



Establishing a School Garden Community...
ie. it takes a community to build a Farm to
School garden

WL McLeod School – Vanderhoof, BC with Saik'uz First Nation unceded territory

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A Venn diagram with three overlapping circles. The top circle is labeled 'Committee', the bottom-left circle is labeled 'Teamwork', and the bottom-right circle is labeled 'Partners (community & SD)'. The central area where all three circles overlap is labeled 'School Garden' in red text. The background is a textured orange and green gradient.

Committee

School
Garden

Teamwork

Partners
(community
& SD)



FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Passion

School
Garden

Patience

Partners

Passion

It's a new day at
McLeod, and
I'm going to fill
it with learning,
kindness and
caring.



Committee to Teamwork

- Community inspired
- PAC supported
- Benefits of Farm to School BC Program
- Complimentary skills/passions by the team members



Partners





PARTNERS

District of Vanderhoof, School District 91, Farm to School BC (Roanne – we love you!), Seniors Connected, NV Food Network, Vanderhoof Community Foundation, BC Government, OBAC, Men Shed Society, M4 (contractor), McLeod PAC and staff, and many businesses, individuals, and farms in Vanderhoof!!



WL McLeod School + Farm to School Heathly Students

With
Passion,
Partners
&
Patience

Farm toSchool is a provincial program that promotes healthy and local foods in schools. Parents and sta at McLeod have worked hard over the years to grow the Farm toSchool at McLeod to include:

- > Two kitchen sta to cook hot lunch 5 days per week!
- > Salad Bar three days a week that includes multiple vegetable and fruit options for students to try
- > PACowned Greenhouse and a plot at Community Garden for outdoor education and to grow food for the hot lunch program
- > Food preparation and life skills education in the school kitchen
 - > Fresh baked goods for the breakfast program and recess
 - > Support of the Backpack Program
- > Partnerships with community groups, local producers and businesses to access healthy food and mentorship for our students

Five days a week students at
McLeod can eat a
hot lunch that has food they
personally grew and prepared.

Farm to School – Salad Bar



2011

2013

2014

2016

2021

2023

2024

First McLeod Garden



2011

2013

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2024



Community Garden



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5-days a
week lunch,
new kitchen
& at-home
support



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Indoor Grow Tower



Walk-in Cooler



Expanded Meal Program



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