

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Staff and students alike are constantly busy here at the school. Whether it is mandatory work, like math and writing learning updates, or just organizing a game of broomball on the playground, there is always something happening. It warms my heart to watch the hustle and bustle of activities happening around the building.

Volleyball season is here right now. I have had the privilege of sneaking in and watching a couple of practices at lunch and after school. The students are learning so many skills during these times. Please feel free to come and watch the students at their tournament on Friday, December the 6th at Decker Lake School.

Concert practices were well on the way. As you may have heard, the Christmas concert has unfortunately been cancelled this year, but I would still like to acknowledge the hard work that had been going into the performances and send a thank you to the students that had joined the choir practices as well.

Outside play is always on the go. Children have been spending countless hours digging in the snow this week and last. A special thank you to PAC for purchasing new snow equipment for outside. The students play no matter what the weather, rain, snow, or freezing cold, they still find something to enjoy. They have a tendency to come in soaking wet but wearing a smile on their face. Sending them to school with some extra gloves or clothes is recommended for this time of year.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and busy December.

Marlee Wilson
Principal

Mark your Calendars!

(Dates subject to change)

December

6 (F) Volleyball Tournament

16-20 (M-F) Spirit Week

23 to January 3—Winter Break—No School

January

6 (M) First Day of School after Winter Break

Helping our Community

 FLES, in conjunction with The Link, is collecting donations to help feed our neighbours who are struggling to meet their food needs during this Christmas Season.

Mrs. Wilson sent a letter home with a list of needed items last Friday, Nov 29, and there are collection boxes in each classroom.

 In the spirit of Christmas, we can help our neighbours with needs at this time of year!



FLES School Spirit Week – December 16 - 18, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Christmas Colour Day Wear Red or Green 	Christmas Hat Day Wear a Christmas hat 	Christmas Character Day Dress up as your favourite Christmas character 	Christmas Sweater Day Wear a Christmas sweater 	Christmas Fun Day/PJ Day Wear Christmas Pjs, if not, any PJs will do. Fun activities all day! 

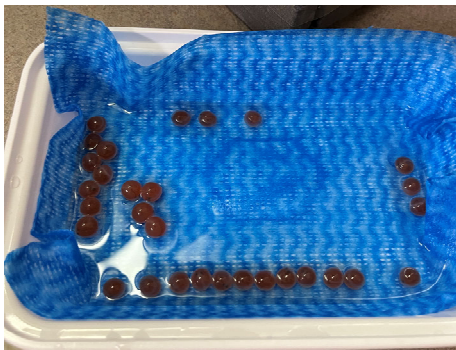


Beautiful choir voices have been heard in our school!

The Salmon Have Arrived

The grade 3/4 class are working with Oceans and Fisheries Canada this year to raise and release salmon.

On Nov. 26th, 30 Chinook eggs were dropped off at the school for the students to raise until they are big enough to release. The salmon are currently in the eyed egg stage, and in a



couple of weeks we will see them begin to hatch and turn into alevin.

Each day, the students are tracking the temperature of the tank to monitor the accumulative thermal units so that

they can track the 'age' of the salmon. Once the fry are hatched in the spring, they will be released.



Language and Culture Lessons

Francois Lake students were again honoured to have Elder Helen Michelle teach us more about the Indigenous culture and language of this area. Ask your student what they learned last Friday!



November?

Did you know King Charles III is a prostate cancer survivor? What does this fact have to do with our students? Men's health!



November 26 was Moustache Day at our school! Students were encouraged to honour male friends and family and acknowledge health issues associated with men by wearing a "moustache" on a day in the month of "Movember". Several variations of moustaches could be seen around our school that Tuesday!



Between rolling giant snowballs, playing tag and...



...playing broomball, and constructing huge snowmen, teamwork is found everywhere during outdoor play!



Volleyball Tournament Tomorrow!

Come watch our Junior and Senior Volleyball teams compete tomorrow, Friday, December 6, at Decker Lake Elementary School.



What? Where's Your Child?

Please! Please! Please! Let the school know if you're picking your child up. We use checklists and when your child is gone because he or she has been picked up without letting the office know, it actually creates a situation. We have to assume your child has been kidnapped. Please **let the school know before 2:30 PM** if you're picking up your child. Lets keep all our children safe and accounted for. Thank you so much!!!

We would like to remind you, if you come into the school, to please sign in and out at the school office, even if you're just dropping off or picking up your child. Once you sign in, the staff in the front office will let you know if you can go to the classroom.

Board Biz...

Effective January 20, 2025, Mr. Mike Skinner will doff his Interim Superintendent hat and welcome Ms. Anita McClinton as our new School District Superintendent!

Thank you, Mr. Skinner, for your dedication to keeping this School District 91 ship on course. It's been a big set of shoes to fill and you've done it well!

Welcome, Ms. McClinton, to our warm-at-heart School District community! We look forward to working with you and your expertise!



SCHOOL DISTRICT 91
NECHAKO LAKES

School Board Meeting

Monday, December 16, 2024
6:00 pm

School Board Office
Vanderhoof, BC

Important Public Attendance Notice:

Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.

Due to limited space and seating availability, please request your seat prior to noon on meeting day if you wish to attend in person.

Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information for the Teams link or you may request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

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Public Feedback Welcome!

The Board of Education is engaging in a Policy Re-Organization Project. Members of the public are invited to review the first step of this project (re-numbering existing policies) and provide feedback before **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025.**

Please check out our [Policies & Regulations](http://www.sd91.bc.ca/69e70d92-09f6-4c77-bd55-3a85c8d67464) webpage for more details. www.sd91.bc.ca/69e70d92-09f6-4c77-bd55-3a85c8d67464

Next PAC meeting
Jan. 16 at 5:30 PM in the MPR.
All parents are Welcome!

PAC Executive:

Amy Wainwright	Chair
Jessica Shively	Vice Chair
Johanna Hayes	Treasurer
Ileasha Gooding	Secretary
Jessi Jack	Co-Hot Lunch Coordinator
Amber Poffenroth	Co-Hot Lunch Coordinator

And the last word goes to:

Randy for being an incredibly helpful young person for cleaning up the outside equipment such as the shovels and scoops! We really appreciate your helpfulness!
Thank YOU!