



FALCONS

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Principal's Message

With the change in weather, students are reminded to come prepared to be outside in the mornings, at recess and lunch, as well as after school. As the weather can fluctuate throughout the day, students may prefer to be dressed in layers. They will be outside if it is raining lightly but will come inside if it starts to pick up.

We have several supervisors on deck throughout the school day. Students are taught and reminded to use their WITS when they encounter a problem with a friend. WITS stands for:

Walk away
Ignore
Talk it out
Seek help

Conflict on the playground may emerge as students are expected to share playground equipment, take turns in games, and respond to defeat. The WITS approach helps children develop positive, pro-social behaviors and skills for resolving conflicts both in and outside of school.

To help supervisors effectively respond to conflict on the playground, your child is encouraged to seek help if the other strategies are not working or if they are not yet ready to implement one themselves. When we get delivered news of a conflict in a timely manner, we can respond and assist the students with a peaceful resolution.

In closing, I wish you and your family a warm and cozy autumn!

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kelemen
Principal

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

October

24 (F) Pro-D Day—No School

November

4 (T) Photo Retake Day

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

Halloween Reminders

We welcome school appropriate costumes to school and look forward to seeing our Francois Lake Falcon folks dressed up, but please keep all props and masks at home!

Safety tips for children:

1. Keep heads up, and walk (don't run) across the street.
2. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
3. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers.
4. Carry glow sticks or flashlights to help be seen by drivers.
5. Make sure costumes fit properly to prevent trips and falls.

Lock Down Report!

On Monday, October 20, Francois Lake Falcons had their lockdown drill at noon! This is a regular drill as part of SD91's emergency preparedness. Two RCMP constables helped our school practice what we needed to. Our students and staff were silent, hidden from sight, and made no response when the constables rattled the door handles and banged on windows. Everyone was **AWESOME!** Afterwards, our students got to hang out with them at school. How cool is that?



FLES's Virtue for October is Gratitude

What are Francois Lake Elementary students thankful for?

"For my paper dragon!" - Jack, Gr. 2

"For my roosters, hens, and chickens." - Emmett, Gr. 2

"For my cats, Tiger and Boo." - Natalie, Gr. 1

"My mom and dad and sister!" - Nadina, Gr. 3

"I'm thankful for insulin." - Alierah, Gr. 6

"I'm thankful for a lot of stuff. I am thankful that the school is still running and I can stay here for 8 years." - Zya, Gr. 7

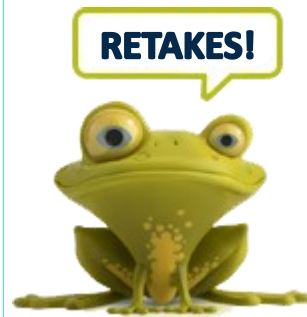
"Thankful for my mom and dad for giving me food and all that I need." Abby, Gr. 4

On Thursday,
Oct. 9, Mrs.
Hogarth's class
participated in
the District Cross
-Country Run!

FLES Gets Photo Retakes!

Tuesday, November 4, 9 AM, photo retakes will

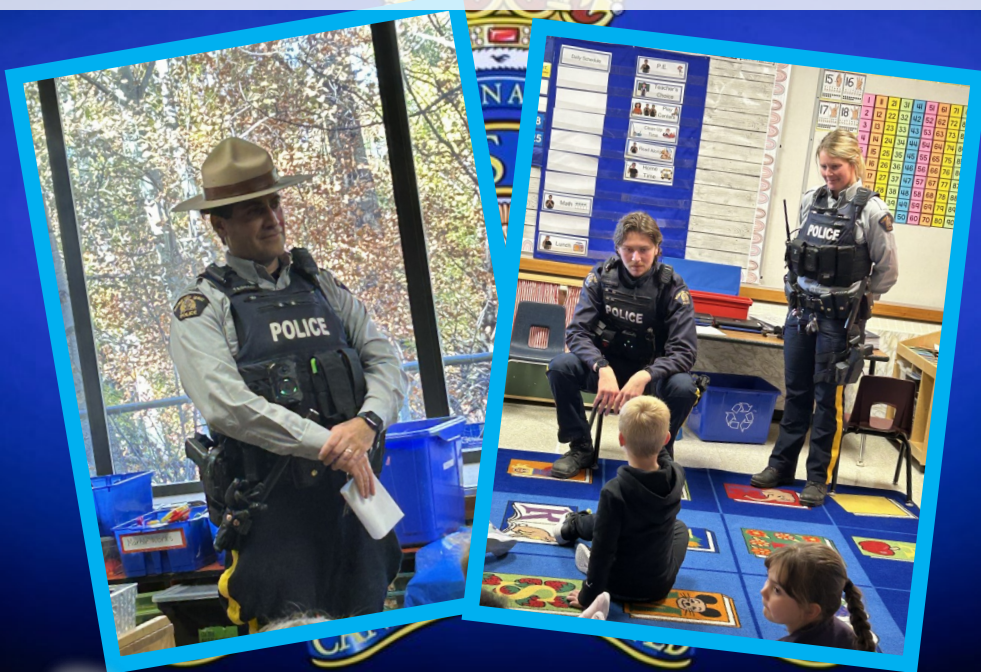
take place! We'll also
have our class and
panoramic school photo
done. Send your
beautiful little people to
school all dressed up
and ready for their
super star moment!



Ms. Nick's Primary class made turkey headbands.
Aren't they just the cutest? ♥



Our school family was visited by the local RCMP detachment. They are seeking opportunities to be visible and supportive of our school. So, we may see them at future events!



Happy Halloween!!

On Wednesday, October 29th, the grade 7 Falcons are selling Halloween goodie bags. Each goodie bag will cost \$2. There will be a limit of 1 per child. In each Halloween goodie bag there will be some yummy sweet treats. It will be for the grade 7 Falcons Fundraiser to earn money for a grad party at the end of the year. The candy is donated by the grade 7s to make the goodie bags. Thank you for your support. Grade 7 grads.

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Our **Earthquake Drill** took place
Thu., Oct. 16, at 10:16.
Our students
responded quickly
and were able to
protect themselves.
Well done, **Falcons!!!**



A HUGE shout out to
Johanna Hayes and
Melissa Garlick for
preparing the turkey slider
hot lunch on October 10!
Thank you both so much!

Oct. 31, PAC
Sponsored
Free Pizza
Hot Lunch!



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

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!

And a thank you to all
the parents and
guardians who came out
to meet with teachers to
discuss their child's
progress.

Board Biz...

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.

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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.



Mrs. Coulson. Every day at
lunch, she reads aloud a
story on kindness,
friendship, etc. while the
primary students eat their
lunch. What a fantastic way
to support literacy and
social-emotional learning
during lunch time.



Superintendent's Report to the Board
Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday,
October 20, 2025.
You may find it under the Latest News heading at
www.sd91.bc.ca or on our [Board of Education Updates](#) page.