



Principal's Message

Dear Parents or Guardians,

It has been a busy couple of weeks at our school. Students had the opportunity to dance with the JESS Dance group to a variety of styles. Everybody seemed to enjoy their day dancing to Hip Hop or other contemporary dancing. We hope you enjoy the pictures. We also marked a special district-wide assembly on September 29th to observe Truth and Reconciliation Day. As a part of that day we unveiled our territorial land acknowledgement. You can hear it spoken by Mr. Pius Charlie by scanning the QR code on the poster. We hope that they next time you are at our school that you check out the Land Acknowledgement by scanning the QR code.

Interim reports were sent home with students yesterday. The Interim Report from your student's teacher will give you an indication of how your student is doing and how he/she is adjusting to their school year. New this year as well is the Two Stars and a Wish Document, which is a Student Self Assessment document. Both interim reports and the Two Stars and a Wish Document can affirm the positive strides and growth that your student is making but also provide avenues of discussion with teachers and students to discuss next steps.

Parent Teacher interviews will be on October 18th. Please ensure to call the school office at 250 695 6401 to book an appointment with your student's teacher. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Respectfully,
 Sigrid Sollbach, Principal

Mark your Calendars!

October

- 11 Informal Reports go home
- 12 District X-country run Gr. 3-7s
- 18 Early Dismissal—Talk About Learning (P/T Interviews)
- 20 Provincial Pro-D Day—No School**
- 25 PAC Meeting 6 PM
- 31 Hallowe'en

November

- 7 Green Thumb Performance 9 AM
- 9 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 10 Observe Remembrance Day—No School**
- 24 Pro-D Day—No School**

December

- 1 Volleyball—Gr 5/6/7
- 6 Formal Reports go home
- 18-22 Christmas Spirit Week
- 20 Christmas Concert
- 22 Christmas Spirit Day
- 25-Jan. 8 Winter Break—No School**

FLES Informs...

Informal Reports Have Been Sent Home!

Yesterday, you should have received the first informal report for your student(s). We hope you'll have a look at it and find it informative!

Talk About Learning! Wednesday, October 18!

Early Dismissal will take place on **Wednesday, October 18**, at **11:53 AM**, to prepare for our first Talk About Learning event (similar to the former Parent Teacher Interviews). If your child takes the bus, they will arrive at their usual stop 3 hours earlier.

Talk About Learning will take place from **2:00 PM to 6:00 PM** and each block is **10 minutes long**. We invite you to **call ahead** and book your appointment for you to participate in Talk About Learning with your child's teacher. If you have more than one student here, we will do our best to coordinate your visits to help you save time if you require. The sooner you call ahead, the better we can accommodate your time needs.

Book your appointment at 250-695-6401.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day was September 29, 2023!

FLES acknowledged and respected this day with students gathering for an hour to listen to Respected Indigenous Speakers Richard Van Kamp and Leona Prince. Topics included traditional stories, traditional gifts, and sharing of indigenous ways such as receiving and giving of gifts.



In addition, our school was presented with a plaque of a picture of a respected elder and representative of one of our local bands, Mr. Pius Charlie, who has offered up a traditional welcome in his own language. It is posted near the door, and if you scan the QR code, you will be able to hear it.

FLES Creates...Stone Soup!



Class Fees are Due!!!

We are into the second week of October and still have a few outstanding class fees owing. Please send in your child's class fee as soon as possible. If you're not sure if you've paid or not, please call! We'll be happy to check for you.

Grades K-3 \$20.00 / year
Grades 4-7 \$25.00 / year

Francois Lake Elementary Bell Schedule

- 8:55 AM Warning Bell
- 9:00 AM Classes Start
- 10:30 AM Recess Start
- 10:45 AM Classes Resume
- 12:15 PM Lunch - Outside
- 12:40 PM Lunch - Line Up
- 12:45 PM Lunch - Eating
- 1:00 PM Classes Resume
- 2:53 PM End of Day
- 3:00 PM First Bus Bell
- 3:50 PM Late Bus Bell

Board Biz...

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES
School Board Meeting
Monday, October 23, 2023
6:00 pm

Room 112, FSJSS
Fort St. James, 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.

Contact:
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES
Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Karla Mitchell presented her monthly report at the Regular School Board Meeting on September 25, 2023.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca.

PAC Posts...

Next PAC meeting Oct. 25 at 6:00 PM in the MPR. All parents are Welcome!

Meet Our PAC!

Amy Wainwright
Jessica Shively
Johanna Hayes
Ileasha Gooding
Lisa Swales

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Co-Secretary
Co-Secretary
DPAC Rep
Hot Lunch Coordinator

And the last word goes to:

All the students and parents who contributed to our Stone Soup Day! The soup was outstanding, thanks to all the generous donations and to the Master Cook, Mrs. Wilson! Thank you all!