



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As most of you have heard by now, there are some significant changes in staffing that will be taking place at Francois Lake Elementary School for the 2025–2026 school year.

- **Beckie Watts** has received a board-initiated transfer and has accepted a position at Decker Lake Elementary School.
- **Adam Hogarth** has accepted a position at Grassy Plains School.
- **Velvet Hogarth** has accepted a position at William Konkin Elementary.
- **Marlee Wilson** has been transferred into the Vice-principal role at W.K.E.

We are incredibly grateful for the contributions each of these individuals have made to our school community and wish them all the best in their new roles.

At this time, I want to clearly state that **Francois Lake Elementary is not closing**. Families can be assured that our school will remain open and ready for students beginning again in September 2025.

The teaching positions for the **K–3** class and the Grades **4–7** class are currently being filled. We will keep you updated as new staffing decisions are made and will share information about the incoming teachers as soon as possible.

- **Wendy Kelemen** will serve as principal, working on-site 3 days each week.
- **Ginger Moyah** (principal at Grassy) will be joining Francois Lake to assist in administration and take over case management duties one day a week.
- A one-day-per-week **prep relief position** is currently being posted.

I understand that this news may come as a shock and a surprise to many. While these changes are significant, please know that Francois Lake Elementary remains committed to providing quality education and support to all our students. Our school community is strong, and we will continue to work together to ensure student success through this time of transition.

Even with all these changes coming, we still have one month of learning and growing ahead of us. We're looking forward to several exciting field trips in the coming weeks. Please be sure to check the dates and times carefully, as some trips will return after the regular end of the school day, while others will leave promptly at 8:30am.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Respectfully,
Marlee Wilson, Principal



For more photos and current information, check out the Francois Lake Elementary School PAC **facebook** page.

Mark your Calendars!	
(Dates & events subject to change)	
June	
5 (Th)	District Track and Field
9 (M)	Gr 3-7 Houston Field Trip
13 (F)	Culture & Language Lessons
16 (M)	Whole School Movie at Beacon Theatre
20 (F)	Culture & Language Lessons
24 (T)	Sports Day!
25 (W)	1 PM Year End Assembly
25 (W)	Final Learning Updates go home
26 (Th)	Last Day of Classes—Dismissal at 11:53 AM

DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD DAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Our students have been practicing...



SPORTS DAY!

Thank you to the parents and other observant folks regarding this near-missed event! We heard you, made fixes, and are updating you as soon as we can!

On **Tuesday, June 24, YES**, we will be having sports day! It truly is one of the major school events that our students and parents really look forward to at the end of the year!



Tomorrow at 9:30 AM, **Kung Jaadee** (Roberta Kennedy) will be here! She is a professional Indigenous storyteller, educator (BA and BEd), and published author who has been sharing stories for 30+ years across Canada. She performs traditional Haida legends, shares vivid personal stories about her clan's survival during epidemics, and the history and culture of her people. Her popular children's books include, *I Am Connected*, *Raven's Feast*, and *Gifts From Raven* (selected as a Local BC Book to Read). FLES is honoured to have her join us tomorrow!



...and practicing...



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Learning and Life-long Friendships at Francois Lake Elementary



Learning and Connections

For the Camera



School Life Balance



True Blue Friendships



Exploring Science

Learners to Teachers

"Too Cool for School"

Exploring Gravity

More Skills!

Game On!

Skills!

Teamwork

Board Biz...

Questions? 250-567-2284

Virtues Venue

June's Virtue is "Fairness". Fairness means ensuring that everyone can play and share. An example of fairness is taking turns and playing by the rules.



Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policies are currently open for public feedback until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2025.

[Policy 504.4 – Student Injuries](#)

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.



Proposed School Calendar

We are currently collecting public feedback regarding the AMENDED DRAFT 2027-28 school calendar.

Your feedback will be accepted via email to calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025. Check out the 'Calendars – Yearly' page at www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar to view the proposed calendars.



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her Monthly Report at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, May 26, 2025.

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



2025-26 Budget Engagement Opportunities

Regular Board Meeting - Final Budget Presentation and Board Approval

Monday, June 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

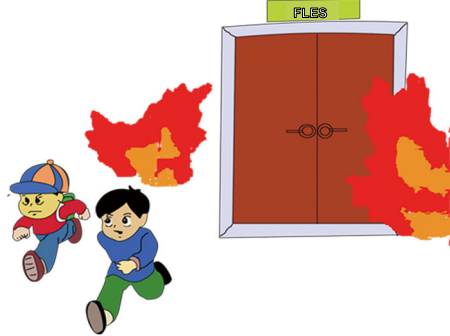
Muriel Mould Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 270 – 9th Avenue, Burns Lake, BC Online Option available- Link on SD91 Website

The 2025-2026 Annual Budget will be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

FIRE DRILL!!!

Last Friday, our school had a fire drill. Our school was cleared in a flat **85 seconds!**

Way to go, Falcons!!!



And the last word goes to:

Our dedicated FLES PAC community, who committed their time to ensure our students got hot lunches, our teachers got teaching tools, and our school had amazing extras over the year—sock hops, ski trips, skating trips, field trips, fundraising, got treats for our students, spoke for our families, and so much more. PAC, we appreciate all your contributions over this year.

Thank you from our hearts
Amy Wainwright, Jess Shively, Johanna Hayes, Ileasha Gooding, Jessi Jack, and Amber Poffenroth.