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New Principal's Message

Welcome to our new and returning families to the 2026-2027 school year at Francois Lake Elementary! I am very excited to be joining you, the FLES community, as your new principal and have already been feeling a warm welcome from the few people I have met so far.

I hope the summer has been good to you all. While it's my favourite season and I am a little sad to see the sunshine and heat start to slip away, I am looking forward to the return to routine that the start of the school year brings. I hope the transition goes well for all of you too.

We will be having an Open House at the school on Sep 16th from 5:00-5:30 for a chance to have you meet the teachers and be familiar with the school. I hope to meet as many of you as I can there! I would love to begin building connections with each family as I believe it's best when we as a school can be in active partnerships with the parents and guardians of a child to support everyone as a team when possible. I know many of you won't be able to make it to the open house, so hopefully we can meet another time soon.

Right after the Open House is the first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting at 5:30. You, as a parent or guardian of a child at FLES, are automatically a member of the PAC, which makes a space for ongoing communication between the parents and the school and provides opportunities for parents to support various projects here. Attending the meetings is optional and showing up to one doesn't mean you have to commit to coming to the others. Meetings are held in the staffroom and childcare is provided for those attending. If you have any questions about the PAC, I'd be happy to connect you with our PAC Chair, Amy Wainwright.

Looking forward to a wonderful year together full of learning, growth, and fun!

Mr. Rosenau
Principal

No-School Days!!!

Fri. Sep. 25: Pro-D Day
Wed. Sep. 30: National Truth and Reconciliation Day
Mon. Oct. 12: Thanksgiving
Fri. Oct. 23: Pro-D Day

Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

September

11 (F) FLES Terry Fox Run
16 (W) Open House 5 PM
16 (W) PAC Meeting 5:30 PM
18 (F) SIVF Forms due back to FLES
23 (W) Class Photos 9 AM
25 (F) Pro-D Day—No School

October

12 (M) Thanksgiving Day—No School
21 (W) Early Dismissal 11:53 AM—Talk About Learning Time 2—6 PM

Welcome to our new and returning staff!!!

Miss Jordi Joseph, Primary Teacher (Gr. K, 1, 2, & 3)
Mrs. Cherise Wilejto, Intermediate Teacher (Gr. 4, 5, 6, and 7)
Mr. Gerald Rosenau, Principal
Mrs. Lana Coulson, PAA
Mr. Wyatt Helgesen, LSW
Miss Carmen Woode, LSW
Ms. Janice Babych, MP
Mr. Paul Woolnough, ASL
Mrs. Sandy Haskett, OT
Mrs. Chantal Phillips, SLT
Mr. Trevor Moyah, Counsellor
Mrs. Jean Vossen, AA
We're going to have a WONDERFUL year!

Student Information Verification Forms (SIVF) —They're Out!

Please watch for your child's Student Information Verification Form. **Please make any changes** directly on the form, **sign** and **date** it, and **return** it to the **school as soon as possible**. Each form is specific to each child. Please make changes (if needed) on EACH form. They are **due** no later than **Friday, Sept. 18**.

These forms will come with other paperwork that you should read over and keep.

Thank you for helping us out!

Bussing News and Update!!!

Francois Lake Elementary has new staff loading our busses in the afternoons! We will have our two teachers and our principal rotating days to ensure your child is safely on the bus or with your designated person.

Here's the thing. Our staff is new. They won't know who is a parent yet, or even who an alternate designate is to pick up your child. You must call the office if it is not a parent picking up your child.

For the next while, we require all parents or designates to come tell the adult loading the bus you/they are picking your child up so our new staff can check your child's name off the bus list.

Please, no taking children without speaking first to the after school supervisor.

Please, lets keep our kids safe and accounted for!



PAC Posts...

Our 2026-2027 PAC Executive

Chair: Amy Wainwright

Vice Chair: Jessica Shively

Treasurer: Johanna Hayes

Secretary: Ileasha Gooding

DPAC: Vacant (you!)

The next **PAC meeting** will be **Wed. Sep. 16, 2026, at 5:30 PM.** All parents are welcome, and babysitting is provided! How do **YOU** want to see our school teach our kids? Come have your say!

There is just no better place to go to school! Mrs. Wilejto's class outside learning on Day 1.



Board Biz...



Knives in Schools

SD91 reminds families that knives are strictly prohibited at school and on school buses. We understand that many families in our region spend considerable time outdoors and often use these items. However, knives, including Leatherman tools, are not appropriate in a school setting at any time.

We ask that all caregivers and students check backpacks and jacket pockets, especially after camping, fishing, or hunting trips to ensure these items are not brought to school. The District Code of Conduct will be followed for these situations and appropriate consequences applied.

If you have any questions, please contact your school or the Safe School Coordinator at kevans@sd91.bc.ca.

Does Your Child Have Allergies?

With the start of the new school year, we need to know if your child has severe life-threatening allergies to anything. You may have noted this on a past form, but to ensure our information is correct and up-to-date, we are asking you to let us know again.

Please let the school know as soon as possible so we can send two forms home with your child to be filled out by you, and returned to us.

Once we know what your child needs, we can do our best to ensure your child stays safe at our school.

At this time we ask families to refrain from packing nuts until we have confirmed no nut allergies in school.

And the last word goes to:

Mrs. Wendy Kelemen for thinking so far ahead that she ensured our staff had a wonderful lunch for their first day of school! Thank you so much, Mrs. Kelemen!