

FALCONS

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, Learning Updates were issued this week, and parents have also had the time to meet with teachers. The closing of the second term gives us reason to pause, reflect and celebrate. Students have all grown in their learning and have also progressed in their academic and social development. Students have also gained skills in multiple areas of the curriculum. I hope that you take the time to celebrate achievements and growth. I hope that families were able to connect with teachers to discuss learning and student goals, as indicated on student Goal Setting and Core Competency Reflection sheets.

The closing of the second term of every school year always gives a reason to take a break and take stock of "how" one can PERSEVERE to finish off the school year. It's an opportunity to look at the goals that students have set for themselves and to see if they are on track. PERSEVERENCE is the ability to stick to something even when it's hard. We acknowledge that at times, academic work can be challenging for students, however we are here to support them to persevere and will help students with the smaller steps to meet their big goals.

As we move towards Spring Break next week, we encourage all families to be safe, enjoy quality time together, rest, rejuvenate, enjoy some time outside and perhaps enjoy a great book. Our staff and the administration are wishing you all the best.

Respectfully,
Sigrid Sollbach, Principal

Mark your Calendars!

March

- 15 12:30 OSC Skiing (#5)
- 18 Grades K and 1 Pre-Registration, and Out-of-Catchment opens
- 22 Grades K and 1 Pre-Registration closes
- 22 12:30 OSC Skiing (#6)
- 25 **Apr. 7 Spring Break—No School**

April

- 8 First Day Back to School
- 17 PAC Meeting 6 PM
- 26 Pro-D Day—**No School**

May

- 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

June

- 21 Indigenous Day
- 24 Francois Fun Day
- 25 Sports Day

FRANCOIS LAKE ELEMENTARY ROCKS!!!

Gold Finalists:

- Callie Petersen
Elencia Hazelton-Plante
A Little Too Much
- Blake Marshall
Makalu Rollert
Icy Shot

Silver Finalists:

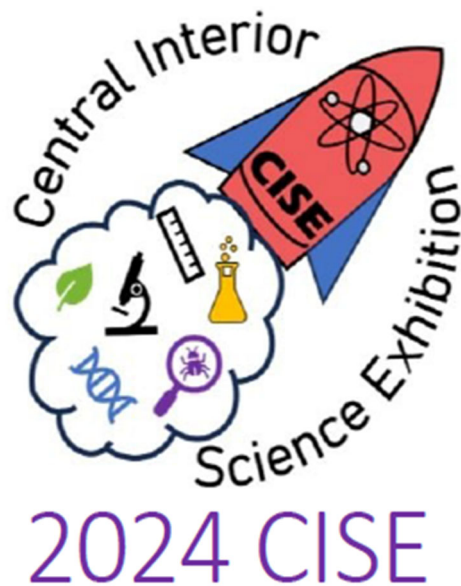
- Brogan Wilson
Zander Wilson
Three Senses
- Jade Marshall
Clean It Up

- Elizabeth Hunter
Heartburn Relief
- Alierah Hazelton-Plante
Will It Grow

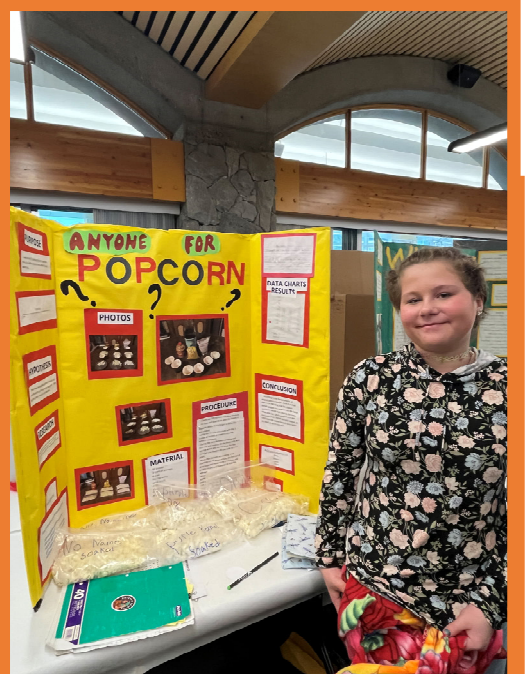
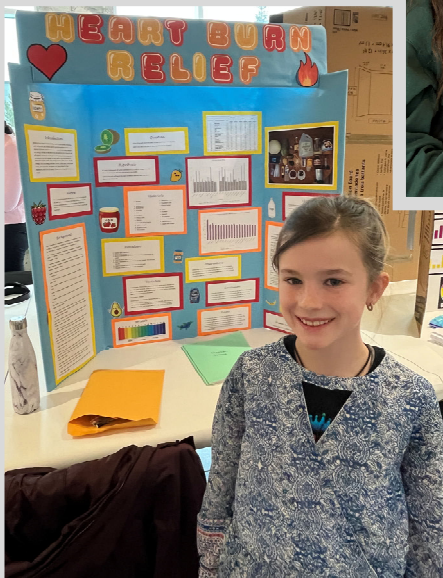
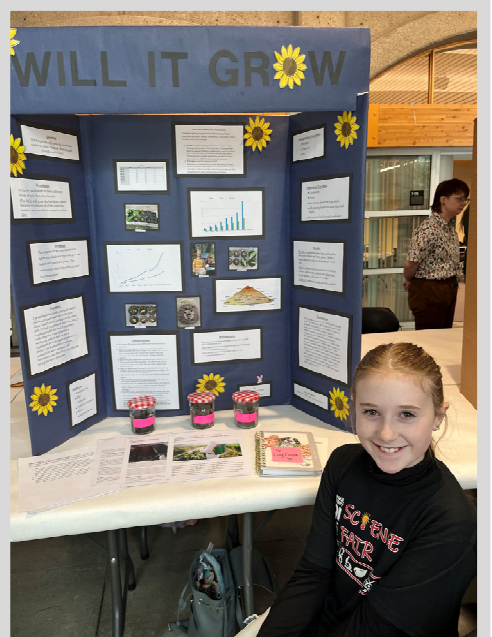
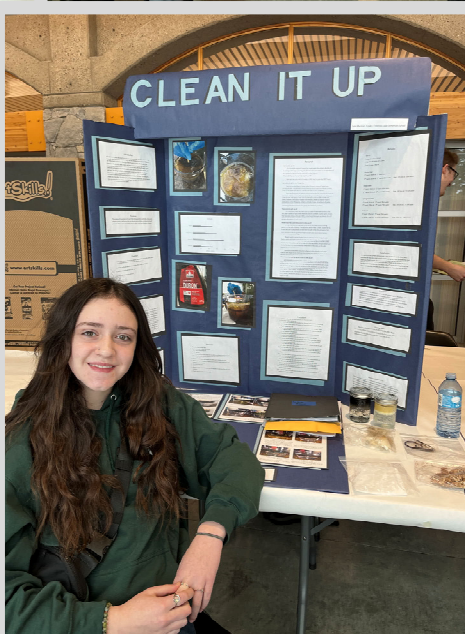
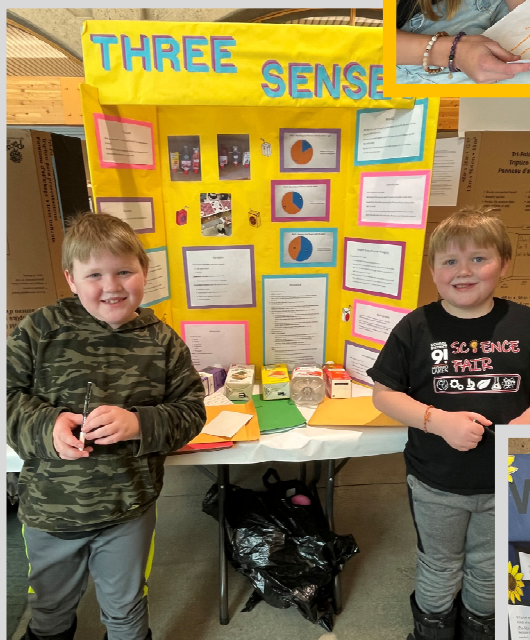
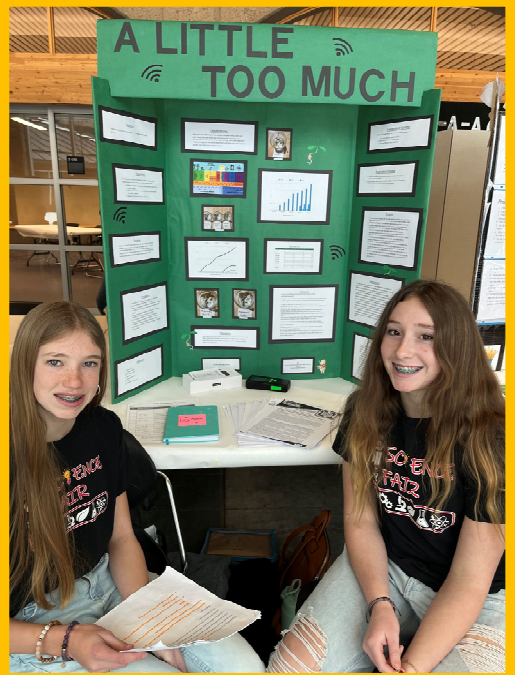
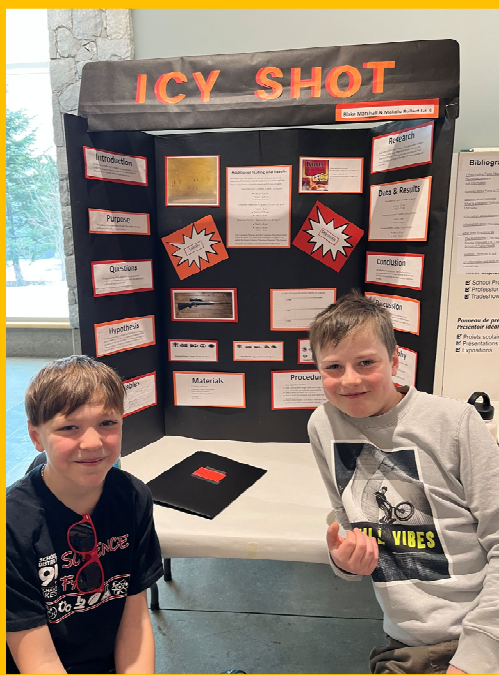
- Kacey Wilson
Rethink Waste

Bronze Honourable Mention:

- Zya Neave
Anyone for Popcorn???



Eight FLES projects were entered, and all of them were recognized at the Central Interior Science Exhibition (CISE)! We are so proud!!! 11 students of a total of 32 from 7 schools were ours!



School-Wide Skiing!

PAC sponsored cross-country skiing #5 for the entire school is tomorrow! Through a grant given by Chinook Community Forest, PAC has been able to afford to pay for the bussing to and from the Omineca Ski Club.

Tomorrow, Mr. Ken Neilson will be coming to the Omineca Ski Club to take a formal picture of our skiers. We look forward to thanking Mr. Neilson for his support on behalf of Chinook Community Forest!

Thank you PAC and thank you Mr. Neilson for helping to make this skiing series a wonderful opportunity to get out and get active for our FLES students!

P.S. Please make sure your child is dressed properly for the weather for tomorrow!



FLES Choir Performances



Our FLES students performed exceptionally well at the Festival Choir, Tuesday, March 5! They earned Gold and have been asked to return and perform at Honours Night, Saturday, March 16, at 7 PM, at the Island Gospel Church! Doors open at 6:30 PM and there is a small admission fee.

FLES Poetry Performances



Our FLES students performed their poetry recitals here at the school on Friday, March 8, in the gym. We were fortunate the adjudicators came to our school to listen to our students recite their poetry. They had a wonderful time! Five students have been asked back to perform their poems also at Honours Night, Saturday, March 16, at 7 PM, at the Island Gospel Church!



Learning to problem-solve spatially, learning literacy and writing, and learning patterns and how things fit, is what we do here in K/1/2 at Francois Lake!



The FLES Skating Rink! Students skating and helping and learning how to skate right

in our backyard! Mr. Charlie was helping too!



Spring and Winter are Confused!!!
Please ensure your child is dressed warmly for the weather—whatever it is for the day. If it's -20°C or warmer, kids will be outside. Short on winter clothes for your child? We may be able to help. Please contact us at the school.



These kids are developing some incredible lifelong sporting activities! They are learning to

cross-country ski with "skill"! These are pictures from



Friday March 8!



Francois Lake Elementary School

is open for Kindergarten and first-time-in-school Grade 1 Registrations for the 2024-2025 School Year starting

Monday, March 18 through to Friday, March 22, 2024

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM,

and again from

1:15 PM to 2:00 PM.

We look forward to preregistering your child to our warm, welcoming school! We welcome your questions; please call us at 250-695-6401!



Community Connexions...

PAC Posts...



Sunday March 17th LAKES LOPPET, POKER SKI & SHAMROCK HUNT

(with fun games for the kiddos!)

REGISTRATION:

- **FREE** for **OSC** SDP kids (Bunnies, Jackrabbits & Track Attack)
- \$15 child / youth (All **Burns Lake Schools** are invited to participate!)
- \$20 adults (19+)
- **Includes:** Lunch, \$3 Nordiq fee and a chance to win great prizes!

LOPPET ROUTES:

- **Mascot & Stuffie Race** (ages 5 and under)
- **2.6 km** ("The Junior" - easy trails)
- **7.7 km** ("The Cruiser" - moderate trails)
- **15.5 km** ("The Perimeter" - moderate+ trails)
- **31 km** (15.5 km route x 2, **11:00am** start)



POKER SKI: \$10 PER HAND - BEST HAND WINS \$100

Registration: 10:30-11:30 am

31 km Start: 11:00 am

Mascot & Stuffie Race: 11:45 am

Mass Start: 12:00 pm

Food: served after your race

Prizes: 2:00 pm

SIGN-UP @

WWW.ZONE4.CA

(search "Lakes Loppet 2024")

by **Friday March 15th**



You can request to borrow skis and boots from FLES for your child so your child can participate in this fun event!

Equipment sign-out forms can be found at the FLES office.

Next PAC meeting
Wed. Apr. 17 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...

Burns Lake Public Library
BURNS LAKE & DISTRICT

SEED SWAP, PLANT SHARE & SOCIAL

**MARCH 9, 2024
11AM - 2PM
LIBRARY MPR**

COME FOR REFRESHMENTS AND AN EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE

TAKE SOME OR LEAVE SOME

KIDS CRAFT TABLE

Call: 250-692-3192 or email: libraryn@burnslakelibrary.com

Burns Lake Public Library

Paws for Cuddles!

**EVERY
WEDNESDAY
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

Come Read to Clive

Ages 6+

no registration needed
caregivers are required to stay

Burns Lake Public Library

**SPRING BREAK
ART CAMP**

**March 26 - 28th
11am - 3pm
Ages 10+**

- Galaxy Canvas
- Water Colour
- Friendship Bracelets

Registration Required
Lunch will not be provided.

Call 250-692-3192 or email libraryn@burnslakelibrary.com

BURNS LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

drop in for...

LEGO HOUR

AGES 6+

**Tuesdays
11 am - 12 pm**

Fridays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Caregivers are required to stay

**HIGH FIVE
GAMERS**

**Tuesdays
3:15 - 4:30**

After school gaming club ages 7-12

Registration Required

And the second last word goes to:

FLES PAC for their immeasurable generosity buying lunch for our staff yesterday and a special mention to Jennifer Petersen for her regular FB updates on our school!
Thank you!

And the last word goes to:

LDM!!! A HUGE thank you to Mr. Richard Neave, with permission from Mr. Funk, came and cleared our ice rink! FLES students are so excited to be able to use it again.