Most local libraries have summer reading programs that help engage and motivate readers. Kids set a goal, track books they read, and receive incentives for achieving goals. Summer programs also promote reading club opportunities where children can discuss and share books with others, either on-line or in-person. You can even create your own family reading challenge.

Have a great summer, and happy reading!

## Together is better!

It is hard to believe that another school year is almost over and summer will soon officially begin. The Staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. We have learned a lot together and we anticipate more excitement next year as we continue to make McCloskey a great place to play, learn and work! By choosing to work positively together we can have a tremendous positive impact on our school community. I continue to believe that schools hold a special place in our community.



## Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found box is overflowing once again. There are many jackets in the box that had been left outside or in the gym. If your child is missing anything, please come take a careful look.

## McCloskey Website and blog

Parent newsletters will now be posted on the new McCloskey Web Page. Check it out at (<http://mc.deltasd.bc.ca>). We are working on inputting all information, so please be patient.

Yours truly,

**Mrs. B. Nelmes**  
Principal

**Mrs. B. Bryan**  
Vice Principal



### MISSION STATEMENT

*At McCloskey we are dedicated to providing  
a positive, safe, and caring learning environment  
which encourages high standards, mutual respect, and personal responsibility.  
With school, home and community working together we encourage all students  
**TO ACHIEVE THEIR PERSONAL BEST**  
in acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to become productive citizens.*

Do you have any Feedback/Questions/ Concerns? You can call us at the school or email us... [bnelmes@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:bnelmes@deltasd.bc.ca) or [bbryan@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:bbryan@deltasd.bc.ca)