

October 19 – October 23, 2026

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SCC Meeting Spooky Snacks Sale October 15 – 28 (Main Hallway)	UBC Teacher Candidates Tour 11:30am to 2:30pm	Semester 1 Informal Learning Updates Emailed Home	SBT Meeting (at lunch) SFU Counselors Day (No Counselors at McNair)																																																													

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

“Assessments are critical in the learning process. Without them, teachers and students would never know when to move onto the next subject, or how to help students.” — *Unknown*

The Power of Assessment: Nurturing Growth Through Reflection.

As we approach the first progress report of the year, we are reminded—both as educators and parents—that belief in one’s ability is a powerful predictor of success. Students who feel confident in their capacity to learn are more likely to engage deeply, persevere through challenges, and remain open to future growth. Interim reports, or Learning Updates as we call them, should serve to support this confidence—not diminish it.

True self-confidence is not built through inflated praise or exaggerated achievement. It grows when students see their strengths clearly, recognize the obstacles they’ve overcome, and are guided toward meaningful next steps. Resilient learners understand that setbacks are part of the journey. They rise, reflect, and try again—each time stronger and more prepared. This mindset fosters not only academic success but lifelong adaptability.

When communicating student progress, it is essential to distinguish between a lack of ability and a lack of belief. Research shows that students who struggle with self-confidence often possess the same potential as their peers—they simply don’t see it in themselves. This internal doubt can become a barrier to participation and risk-taking, reinforcing a cycle of disengagement. For these learners, Learning Updates must be crafted with care, ensuring they do not reinforce feelings of inadequacy but instead highlight growth and possibility.

Progress reports should do more than reflect achievement—they should inspire it. They are an opportunity to affirm what has been learned, to set new goals, and to encourage the next steps on each student’s unique path. When thoughtfully written, they become a bridge between where a student is and where they are capable of going.

Let us use this moment to uplift, to guide, and to remind every learner: your potential is real, your growth is visible, and your journey is just beginning. **At McNair we champion students and their learning. At McNair we champion students and their learning.**

Need extra help? *Flex Time* is great way to get extra learning support for all students in all subject areas. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this time. Students select or a teacher a student attend their Flex Time class. Attendance is taken and reported back to parents.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 26	UBC Short Practicum (2 Weeks)
Oct 27	Hold & Secure, Lockdown & Evacuation Drill (During Flex)
Oct 28	International Student Student Lunch
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 5	Photo Re-take Day (Morning)
Nov 6	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:51am)
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 10	Grade 7 Volleyball Jamboree 3:30pm
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
Nov 13	S1 Learning Updates Due at 8:00am
Nov 16	SCC Meeting
Nov 18	S1 Learning Updates Published at 3:00pm on MyEd BC
Nov 18	Parent Teacher Conferences Bookings Open
Nov 19	Earthquake and Evacuation Drill (Block A)
Nov 19	SBT Meeting
Nov 23	Vaccination Clinic – Grade 9 Immunization
Nov 24	Parent Teacher Conferences Sign Up closes 12PM
Nov 25	Parent Teacher Conferences (2-4PM) Early Dismissal
Nov 26	Parent Teacher Conferences (2-4PM & 5-7PM) Early Dismissal

Communicating Student Learning – Learning Updates

All students and parents will receive an Informal Learning Update with brief information from each teacher on October 21. These updates are an opportunity for parents to see the progress their students have made in each course. Equally important, Learning Updates are an opportunity for students to review their goals and even set new goals if they are not meeting their expectations. At McNair, our staff continues to challenge students to set high expectations for themselves and to demonstrate determination in striving for these goals. Setting goals is a good way to help students to reflect on what is important to them, clear their minds, and focus on what type of student they want to be.

Learning Updates Timeline

October 21	Interim Reports sent home
Nov. 21	Semester 1 Term 1 Learning Updates Published
Nov. 25 & 26	Parent Conferences 2-4pm & 5-7pm(26 th only)

McNair Tutoring Club provides free tutoring to students in academic subject areas. We have a large group peer tutors who are available to help. To request and arrange tutoring, send an email to mcnairtutors@gmail.com