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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Thursday to all our families and students! This newsletter is all about giving THANKS!

Our staff wish you all the best as you enjoy the mild weather on Professional Development Day tomorrow with your students. Teachers will be away at Professional Development Day. For those that are travelling we wish them safe travels. Many thanks to the teachers for continuing their learning as professionals to support our students in their learning. It's appreciated.

Tuesday April 23, 2024 was Bus Driver Appreciation Day. At Francois Lake, we would like to thank bus drivers for keeping our most precious cargo, the students, safe every day as they travel the highway with our students. The support of our bus drivers is critical to the education of our students as they travel to and from school and also support us with field trips. Once again, MANY THANKS! We appreciate you.

This week, also, is Administrative Professional's Day on April 24th. I would like to recognize Mrs. Vossen for keeping the office running smoothly every day and supporting our teachers and students with a smile every day. We appreciate everything you do for us every day. Once again, MANY THANKS.

I'd also like to thank our hardworking PAC for their collaboration and planning for so many events. Most recently, Francois Lake PAC helped to spearhead an inter-school dance at WKE. All of the grade 7 students who attended had a fabulous time and made connections with one another. Ms. Wilson and I would like to thank the Francois Lake PAC for spearheading this important event. The staff and the students at our school truly appreciate you and what you do for us.

Lastly, but not least, we offer our thanks for our SD91 Trustee, Nyree Hazelton, who stopped by yesterday and dropped off an appreciation basket of fruit for our staff. Thank you, Trustee Nyree!

Francois Lake Staff and Administration would like to wish all a relaxing weekend.

Respectfully,
Sigrid Sollbach, Principal

Mark your Calendars!

April

- 26 Pro-D Day—**No School**
- 29 Bake Sale

May

- 2 Fire Smart Day
- 9 Observe "Bear Witness Day"
- 10 District Pro-D Day—**No School**
- 15 Out-of-Catchment closes
- 17 Share the Love Day
- 20 Victoria Day
- 28 7-UP Day

June

- 21 Indigenous Day
- 24 Francois Fun Day
- 25 Sports Day
- 26 Final Learning Updates go Home
- 27 Last Day of Classes—Dismissal at 11:53 AM
- 28 Student Summer Holidays Begin—**No School!**

April 22, 2024, was Earth Day!

Francois Lake Elementary students went out and picked up trash from the school grounds after lunch on Monday, to do and learn about our part in looking after our planet.

But hey! FLES has been on top of this for a long, long time!

Francois Lake Elementary School's motto reflects this care.

**At Francois Lake,
We take care of others,
We take care of our selves, and
We take care of this place.**

And our students already know "this place" is not just the school; it's our homes, our neighbourhood, our village, our country and our earth. Monday, our students walked the talk and enjoyed doing their part to make a difference in our world! Thank you!





For the last few weeks, Mrs. Carnie has been coming to the K/1/2 class to teach social-emotional skills using the Kimochi program. Students have been learning about how to be:

- ♥ **Respectful:** Use a respectful voice, face, words and actions; listen to upset feelings
- ♥ **Responsible:** Speak up for self or others; admit and own mistakes
- ♥ **Resilient:** Work through emotion alone or with help; bounce back from difficult moments
- ♥ **Compassionate and Kind:** Have empathy or concern for others; look for moments to be kind to self and others.

This week, they met Huggtopus! Huggtopus is all smiles and hugs. She is affectionate and strong and sometimes gets a little carried away by her big, friendly personality. Hugs always means well, but she has to learn about respecting others' boundaries. Her favorite number is 8, and she has a special fondness for bubble gum. Huggtopus feels proud because she has six legs. Huggtopus feels silly most of the time. Huggtopus feels frustrated when her friends don't feel silly or happy. Hugs shows students how to behave appropriately when she is frustrated.

Attention Grade 4 and 7 parents:

The Student Learning Survey is open for grade 4 and 7 parents. Please consider completing it.

Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

1. Under the section Direct Access – no logon number required - select:
 - ☐ District: the name of your child's district
 - ☐ School: the name of your child's school
 - ☐ Language: the language of your choice
2. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
3. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE— THE HISTORY BEHIND MAY 11

Jordan's Principle is a child-first principle intended to resolve government jurisdictional disputes concerning payment for services to First Nations children when the service is available to all other children. It was named in memory of Jordan River Anderson, a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation, who spent more than two years unnecessarily in hospital while Canada and Manitoba argued over payment for his at-home care. In Jordan's case, the two governments could not agree on payment because Jordan was First Nations and, thus, left him in hospital while they argued over payment. Tragically, Jordan died at five years of age after waiting more than two years for both governments to resolve their dispute. In December 2007, Parliament unanimously supported Private Member's bill Jordan's Principle 296 stating that "in the opinion of the House, the government should immediately adopt a child-first principle, based on Jordan's Principle, to resolve jurisdictional disputes involving the care of First Nations children". The achievement was so great that the Canadian Public Health Association named Jordan's Principle as one of the 12 most important achievements in the history of Canadian public health.



On **May 2**, FLES students will have an afternoon hosted by Mr. Zayac to learn about **FireSmart**. We hope to see fire fighters, fire trucks, and learn lots!

We are in the middle of a custody battle between Winter and Spring! Please send your kids to school with weather-ready clothing!

PAC Posts...

Just a polite reminder:



We love fostering wonderful relationships with our families! But please be respectful of personal cell phone numbers. Please check with your kid's teachers to make sure it's ok to contact them after school hours.

Out-of-Catchment applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis up to **May 15, 2024**.



Next PAC meeting
Wed. May 15 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

Community Connexions... Free Courses in Vanderhoof Tomorrow

Youth 12-18 years old
April 26 Pro-D Day
10:30 AM-12:00 PM or 1:00-2:30 PM
Limited spots—**call early to register.**
250-567-3200 to register.

Youth 11 years and older
Two days: **April 26 Pro-D Day** & May 10
9:00-3:00 PM each day
Call to register 250-567-3200 or email
Nechako@cnc.bc.ca

And the last word goes to:

Mrs. Coulson! With Ms. Babych away this week and next, Mrs. Coulson stepped up to help Mrs. Wilson deliver our pilot program breakfast on Monday and helped Mrs. Vossen "finish the job" delivering snacks! Thank you, Mrs. Coulson! You are an absolute Rock Star!

