

FALCONS

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that this message finds you well as we wrap up February and embrace the short month of March. March will bring us many exciting events, including the Basketball tournament hosted over at WKE. We are grateful for the hours of preparation for this tournament that the administration at WKE has put in to provide us with the tournament, the scheduling as well as the concession.

We are also grateful for our coaches and the hours of volunteering they have done for this tournament. Thanks again to Mr. Ryan Shively, Mrs. Nyree Hazelton-Plante, Mrs. Danielle Marshall, and Mr. Adam Hogarth who have put in many hours of coaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the last six weeks.

I would like to send a gentle reminder to please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for winter weather. Students require winter wear to play and learn outside. It can be quite windy on our playgrounds so students do require appropriate winter wear until the snow is gone and the temperatures warm up.

Our teachers look forward to meeting with you in person, on Wednesday, March 13th to discuss the learning updates at the Talk About Learning event. Please call to book an appointment to meet with your children's teachers.

Respectfully,
Sigrid Sollbach, Principal

Mark your Calendars!

March

- 1 Basketball Tournament
- 1 12:30 OSC Skiing (#3)
- 5 Festival Choir at IGC
- 6 PAC Meeting 6 PM
- 8 Speech Arts Performance
- 8 12:30 OSC Skiing (#4)
- 9 Central Interior Science Fair
- 13 Term 2 Learning Updates go home—**Early Dismissal at 11:57 AM**
- 13 Talk About Learning 2-6 PM
- 15 12:30 OSC Skiing (#5)
- 18 Grade K and 1 Pre-Registration begins
- 22 12:30 OSC Skiing (#6)
- 25 **Apr. 7 Spring Break—No School**

April

- 8 First Day Back to School
- 26 Pro-D Day—**No School**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, is a Major Three-Event Day for West School District 91!

Learning Updates, formerly known as Report Cards, are coming home on Wednesday March 13. Watch for them when your child comes home!



Early Dismissal

will be on March 13, as well! School busses will be three hours earlier than usual, and the busses at Francois Lake Elementary will be at 11:57 AM.



Talk About Learning (formerly known as Parent-Teacher Interviews) will begin at 2:00 PM the afternoon of March 13! Please call the school at 250-695-6401 to book your 10 minute appointment with your child's teacher to review your student's progress! If you have more than one child attending FLES, we encourage you to book as early as possible. We will do our best to schedule your appointments as conveniently for you as possible.



Grade 7

2nd Place Tie:

Callie Petersen and Elencia
Hazelton-Plante—*A Little Too
Much*; and
Jade Marshall—*Clean It Up*

Grade 5

2nd Place

Elizabeth Hunter—*Heartburn
Relief*

Grade 4

1st Place Tie:

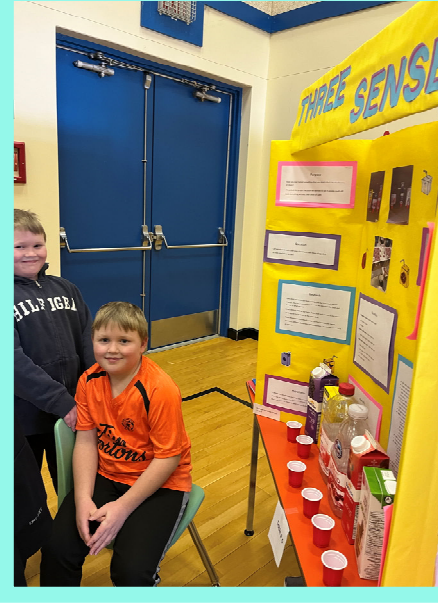
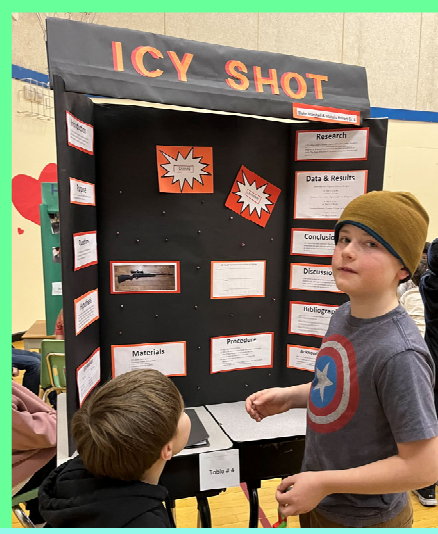
Brogan Wilson and Zander
Wilson—*Three Senses*; and
Blake Marshall and Makalu
Rollert—*Icy Shot*

2nd Place

Alierah Hazelton-Plante—*Will
It Grow*

DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS 21 FEB 2024

Congratulations to all our FLES Winners!



Francois Lake Elementary School Contenders!

On February 15, FLES students had their projects judged and below are our winners who went to the District Science Fair at Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School (FLESS).



All participants in the Science Fairs are permitted to showcase their amazing projects—whether they won or not!—at the Central Interior Science Exhibition. Check out their website to register!



2024 Central Interior Science Exhibition

March 9, 2024 at the University of Northern BC

Registration opens January 1, 2024

All Grades 4 - 12
Central Interior Zone
student scientists
welcome to participate!

For more information or to register, visit
www.centralinteriorscienceexhibition.com

Thank you to our sponsors:




Cool Kitties!

On Monday, Feb. 26, Katie-Ray brought her cats for show and tell. She had a cat carrier backpack she showed Mrs. Hogarth's class!

Goats?

Nope! You're not "seeing things"! On Tuesday, Feb. 27, the class also got to see, hold, smell, and hear Alierah's baby Pygmy Goats! The students learned about the Pygmy, the uses of the breed, and the care of

these adorable little animals.



Mrs. Watts' K12 class is out on the ski trails during a PAC sponsored Cross Country Skiing Friday! FLES kids are so lucky to get to learn to Cross Country Ski!



Pre-Registration for Kindergarten or Grade 1s (first time to school) and Out-Of-Catchment Applications Dates Are Set!

Pre-registration for children who will be entering Kindergarten or children who will be entering Grade 1 at a new SD91 school in September 2024 will take place **March 18 - 22, 2024** at **Francois Lake Elementary School**. The hours will be **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** and **1:15 PM to 2:00 PM**. Registrations outside of these dates and times cannot be accepted.

Out-of-Catchment applications can be submitted starting March 18, 2024, and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis up to May 15, 2024. This process is not the same as school registration. For more information, please contact Mike Skinner at 250-567-2284.

Poetry Club Recitals!



Come see what our students can do! For the last two months, students have been practicing some pretty spectacular works!

On Friday, March 8, one-third of our students will be reciting their poems to Speech Arts Adjudicators at 9:30 AM at our school! We invite you to enjoy our students' poetry in the gym! Family, friends, and visitors welcome!

Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Little and Mrs. Shively for helping on Tuesdays!



On Tuesday, March 5, at 10:00 AM, come out to the Island Gospel Fellowship Church and watch our FLES students perform their choir songs in the Festival Arts Performance! Everyone is welcome!!

PAC Posts...

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

Here's Our PAC Executive!

Amy Wainwright	President
Jessica Shively	Vice President
Johanna Hayes	Treasurer
Ileasha Gooding	Co-Secretary
Lisa Swales	Co-Secretary
	DPAC Rep
	Hot Lunch Coordinator

Board Biz...



Proposed Policy Updates

Despite a temporary hold while we await further information from the Province regarding recently legislated cell phone restriction requirements, the School District 91 Policy Committee continues to accept public feedback regarding **Policy 604.1 – Digital Technology, Consent and Privacy**.

If adopted, this new Policy 604.1 will replace the following existing policies:

- * 502.6 – Use of Cell Phones and Digital Devices
- * 604.1 – Digital Technology
- * 604.2 – Student Photograph/Video/Audio and Media Consent
- * 604.4 – District Technology and Network Access

Members of the public are welcome to review and encouraged to provide feedback prior to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12th [here](https://www.sd91.bc.ca) or on the 'Policies and Regulations' page at www.sd91.bc.ca.



Strategic Plan Mid-Year Update

Superintendent Karla Mitchell presented the 2023-24 Strategic Plan Mid-Year Update at the Regular School Board Meeting on February 12, 2024.

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



Proposed School Calendars

We are currently collecting public feedback regarding the following proposed school calendars:

- Amended 2025-2026 (with change to Spring Break 2026)
- Draft 2026-2027

Your feedback will be accepted via email to calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15th**. Check out the 'Calendars – Yearly' page at www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar to view the proposed calendars.



School Board Meeting

Monday, March 18, 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.

Contact:

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
250-567-2284 ext. 9003

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And the last word goes to:

Mr. Chris Paulson for donating his time to build cross-country ski trails around our school for our skis to use!