

## Weekly Update for McAdam High

Hello all McAdam High families! This is a weekly update that will be going out once a week to provide an overview of what the school is up to. This coming week is Safe Schools Week, there is nothing more important than ensuring the safety of all students.

### Monday

1. Mr. MacIver is away for Violence Threat Risk Assessment Training level III.
2. Grade 9/10 students will be helping the elementary students plant flower bulbs in the park

#### Safety Focus

#### PSST! - Video

#### Safer Schools Together - School District - PSST! World Link



The above links provide families and students an opportunity to report anonymously. As families take time to check in with your children to see how their day is going, do they have any worries or concerns? Is there something or someone affecting them? Let them know at home they can always talk to a family member and at school there are trusting adults who can help.

### Tuesday

1. Mr. MacIver is away for Violence Threat Risk Assessment Training level III.
2. Mobile Hack-a-thon Day 1- is all about using the power of technology to make the world a better place. Students who signed up will be involved in a fun, purpose-driven, project-based and collaborative workshop over two days (12 hours). The goal is to teach teens how to work together to tackle problems with technology in a collaborative, social, friendly and supportive environment.

#### Safety Focus

Sometimes students faced with difficult situations and challenges they can't resolve turn to high-risk behavior, which may put them and others at risk. To respond to the needs of these individuals – and to keep all our students safe – McAdam High has several steps to be taken by all school staff.

#### What families can do?

Any person in a school community having knowledge of a threat/threat-related behaviour or having reasonable grounds to believe there is a potential for high-risk behaviour should immediately report the information to the RCMP and/or school principal. Families can help their children to learn about worrisome behaviour and reporting it as it is a social responsibility to ensure the wellbeing of all.

### Wednesday

#### Mobile Hack-a-thon Day 2



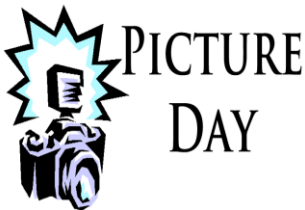
#### Safety Focus

Bus Safety – all students will be participating in learning how to properly evacuate a bus and what to do if there is a safety concern on the bus. Our bus driver, Steve, has an important role to ensure the safety of all students when riding the bus.

### What families can do?

Take time to talk to your children about what to do if there was a safety concern while in your own vehicle. What would your child do in the event of an accident? Who would they call if you were unable? Does your vehicle have a roadside safety kit? As winter is approaching is your vehicle ready for winter, do you carry candles, blankets, flares in the event of an accident or breakdown? Next time you are driving with your children, take a couple of minutes to review safety.

## Thursday



Picture retake day, for all of those who need retakes be ready to smile.

### Safety Focus

Wheelers/Bikes - several students ride their wheelers or bikes to school, which is a great part of living in a small town! Today we are going to review how to leave the school for lunch and home in a safe manner. Too often when all the students are together, students are distracted or are leaving in a hurry to get home, this creates potential safety hazards. We are going to discuss the importance of being aware of your surroundings, recognizing that vehicles have the right of way and what is the best route to leave the school area.



### What families can do?

Talk to your children about riding a wheeler/bike to school, what route do they take? Are they fully alert while riding or are they listening to music on their headphones? How do your children signal to other traffic?

## Friday

Grades 6-8 Math Focus, staff from our district office will be in the school today working with students with different approaches in math

### Safety Focus

Distractions – Being aware of your surroundings is a major step to ensure that you are safe. However, many students and staff (especially Mr. MacIver) are distracted and not aware of their surroundings. We will discuss texting and walking/driving/learning! We will also discuss being distracted in general and how this can lead to potential safety issues.

### What families can do?

Talk to your children about being distracted? Are they aware of texting while riding? What about texting while walking, this can be a real thing that has lead to many accidents. Talk to your children about being aware of what they are doing while walking/biking/riding to and from school are they aware of their surroundings?