



# THE WILDCAT WAAG

## FAMILY WAAG OCTOBER 2 – 6, 2023

Monday Oct. 2	Tuesday Oct. 3	Wednesday Oct. 4	Thursday Oct. 5	Friday Oct. 6
<i>School Closed in Recognition of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation</i>	PLT – ABCD	CC-ABCD <i>Connexions Day in Homeroom Class</i>	PLT – ABCD  World Teachers' Day	ABCD  Grad Boat Cruise



• I acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the Hul'quim'num (hull-kuh-mee-num) treaty group, including the Coast Salish Nations of the Musqueum, Snuneymuxw (snoo-NAI-muk), Tsawwassen, Sto:lo, Kwantlen, Stz'uminus (sha-main-us), Semiahmoo, Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

### PERSONAL LEARNING TIME

We encourage students to review the PLT schedule posted on the McMath website on Monday to plan their PLT on Tuesday and Thursday. PLT is designed to provide extra learning support for all students in all subject areas. All students are expected to use this gift of time wisely and make choices that will benefit their learning.

### HEALTH AWARENESS

A friendly reminder that as we enter the flu season, that if you are not feeling well, please stay home. Take the time to rest and let your body heal while helping us control the spread of illnesses.

**Preventative measures** such as handwashing, hand sanitizer will reduce the spread of illness. Use of a mask is a personal choice.

**Respiratory etiquette** practices that we encourage are...

- cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue
- throw away used tissues and immediately perform hand hygiene
- refrain from touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- refrain from sharing any food, drinks, unwashed utensil, etc.

### CONNEXIONS CLASS – October 4

The first Connexions class of the year is coming up on Wednesday, October 4. It is mandatory for students to attend. Students are to report to their Homeroom class at 8:30am. These classes will provide varied and engaging learning opportunities related to Career Life Education, which is a required component of the high school curriculum.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 2: School Closed in Recognition of National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
- Oct. 6: Grad Boat Cruise
- Oct. 9: Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
- Oct. 13: Semester 1 Interim Reports Sent Home via E-Mail
- Oct. 17: PAC Meeting
- Oct. 18: Photo Retakes

### DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS

We are glad so many of our students are getting to school under their own power – mostly walking or biking. This is a great way to save on fuel. If your child needs to be dropped off or picked up, please do not use the neighboring town house complex area. This will really help our neighbours with traffic congestion. Thank you.

**Students, please remember to practice pedestrian and cyclist safety BEFORE crossing the road. Ensure vehicles have come to a complete stop and make eye contact with the driver, before crossing. Cyclists, wear a helmet!**

### WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – October 5

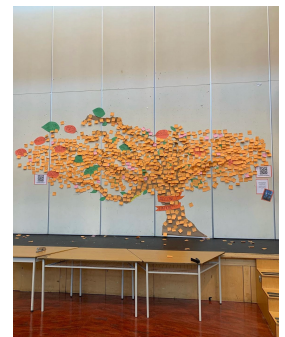
October 5<sup>th</sup> marks World Teachers' Day. We recognize and celebrate all our staff who play such a critical role in educating our students and influencing the future of society. We frequently celebrate student achievement and need to share the credit with those who motivate, challenge, and lead our students towards reaching their personal bests. Thank you to all our dedicated staff for making McMath such a great place to work and learn.

### IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Schools and educators are key to making the 94 Calls to Action. At McMath, we work hard to inspire our students to create action and move forward with reconciliation and create an equitable and inclusive world for everyone. We encourage all members of our community to find meaningful ways to recognize and raise awareness about the history and legacies of the residential school system in Canada.

One of the ways we raised awareness as a school, was by creating a Tree of Reconciliation. The Arbutus Menziesii is a native tree found on the Gulf Islands and South Vancouver Island. This tree provided an anchor for the Coast Salish peoples canoes to hold steady and not drift away during the great flood. Students wrote their reflection or action for Reconciliation and placed their orange 'leaves' on the tree.

To donate to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society, please go to: <https://www.irsss.ca/donate-online>



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