



FRANCOIS LAKE

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Principal's Message

Notice of Bell Schedule Adjustment for 2026-27 and 2027-28

I would like to inform all families that there will be a minor adjustment to the school bell schedule starting in the 2026-27 school year. This change is necessary to ensure that our school meets the required number of instructional minutes as outlined in the BC School Act.

Beginning in September 2026, the length of recess will be reduced by two minutes. Recess will now start at 10:30 AM and end at 10:43 AM each school day throughout both the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years. Please note that the start and end times of the school day will remain unchanged.

No action is required from families at this time. We will make the necessary adjustments to the school bell schedule in preparation for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8th. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kelemen
Principal



No-School Days!!!

Fri. May 8: Pro-D Day
Mon. May 18: Victoria Day
Fri. Jun. 26 - Tue. Sep. 8
Summer Break

Reminder! Tomorrow is a Pro-D Day!

After School Plans—Do You Have Yours?

The FLES staff are asking parents and guardians to pre-plan after school plans as there are days when the school office is not staffed. We are a small, very rural school with shorter hours than other schools and don't always get replacements to cover absent roles. This means telephone messages may not be received until the following day. Pre-planning keeps our students safe! Thank you!

Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

May

- 8 (W) Pro-D Day—No School
- 12 (T) Mini Bike Camp
- 15 (F) Out of Catchment Closes
- 18 (M) Victoria Day—No School**
- 20 (W) PAC Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 (F) School Swim Trip
- 26 (T) 7-UP Day at LDSS
- 25 (M) GEERING UP workshop Gr 4-7 1-2:30 PM

June

- 19 (F) Sports Day
- 24 (W) Gr 7 Leaving Ceremony
- 24 (W) Learning Updates go home

Breakfast and Snack Program—Information

Our 2.0 hours per day Breakfast and Snack Program may have days when the regular employee is absent with no replacement so students are always encouraged to bring food from home just in case there is no breakfast offered that day.

Field Trip Season is Upon Us!!!

FLES has a few field trips planned in the near future. We ask that parents or guardians to please take the time to read over the permission forms, sign them, and send them back to school as soon as possible. This ensures that we can plan for students' snacks which may be included, tickets which may be involved, or who may be staying behind at the school. Please send permission forms back as soon as possible! Thank you!



Fire Drill Season!

We have started our fire drills again! It has been a while since our last drill, however, last week, our school was fully cleared in two minutes 58 seconds!

Way to go Falcons!!

In our school, cooperation looks like this!



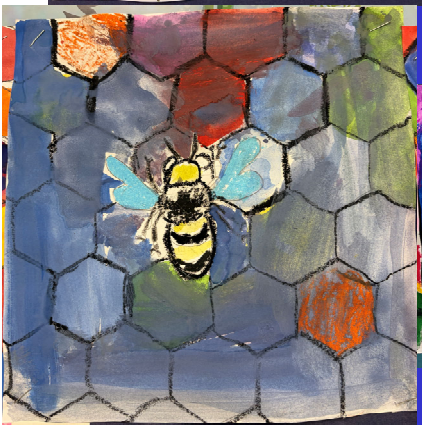
Show and Tell! Feathers and bones.



Primary Artwork

Our students learn so much during their creative time—bee science, bee geometry, light refraction for sunsets and rainbows, and so much more!

These works need to be seen in person! If you have a moment, stop in and view them.



On Tuesday, May 5, our FLES students got to participate in a Mini Bike Camp right here at school! They were taught by Mr. Paulson and Ms. van Zanten, avid bicyclists representing Spirit North. Students learned the ABCs of safe bicycling. The next Mini Bike Camp will be on May 12!



WEDNESDAY MAY 27
9 AM - 11 AM

DOOR PRIZES

JOIN US FOR OUR 2026 EARLY YEARS SCREENING EVENT

ALL 3 - 4 YEAR OLDS INVITED

VISION/HEARING SCREENING • ASQS • DENTAL HEALTH • IMMUNIZATION REVIEW • ETC.

MURIEL MOULD NEIGHBORHOOD LEARNING CENTER
270 - 9TH AVENUE
HOSTED IN PARTNERSHIP BY:



Art work donated to 2nd Annual Spring Artisan Market taking place on May 9th



This project was a beautiful opportunity for students to showcase their artistic talents in a way that will enhance the community event! A note of gratitude to Mrs. Wilejto and the intermediate students for their breathtaking masterpieces! Artwork like these, like any of the Masters' work, must be seen in person!

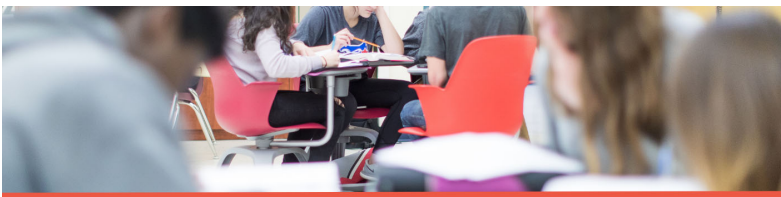


Kindergarten!

Pre-registration is on now!!!

If you have a child **born in 2021**, and lives in our **catchment area** (Bald Hill Rd and south; north of Francois Lake; and east of North Red Hills Provincial Park), please **pre-register** your Sept. Kindergartener at **FLES**. We'll need their **Birth Certificate**, **BC Services card**, and **proof of residence** in catchment area (Drivers Licence, utilities bill, etc.). Registration forms are at the office! Questions? 250-695-6401.

Board Biz...



Tell us what you think!

Review and share your thoughts about the proposed language for our 2026-2031 Strategic Plan



Our survey closes on Friday, May 15, 2026.

You may access the survey online at the link or QR code below, or you are welcome to pick up a paper copy at any Nechako Lakes school or district office.

Access our survey at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/jZt3frupdn>



www.sd91.bc.ca

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We're Hiring!
Francois Lake Elementary needs supervisors, LSWs, and Indigenous Ed Advocates, and PAS!
Apply below!

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SCAN THE QR CODE, OR VISIT WWW.SD91.BC.CA/SUPPORTSTAFFPOSTINGS TO VIEW OUR CURRENT VACANCIES, INCLUDING OUR CASUAL LISTS!

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Proposed School Calendar

We are currently collecting public feedback regarding the **DRAFT 2028-29 school calendar**.

Your feedback will be accepted via email to calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026**. Check out the 'Calendars - Yearly' page at www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar to view the proposed calendars.

Bullying stops here:



Don't repost it. Report it.



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Out of Catchment

Reminder: Francois Lake Elementary School is **NOT** taking any out of catchment applications. However, the rest of the district is.

Closing date for Out of Catchment applications is **next Friday, May 15, 2026**. Once the date is passed, all registrations will be in-catchment only.

PAC Posts...

Our 2025-2026 PAC Executive Chair: Amy Wainwright
Co-Vice Chair: Dale Pereira
Co-Vice Chair: Jessica Shively
Treasurer: Johanna Hayes
Secretary: Ileasha Gooding
DPAC: Vacant (you!)

The next **PAC meeting** will be **Wed. May. 20, 2026, at 5:30 PM**. All parents are welcome, and babysitting is provided! Come have your say!

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Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policies are currently open for public feedback until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2026**.

NEW [Policy 100.0.1 – Role of the Board](#)
[Policy 200.1 – Superintendent of Schools/ Chief Executive Officer](#)
[Policy 304.6 – Selection of Learning Resources](#)
[Policy 304.7 – Controversial Learning Resources](#)

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the [SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage](#).

And the last word goes to...

Mrs. Mills, a veritable lifesaver when we need a teacher replacement. Thank you so much, Mrs. Mills!

