

September 29 – October 3, 2025

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

"The truth is not yet fully told."

Phyllis Webstad, The Orange Shirt Society

At McNair, we believe learning is not just found in textbooks—it lives in stories, in voices, in the quiet courage of truth. Each student and teacher brings a thread to our shared tapestry: woven from lived experience, culture, identity, and hope.

September 30th, marks the 4th **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. It is a day to pause, to listen, and to remember. A day to honour the children who never came home, and the families whose lives were forever changed by the legacy of Residential Schools.

Reconciliation is not a single act—it is a journey. One that asks us to walk with humility, to learn with open hearts, and to reflect on how we treat one another as human beings. The truth of our history is painful, but in facing it, we find the strength to build something better.

Our school theme this year is **"McNair Cares."** Strength is not just resilience—it is compassion, curiosity, and connection. It is found in celebrating each student's individuality, in honouring their stories, and in creating spaces where all voices matter. When we champion one another, when we listen deeply, when we learn about cultures beyond our own, we begin to move forward—together. In our classrooms, in our hallways, and in our community, we affirm that **diversity is a strength, inclusion is a right, and personalization is the path forward.**

Let us remember: there were times when these truths were denied. When assimilation was the goal, and identity was erased. By learning from those times, we empower ourselves to speak up when injustice appears—today, tomorrow, and always. At McNair, we don't just teach and learn. We honour. We grow. We walk forward in truth.

McNair's First Annual Reconciliation Walk

On Monday, Sept 29th, we will walk together in Truth and Reconciliation. Our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation acknowledges the Musqueam people as the living culture and present stewards of this land. It means remembering the painful truths of our shared history and choosing, every day, to do better. Along our Reconciliation walking route, signs invite reflection on the past, present, and future—centering on the experiences of the Musqueam people. These markers are not just reminders; they are calls to listen, to learn, and to honour. Students and staff will gather in the main gym for a Land Acknowledgement and at 12:20pm, we begin our walk through the community, reflecting on the legacy of Residential Schools and their lasting impact. We encourage everyone to dress appropriately for the weather, as we walk together in remembrance, respect, and hope.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 6	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55 am)
Oct 6	Staff Meeting (after school)
Oct 7	Health & Safety Meeting
Oct 8	Ed Fac Meeting
Oct 9	School Based Team Meeting
Oct 10	Informal Learning Updates due by 8:00am
Oct 13	Thanksgiving-School Closed
Oct 15	Informal Learning Updates Emailed Home
Oct 15	Mini School Meeting
Oct 16	Grad Autumn Gala
Oct 20	SCC Meeting
Oct 23	School Based Team Meeting
Oct 24	Pro-D Day – Provincial PSA Day
Oct 24-26	Loon Lake Music Retreat
Oct 28	Hold & Secure, Lockdown, & Evacuation Drill (Flex-9:50am)
Oct 30	School Photo Retakes
Oct 30	Haunted House
Nov 3	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55am)
Nov 3	Staff Meeting (after school)
Nov 4	Health & Safety Meeting
Nov 5	Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
Nov 5	Literacy12 Graduation Assessment
Nov 6	School Based Team Meeting
Nov 7	Suggested Marks Cutoff

Marlin Mania Clubs Day - October 1st

On October 1st, all clubs will have the opportunity to showcase their club at tables in the main hallway. Clubs may have posters and demonstrations to recruit new members. Club leaders will receive an email after the Club submission due date (September 25th) to confirm their participation. Club leader will setup during block C for Clubs Day. Please see Mr. Yip or Mr. Jaswal if you have questions.

McNair Flex Time (Sign-up is required)

Each day, we allocate instructional time for "self-directed" personalized learning. During Flex Time, students engage in independent learning and pursue their learning with the support and mentorship of teachers. This approach empowers students with choice and ownership of their learning, while our staff members facilitate a supportive learning environment of safety and readiness.

Orange Shirt Day – September 29, 2025

Orange Shirt Day is a quiet call to remember, a bright thread woven through the fabric of truth. It honours the children whose voices were silenced, whose stories were stolen in Residential Schools. The orange shirt, once taken from Phyllis Webstad, now stands as a symbol of resilience, of memory, of hope. On this day, we wear orange not just in solidarity, but in sorrow and strength. We listen. We learn. We promise to do better. Every child matters—not just in history, but in our hearts, our classrooms, and our future. Let the colour speak where silence once lived.