

April 28 – May 2, 2025

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Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!

"Without humility, you are unable to learn."

"Alone we can do so: together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

On April 23, 2025, McNair Students received their Semester 2, term 1 report cards, and it comes as no surprise to anyone that "parents want their kids to be successful." Parents want to do what is best for their children; they want to help. One of the best ways to help is to create a strong partnership with the school. When parents and educators reach out to each other and collaborate as partners in educating students, everyone benefits. Parents feel empowered, and teachers feel supported.

Parents are empowered to take active roles and are provided tools to reinforce the lessons learned at school, whether at home at the dinner table or anywhere they have a moment. Teachers and parents support each other as active and committed partners working toward common educational goals at school and at home.

However, the ones who benefit most from teacher-parent partnerships are students. Students learn and grow because they have a team of adults supporting them both at school and at home. They have a team of adults who believe in them and encourage them. They have a team of adults who help them set goals and hold them accountable at school and at home. If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself, both for teachers and students.

It takes effort and intention to create a systemic culture of family engagement. The results of which can have a huge impact on a student's success and their future. These partnerships create supportive school communities with everyone contributing to the success of students. ***Championing Students and Their Learning***

Helping a Student Who Is Struggling Academically:

1. Set up a meeting with student, parents and teacher.
2. Develop a learning plan.
3. Provide opportunities for students to set goals
4. Look for underlying problems (such as learning gaps or misunderstandings) in the student's learning.
5. Follow up with other teachers, counsellors, and administrators to gain a better understanding of the student's struggles.

Need extra help?

Flex Time is great way to get extra learning support for all students in all subject areas. Students can get some extra help with their learning from a teacher. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this time. **McNair Tutoring Club** provides free tutoring to students in academic subject areas. To request and arrange tutoring, send an email to mcnairtutors@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 5-6	Grade 9 Mini School Trip: Timberline Ranch
May 6-9	Grade 11 Mini School Trip: Juan De Fuca hike
May 7	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55am)
May 8	SBT Meeting (at lunch)
May 13-15	Gr. 8 Mini – Galiano Island
May 12-21	Social Justice New York Trip
May 14	Gauss Math Contest (Gr. 8)
May 14	Ed Fac Meeting (at lunch)
May 16	Pro-D Day
May 16	District Non-Instructional Day: (Indigenous Learning Focus)
May 19	Victoria Day (School Closed)
May 21	Mini School Meeting (at lunch)
May 22	SBT Meeting (at lunch)
May 26	SCC Meeting (at lunch)
May 26	At-Risk Learning Completion Plans Due (3:00pm)
May 27	SD38 Indigenous Achievement Ceremony
May 28	At-Risk Learning Completion Plans Emailed Home
May 30	Evacuation Drill (Block A – 9:30am)
June 2	Staff Meeting (after school)
June 3	Athletic Banquet
June 5	Spring Music Concert
June 5	SBT Meeting (at lunch)
June 10	VCH Immunization Clinic (Gr. 9)
June 11	Ed Fac Meeting (lunch)
June 13	Graduation Dinner Dance
June 16	SCC Meeting (at lunch)
June 16	Mini School Farewell
June 18	Mini School Meeting (at lunch)
June 19	Valedictory Rehearsal
June 19	Suggested Marks Cutoff
June 20	Last Day of Semester 2 Classes
June 20	Awards Ceremony and Carnival
June 23-25	Learning Completion Days
June 23	Valedictory Ceremony (7:00pm – UBC Chan Centre)
June 23	Learning Updates due (8:00am-firm deadline)
June 26	Final Summary of Learning Published on MyEdBC
June 27	Administrative Day

Parent Conferences Sign-up opens April 23, 2025

Conferences will be held on **April 30, 2025** and **May 1, 2025**. All conferences will be held in person or virtually through MS Teams. All teachers will be on site at McNair during their online or inperson conferences.

All parents are encouraged to sign-up to meet with teachers about student's learning.

Parents have been able to sign-up for PT Conferences since **April 23, 2025**, when Learning Updates were published to MyEd BC. We are using an online [sign-up site](#), and parent instructions have been posted on the McNair's website. Students are welcome to join parents during the Parent Teacher Conference.