



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Monday, May 5, our school came together to recognize Red Dress Day, honouring and remembering Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit people. Our students showed great respect and empathy during this important observance.

This week, our grades three and five students are engaging in cross-curricular reading (CCR) assessments. The CCR assessment involves evaluating a student's ability to understand and apply reading skills across different subjects and contexts. This approach recognizes that literacy skills are not limited to language arts, but are essential for success in all disciplines. We are proud of our students' hard work and know they'll rise to the challenge with perseverance and confidence.

We're also excited to announce an upcoming performance, Dumpsta Dragons, which is taking place next week. Dumpsta Dragons is an Asian duet who share a love of music. They perform in BC schools to encourage an awareness of various cultures and perspectives. Through their message that "music is everywhere", they aim to inspire children to expand their imagination in the creation of music. Students will get to listen to songs performed on sitar, shakuhachi, didgeridoo, kalimba, as well as homemade inventions, the Moroccan hockey stick, and Persian tennis racquet.

Finally, our school-wide virtue for the month of May is Honesty. We'll be highlighting and celebrating examples of students showing integrity and truthfulness throughout the month.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing all of our families a joyful and sunshine-filled May!

Respectfully,
Marlee Wilson

Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

May

9 (F) Pro-D Day—No School

11 (Su) Mother's Day

14 (W) Dumpsta Dragons 9:20 AM

16 (F) Culture & Language Lessons

16 (F) Hot Lunch

19 (M) Victoria Day—No School

22 (Th) School Group Photo

23 (F) Culture & Language Lessons

23 (F) Hot Lunch

30 (F) PAC Meeting

June

5 (Th) District Track and Field

13 (F) Culture & Language Lessons

20 (F) Culture & Language Lessons

25 (W) 1 PM Year End Assembly

25 (W) Final Learning Updates go home



Share the Love Week!

Monday, May 12, is the start of
“Share the Love Week”.

Our school emphasizes inclusion, kindness, respect, and acceptance of people in our community and everywhere.

Francois Lake Elementary is a welcoming school for everyone — all shapes, sizes, beliefs, values, cultures, abilities — all people.

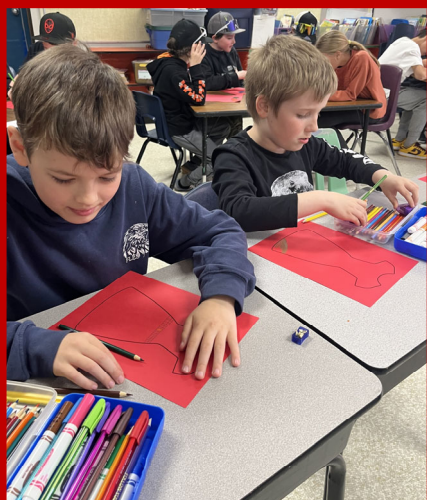
We are embracing Share the Love Week as an opportunity to continue to focus on our welcoming and inclusive school culture, and continue to ensure all of our students feel safe and fully welcomed here at our school, and in our community.

Virtues Venue

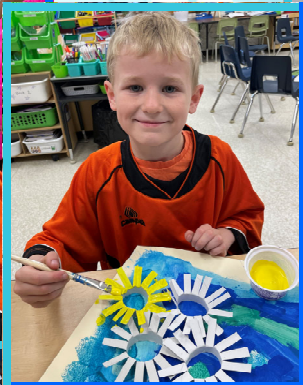
May's Virtue is "**Honesty**". Honesty means being truthful about what we say and do. An example of honesty is admitting to making mistakes, and telling the truth

Red Dress Day

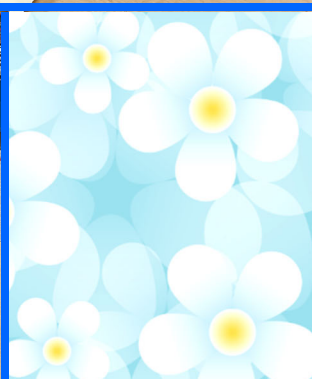
Students and staff recognized Red Dress Day by wearing red on Mon. May 5.



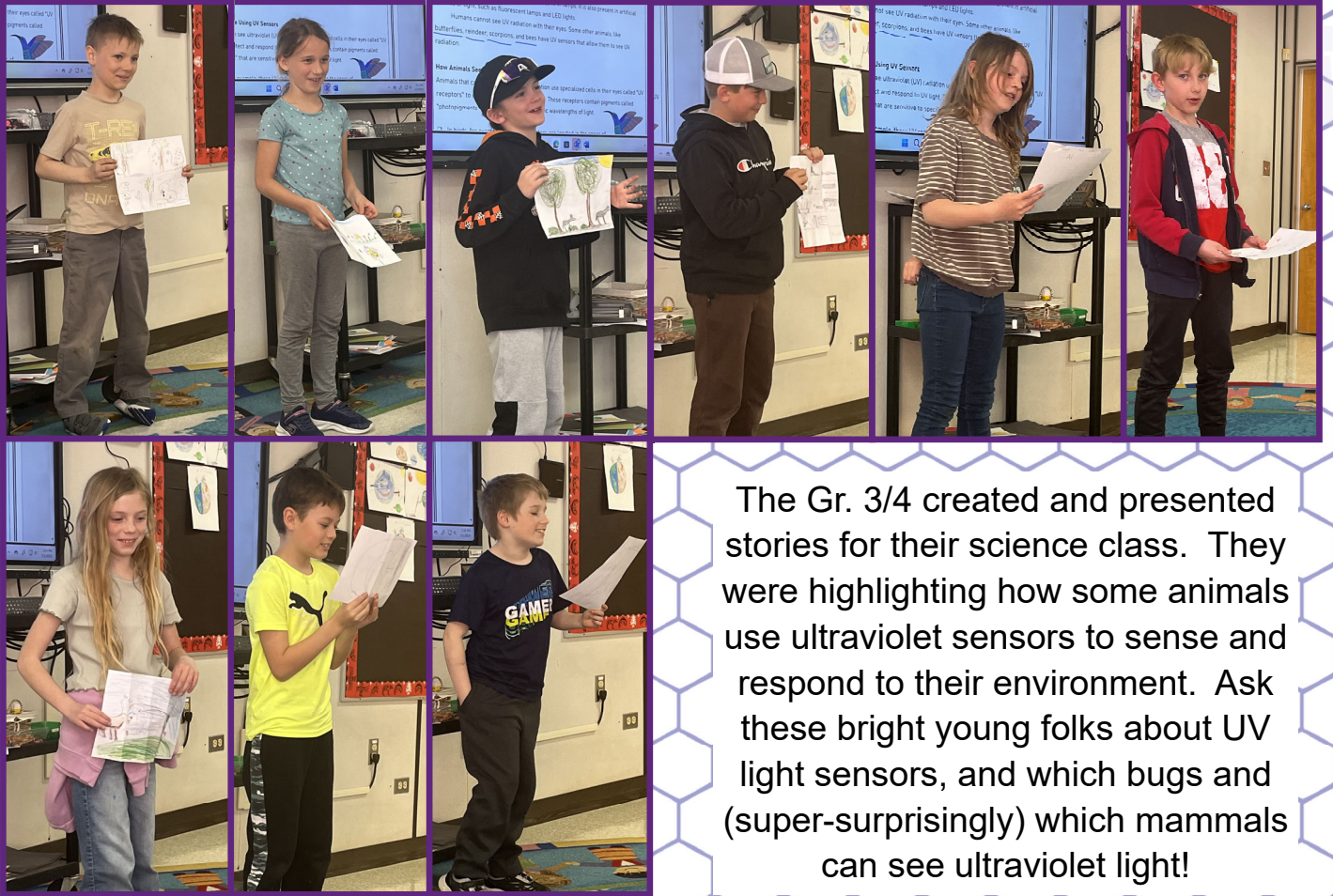
Creative K12 Class!



Mrs. Watts' K12 class has been especially creative! When you have a moment, come see our beautifully decorated walls.



A Discovering Gr 3/4 Class!



The Gr. 3/4 created and presented stories for their science class. They were highlighting how some animals use ultraviolet sensors to sense and respond to their environment. Ask these bright young folks about UV light sensors, and which bugs and (super-surprisingly) which mammals can see ultraviolet light!

Gr 5/6/7s, Force, and Velocity

The Gr. 5/6/7 class are constructing simple machines and investigating ways to make a force stronger. They are designing moving vehicles with a variety of wheels and axels.



Mother's Day Presents!

The Gr. K/1/2 class is “secretly” preparing their lovely gifts for their mothers for Mother’sDay!



May is Asian Heritage Month, and...

A month dedicated to honour and recognize the many contributions of people of Asian ethnicity to B.C. and Canada’s rich cultural society.

Over the last 2 centuries, immigrants have journeyed to Canada from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western, Central and Southeast Asia, bringing our society a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities and religious traditions.

The people of these diverse, vibrant and growing communities have contributed to every aspect of life in Canada — from the arts and science to sport, business and government.

May is also Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

A month to celebrate the richness of Jewish culture, heritage, and history in Canada.

Judaism is a religion, but Jews have many different types of religious practices. Not all Jews are religious and, among those who define themselves as religious have different interpretations of Jewish law may guide their religious practice.

Jewish prayer is conducted in Hebrew, and Jewish school children typically learn the language as part of their formal Jewish education.

May is chosen because it’s meaningful to the Jewish community around the world. It often coincides with Shavuot, or the "Feast of Weeks", which celebrates the spring harvest and the revelation of the Torah.

Board Biz...

Questions? 250-567-2284

PAC Posts...

Draft 2027-28 School Calendar

At its Regular Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025, the SD91 Board of Education passed a motion to collect additional public feedback regarding the draft 2027-28 school calendar. You may view this draft and the District’s approved yearly school calendars under the About Us tab at www.sd91.bc.ca.

Hot Lunch days are May 16 & 23.
Watch for order forms coming home, soon!

Next PAC meeting, Fri. May 30, at **5:30 PM** in the MPR.
All parents are Welcome!

Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policies are currently open for public feedback **until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025.**

Policy 1003.1 – Visitors to Buildings and Sites

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.

PAC Executive:

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Superintendent’s Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her Monthly Report at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025.

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

For more photos and current information, check out the Francois Lake Elementary

School PAC **facebook** page.

2025-26 Budget Engagement Opportunities

**Regular Board Meeting –
First Presentation of the 2025-2026 Annual Budget
Monday, May 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

School Board Office, 153 E. Connaught Street, Vanderhoof, BC Online Option available- Link on SD91 Website

Provide feedback via email to budgetfeedback@sd91.bc.ca.

**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.

And the last word goes to:

All the students who have let our beautiful flowers grow,

and to Zander W. for stepping up and unlocking the boys bathroom stalls today!