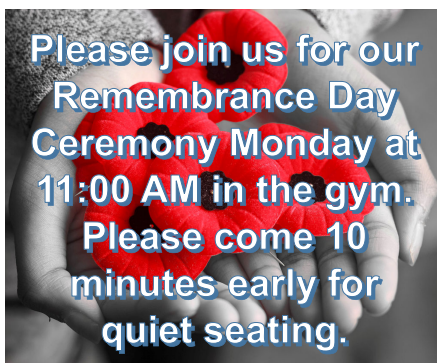


Principal's Message

It is a busy time of year for schools and the school district as we update the *School Plan to Support Student Learning* and participate in engagement sessions and a survey related to the refreshing of the *School District's Strategic Plan*. Thank you in advance to those of you who found the time to share your input via the district survey and/or attend an in-person or on-line engagement session. These documents are the backbone for the work we do in the school district. The collection of community and parent/guardian voices is an essential element in formulating the next Strategic Plan as we work towards a shared vision and commitment to the communities in which we serve. Together, we are stronger.

Kind regards,
 Mrs. Kelemen
 Principal



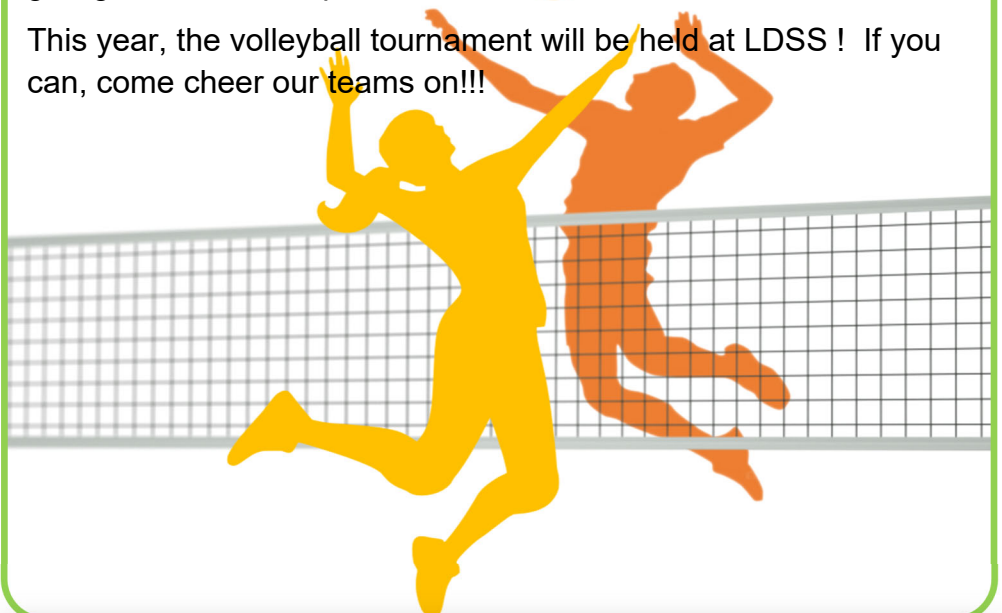
Please join us for our
**Remembrance Day
 Ceremony Monday at
 11:00 AM in the gym.**
 Please come 10
 minutes early for
 quiet seating.

Volleyball Tournament—Friday, December 5!

We've got volleyball practices for the Gr 5-6s at lunch Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch, and a huge thank you to our coaches, Mr. Bob Fowler and Cst. Larsson or Cst. Della-Paolera, for coming at lunch for our Gr 5-6 student athletes.


Gr 6-7 practices are after school Mondays and Wednesdays, from 3-4:30. And a huge thank you to coach Ms. Nyree Hazelton, for giving her time to help our Gr 6-7 student athletes.

This year, the volleyball tournament will be held at LDSS ! If you can, come cheer our teams on!!!



Mark your Calendars!
 (Dates & events subject to change)

November

- 10 (M) Remembrance Day Ceremony—11 AM 
- 11 (T) Observe Remembrance Day—**No School**

December

- 3 (W) Learning Updates go home
- 5 (F) Volleyball Tournament
- 18 (Th) Christmas Concert—1:30
- 22 to January 2—Winter Break—**No School**

January

- 5 (M) Back in school day

February

- 2 (M) Groundhog Day
- 6 (F) Pro-D Day—**No School**
- 12 (Th) "500 Words" Production—1:30 PM
- 16 (M) Family Day—**No School**

School photos are online and ready for your viewing pleasure! With a variety of backgrounds and poses, it'll be easy to select a printed photo of your child to frame! Go to <https://www.clarkeaction.com/news/87/20/2025-26-school-photo-galleries>, and use your child's Student Id Number to securely purchase your photos. Need help accessing your photos? Contact Lorne Clarke at info@clarkeaction.com or at 778-678-2807.

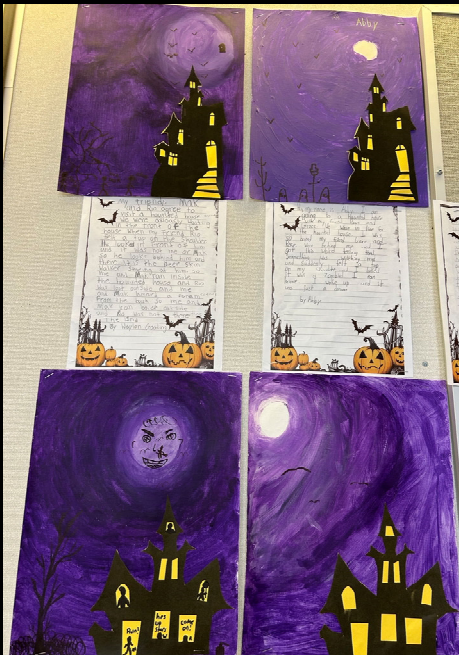
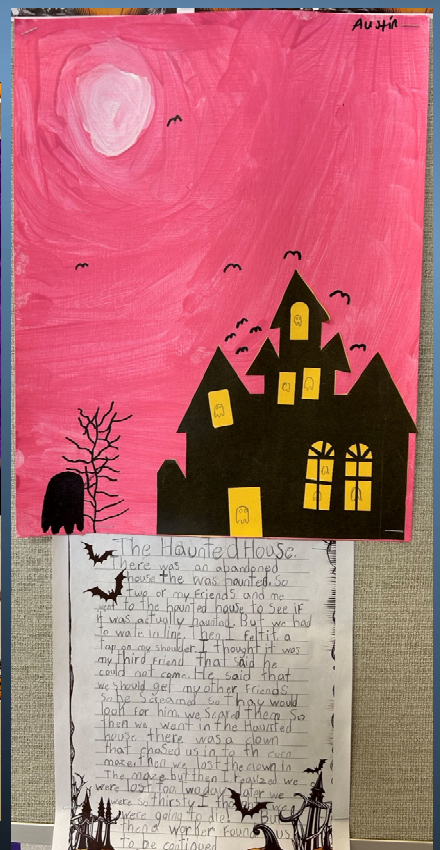
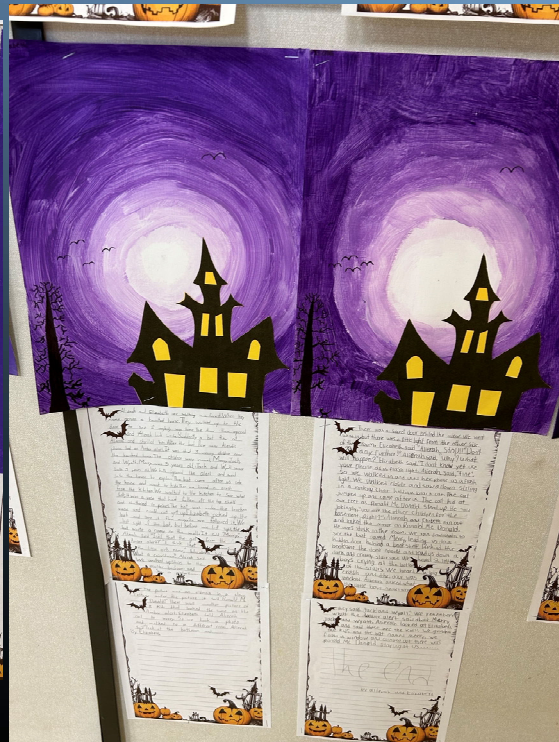
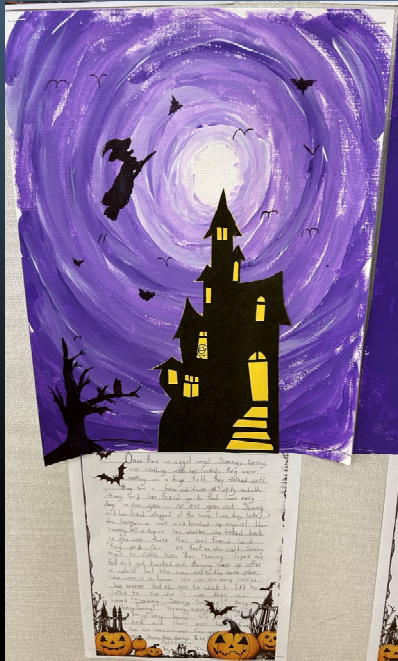
FLES's Virtue for November is Respect

What do Francois Lake Elementary students know about respect?

Respect is caring enough to consider how words and actions impact others.

- Having respect is when you feel good about someone because of how they act. For example, how they treat other people kindly, how hard they worked to achieve something, or how someone overcame a challenge. You can have respect for others and for yourself. Self-respect means you feel good about who you are, the choices you make, and the impact you have on others.
- Showing respect is when you care how your actions impact others. For example, using kind or polite words even when you're upset, using manners like sharing, waiting your turn, saying please and thank you, accepting differences, being careful to not damage places or things, or using quiet voices or calm behaviour in public places. It also means sharing resources; taking only what you really need.

For Hallowe'en, Francois Lake Falcons did some fantastic work!
The Gr 4567s:



The Gr K123's
work:



Come see for yourself! Our
walls are decorated with our stu-
dents' hard work!



Fresh Food for Growing Minds!

Did you know that a child's brain consumes up to **60%** of all the glucose the child gets from food?

Did you know that if your child comes to school hungry that we have a breakfast program?



In addition, Francois Lake Elementary has a student "Help-Yourself" refrigerator which is stocked daily by Ms. Babych with healthy food for any child who is hungry. It's located by the gym between the two classes. We are helping to grow minds and bodies!

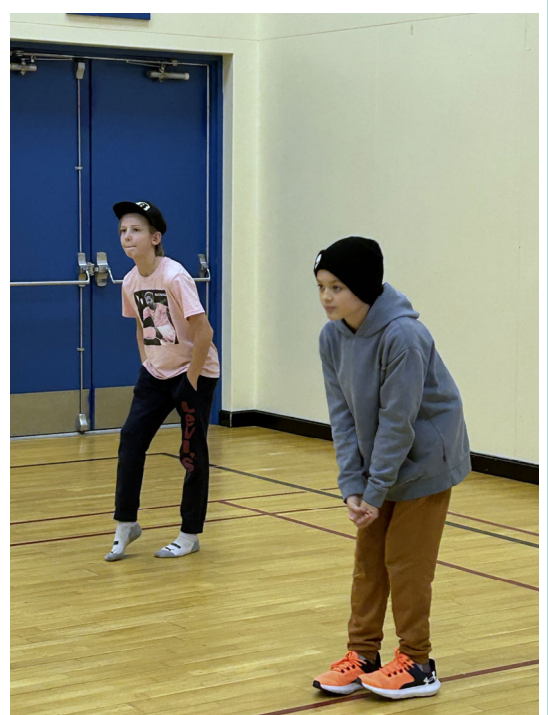


Reading Club!

All students are welcome to come to Reading Club! Mondays and Wednesdays are for Primary students, and Tuesdays and Thursdays are for Intermediate students. Every day a story or a continued story is read to the students, discussed, or coloured about, and then each student is welcome to read their own book at their own pace. After 5 books are read and logged, prizes are picked.

Practitioners of the Super Sport of Volleyball!

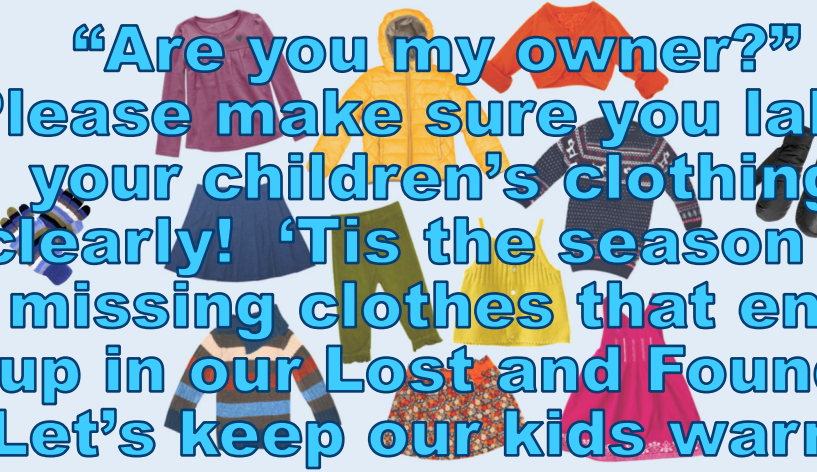
Francois Lake Elementary is so fortunate to have volunteers in our community who come at lunch time and after school to help our athletes become better volleyball players! A HUGE Thank You to all—Mr. Fowler, Ms. Hazelton, Cst. Larsson, and Cst. Della-Paolera—folks who've carved time from their busy days to teach our students skills! This is one of the Gr 5-6 lunchtime practices.



PAC Posts...

Welcome to New and Returning PAC Executives! We appreciate your volunteering dedication! (Drum roll....) Please welcome 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

DAY CHANGE!
 The next **PAC meeting** will be **Wed. Nov. 19, 2025, 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!




“Are you my owner?”
Please make sure you label your children’s clothing clearly! ‘Tis the season of missing clothes that end up in our Lost and Found! Let’s keep our kids warm!

Have you seen the price of coffee, lately? How are your grocery bills? How would you like to earn a bit more money? We need more casual CUPE workers. Why not apply to <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/employment> and click on the **Support Staff** link? We’d love to have you join our ranks...and who knows...maybe you have a career just waiting for you. Right here!

Board Biz...

In Focus - Feeding Futures Guiding Principle (2 of 5)
 “Programs support BC foods to grow local communities, economies and food system resilience.”
 Did you know? School District 91 is already working with local food producers and processors such as Bakkerij Lobelle, Reimer’s Ranch, Brophy Ranch, Speckle Sow, Copper T Ranch, Felicity Farms, and Borno Farms. Conversations are ongoing to start working with more local producers as connections are made.



School Board Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025, 6:30 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 in advance 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.
 To view the meeting agenda, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes.
 Contact: Heather Silver, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, 250-567-2284 ext. 9003 hsilver@sd91.bc.ca



Strategic Plan Refresh Meetings
 Join the Board of Education to contribute to the future roadmap for Nechako Lakes



Online Sessions Available:
3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 19
& 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 25
(meeting links available at the QR code below)

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas!

www.sd91.bc.ca





Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback **until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025.**

[Policy 202.2 – Staff Conflict of Interest](#)

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage at www.sd91.bc.ca/policies-and-regulations.

Nechako Lakes seeks YOUR Input, Burns Lake community members!



As we near the end of 2025, it is time to update our Strategic Education Plan. We hope to hear diverse voices and opinions from a wide scope of Rightsholders, stakeholders, community members and partners. Your input will help inform our updated Strategic Education Plan that will guide our work into the 2030's! Please join us for our in-person community engagement session on **Wednesday, November 5 – 4:00 p.m.** in the Learning Commons (library) at LDSS. This session will consist of small group / round-table conversations so every voice can be heard.

We will also hold virtual sessions on **November 19 (3:00 p.m.)** and **November 25 (6:00 p.m.)** for those who are unable to attend in person.

Please visit our [Strategic Education Plan webpage](#) for online meeting links and more information.

And the last word goes to:
 Samara Ferguson, who is our newest Francois Lake Elementary employee! She will be interpreting American Sign Language for our K123 class! Welcome aboard, Samara! We are delighted to have you join our school family!