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October 10, 2024

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Francois Lake Elementary School

Principal's Message

It is a joy to watch children play, investigate, explore, learn and grow everyday here at the school. It is important that the learners have many opportunities to develop a variety of different skills during the school day. It is just as important for educators to share their observations.

Informal learning updates go home this week. These updates are a quick way for the teachers to share a small snapshot of what they are seeing in each learner at the school. Good learning is not just memorizing, but teaching students how to communicate, solve problems, and use their knowledge in ways that will benefit them in the future. You will also see a two stars and a wish document that gets filled in by your student and sent home. This document helps learners reflect on their growth and think of areas where they would like to focus more attention.

Time to talk about learning or parent teacher interviews are also coming up. On October 23rd there will be an early dismissal of students. This allows for teachers to set aside the afternoon and early evening to talk to parents and guardians. Please call the school and set up an appointment to come in and speak with your child's teacher.

Let's keep in touch.

Regards,
Mrs. Wilson

Mark your Calendars!
(Dates subject to change)

- October
- 10 Informal Learning Updates go home
- 14 Thanksgiving—No School
- 17 5:30 PM PAC Meeting—All parents welcome!
- 22 AM Lock Down with RCMP
- 23 11:53 Early Dismissal—PM Talk About Learning
- 25 Provincial Pro-D Day—No School
- 30 Photo Retakes 9 AM
- November
- 8 11 AM Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11 Remembrance Day—No School
- 22 Pro-D Day—No School
- December
- 5 Formal Learning Updates go home
- 6 Volleyball Tournament
- 16-20 Spirit Week
- 18 1 PM Christmas Concert
- 23-January 3—Winter Break—No School
- January
- 6 First Day of School after Break



If your child comes home and tells you about how the RCMP were at the school on **October 22**, sometime in the **morning**, it's because the RCMP will be coming to FLES to assist in the **first** of two of our yearly **Lock Down drills**.

What happens in a lock down drill?

First, the whole school will hear an announcement from our principal. Immediately, all students and staff go very quickly and silently to the safest place in the room. Then, the RCMP will walk around the school attempting to open doors, make someone speak or make a noise, and make phone calls to cell phones and phone lines. The students and staff must remain absolutely silent and still and wait for the principal to announce "All Clear" three times. Classes will resume as normal.



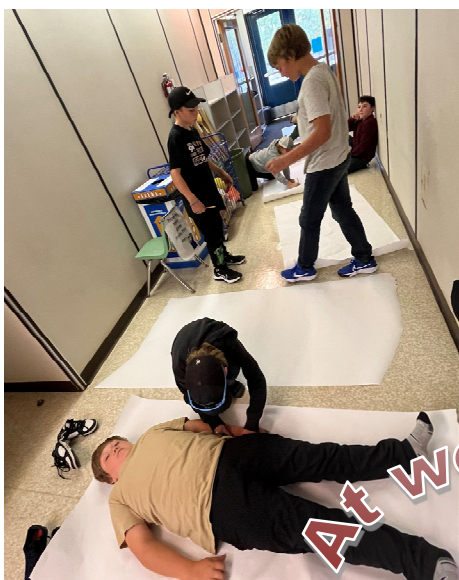
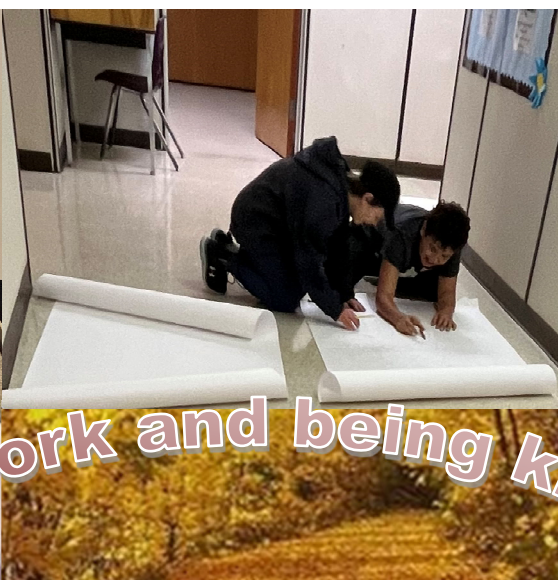
Book Your Time Soon!

Your child's informal report and Three Stars and a Wish should have come home today, Thursday, October 10, 2024.

On October 23, students will be dismissed at 11:53 AM to allow time for parents to come to the school and check on their students' progress. This is an opportunity for parents to address concerns, see the work their child has done for the last 32 days, and celebrate all the successes their child has achieved.

Please call the school at 250-695-6401, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM, or send an email to mvossen@sd91.bc.ca to book your times.

Times are booked on a first-come, first-served basis. We will do our best to ensure your times for student families are close together.



At work and being kind!

GR. 3&4 LOOK AT US!

Artists works - see them in person Oct 23




FLES promotes healthy living which includes learning how our diets promote healthy bones, bodies, and brains! We are growing a garden of healthy humans at FLES!

Do send to school:

- ✓ Low sugar drinks
- ✓ Real fruit and veg
- ✓ Low sugar and/or low salt food
- ✓ Good protein sources



Do leave at home:

- ✗ Soda pop
- ✗ Candy, gum, sweet treats, cookies, etc.
- ✗ Prepackaged snacks
- ✗ Salty treats, chips, etc.

Class Fees and Student Verification Forms are Overdue

- Each student needs to bring **\$25** for their class fee.
- Please look over the SV form, sign, date, and return as soon as possible. Haven't seen it? Can't find it? Call 250-695-6401 for another.
- Please send back the Emergency Release Form too.



School Board Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2024
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:
 Heather Silver
 Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
 250-567-2284 ext. 9003
hsilver@sd91.bc.ca



FLES Students and staff showed their participation on Orange Shirt Day September 27!

On **Wednesday, October 30, at 9AM**, school photo retakes will take place! Send your beautiful little people, who missed the first round or need a different picture, to school all dressed up and ready for their super star moment!




Next PAC meeting
Thurs. Oct. 17 at 5:30 PM in the MPR. All parents are Welcome!

PAC Executive:

Amy Wainwright	Chair
Jessica Shively	Vice Chair
Johanna Hayes	Treasurer
Ileasha Gooding	Secretary
Jessi Jack	Co-Hot Lunch Coordinator
Amber Poffenroth	Co-Hot Lunch Coordinator

And the last word goes to:

An Anonymous Donor who, through their generosity, bought lunch for the whole school last Friday—staff included! Thank you, Kind Person! What an awesome surprise!



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Francois Lake is offering an alternative way to get the bi-weekly newsletter, again this year!

If you would like to keep your newsletter delivery the same as last year, please check the box below. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to avoid missing the newsletter in a backpack, see the bright images more clearly, share with family who live far away, and save on trash in your bins, please choose to receive your newsletter by email. If you would prefer to receive your newsletter on paper, please make that selection below. Please note, we can only accommodate **one** choice.

Name(s) of student(s):

(Please print clearly)

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I would like to have my child's newsletter delivered the **same** way as last year.

OR

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I would like to get my child's newsletter by email! Please send it only to my preferred **email** address below:

(Please print clearly) @ _____

OR

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I would like to receive my child's newsletter in **print**.

Please **return** this note to the school office with your choice marked **by October 18, 2024**.
Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wilson
Principal