



THE MCNAIR WAAG

September 28 – October 2, 2026

Monday Sept 28			Tuesday Sept 29			Wednesday Sept 30			Thursday Oct 1			Friday Oct 2		
Day 1			Day 2			National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)			Day 1			Day 2		
Block A	8:30	9:51	Orange Shirt Day						Block A	8:30	9:41	Collab	8:30	9:48
Block B	9:54	11:15	Block B	9:35	10:35				Flex Time	9:44	10:24	Block A	9:51	10:53
Break	11:15	11:25	Break	10:35	10:50				Block B	10:29	11:40	Block B	10:58	12:00
Block C	11:30	12:51	Block C	10:55	11:55				Break	11:40	11:50	Break	12:00	12:13
Lunch	12:51	1:36	WALK	12:00	1:10				Block C	11:55	1:06	Block C	12:18	1:20
Block D	1:39	3:00	Lunch	1:10	1:55				Lunch	1:06	1:46	Lunch	1:20	1:55
			Block D	2:00	3:00				Block D	1:49	3:00	Block D	2:00	3:00
			McNair's 2 nd Annual Truth and Reconciliation Walk @ 12pm						Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:51 am)					
			Last Day for Terry Fox Fundraiser						Free Pancake Breakfast @ 9:30am					
									Loon Lake Band Retreat 1pm (Return Sunday 5pm)					

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 5th 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. **At McNair we champion students and their learning.**

Orange Shirt Day – September 29, 2026

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.

Grade 12 Info Night: On October 8th, we will be having our virtual Grade 12 Parent Info Night.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 5	Staff Meeting (after school)
Oct 6	Health & Safety Meeting
Oct 7	McNair Clubs Day
Oct 8	School Based Team Meeting
Oct 9	Grade 8 Connection Day
Oct 12	Thanksgiving-School Closed
Oct 14	Ed Fac Meeting
Oct 15	Beyond the Blues Mental Health Fair
Oct 15	Grad Autumn Gala
Oct 16	Informal Learning Updates Due at 8:00am
Oct 19	SCC Meeting
Oct 21	S1 Informal Learning Updates Emailed Home
Oct 22	SBT Meeting
Oct 23	Pro-D Day (Provincial Specialist Day/PSA)
Oct 27	Hold & Secure, Lockdown & Evacuation Drill (During Flex)
Oct 29	Haunted House
Oct 30	Halloween Celebrations
Nov 2	Staff Meeting
Nov 3	Health and Safety Lunch
Nov 4	Take Your Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
Nov 4	Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment
Nov 5	School Based Team Meeting
Nov 6	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:51am)

McNair's 2nd Annual Reconciliation Walk

On Tuesday, 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.

Collaboration Day

At McNair, collaboration is an important part of how McNair Cares. Seven times each year, Collaboration Days bring staff together to plan, learn, and connect across grades, departments, and disciplines. By sharing ideas, coordinating curriculum, and working together to understand and respond to student needs, our staff help create a learning experience that is connected, purposeful, and responsive. When educators learn and grow together, our students benefit. Classes begin at 9:51am