Francois Lake Elementary School

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At Francois Lake School,
we take care of others, take care of ourselves, take care of this place.

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No School Days

Nov. 20 – Pro D Day
Dec. 21-Jan. 1 – Winter Break
Feb. 5 – Pro D Day
Feb. 15 – Family Day
Mar. 15-29 – Spring Break
Apr. 16 – Pro D Day
May 7 – Pro D Day
May 24 – Victoria Day
Jun. 30 – Start of Summer Break

Principal's Message

Hello Francois Families,

It was great to see many of you and other members of the community at our school Remembrance Day Assembly last week. While it was a no-clapping-event I would guess that many of us felt like clapping after seeing the kids perform their songs, recite a poem, or guide us through the assembly.

With the winter season approaching, planning and preparations for winter and Christmas activities are underway. As part of that, I would love to learn about what other traditions, celebrations, and cultural backgrounds are represented in our school community so that we can incorporate them into this season where possible. If your family prefers not to participate in Christmas activities or observes other celebrations from other cultures, **please send me an email at grosenau@sd91.bc.ca to let me know!**

This week I'm including another little blurb on writing. Do you want to know something that is rare to see in schools? A strong writer who wasn't also an avid reader. Often, the most proficient writers are ones that read a lot or are read to (e.g. by a parent). One major reason for this is that regular readers get consistent exposure to quality writing from multiple authors. This increased exposure to literacy often makes writing feel more intuitive. So, if you have a child who hates writing but still enjoys reading a graphic novel, listening to you read an evening story, or reading sports articles, roll with that and it will likely trickle over into their writing with time.

Mr. Rosenau
Principal

Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

November

20 (F) Pro D Day—**No School**
25 (W) PAC Meeting 5:30 PM
26 (Th) Volleyball Practice

December

4 (F) Volleyball Tournament
15 (T) Learning Updates Go Home
11 (F) Christmas Concert 7 PM at the Hall
21 to January 1—Winter Break

January

20 (W) PAC Meeting 5:30 PM

February

5 (F) Pro D Day – **No School**
15 (M) Family Day – **No School**

March

2 (T) 1:30 PM "She Shoots, She Scores" Presentation
10 (W) Early Dismissal 11:53 AM – Talk About Learning Time 2-6 PM



Christmas Concert! Friday, Dec. 11, 7 PM at the Hall!
Everyone is welcome!
Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming!
We are asking each family to bring a snack or sweets for the after-concert potluck table. Volunteers are welcomed. Please contact grosenau@sd91.bc.c or call the school.

Remember – No School Tomorrow! Pro D Day.



What's This? We're Multiplying?
Math can be found everywhere – outside, on the pavement or anywhere anything can be collected and counted. Damien is exploring multiplication with arrays!



Learning comes in all shapes and sizes… construction keeping colours and shapes to an agreed-on pattern and building friendships while learning to cooperate in all circumstances. Don't be surprised if these two start up their own company together!

Remembrance Day Assembly



These boys showed their grandfather's service items in class Nov. 10.





Special guests
Veteran Mr. Darrell Critchlow
Serving RCMP Cst. Jo Larson &
RCMP Cst. Jordan Della-Paolera





Board Biz…

Canada Remembers Challenge

Veterans Affairs Canada has launched the Canada Remembers Challenge inviting youth aged 12 to 18 to explore and share the stories of those who have served our country. With fewer young Canadians having direct contact with Veterans, providing students with meaningful ways to learn from their experiences ensures their legacy of service doesn't fade from our collective memory.

[Our] students who have recently been involved in Remembrance Day activities may be great candidates for the Challenge. By undertaking original projects, participants can deepen their connection to Canadian history and the individuals who shaped it through their duty, service and sacrifices. The initiative empowers students to become Remembrance Champions by carrying forward the stories, values, and lessons of Veterans and sharing them with peers, families, schools, and communities to inspire future generations. English

Entries must be submitted by December 4, 2026. Links are accessible on the FLES website.

Message from our District

With permanent daylight-saving time during fall and winter, many kids are leaving for school before sunrise where visibility may be a concern. These daylight changes may also affect sleep, mood and well-being. Parents and caregivers can help students adapt by encouraging safe travel practices, sleep routines, and healthy daily habits. For tips, check out these clickable links on FLES' website. Considerations for Permanent Daylight Saving Time - BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit.

New Board of Trustees

Meet School District 91's new Board of Trustees:

Steve Davis
Nyree Hazelton
Manu Madhok
Nadine Frenkel
Angela Clause
Rick Pooley
Carroll Walker

Primary students making letters with their bodies!



PAC Posts…

It's BAAAAACK!

Hot Lunch is returning this year with the help from extra-special PAC volunteers!

Hot Lunch Order Forms and payment are DUE

Monday, November 23, 2026.

Mac'n'cheese is the menu offering for Friday, November 27, 2026!

The next **PAC meeting** will be **Wed. Nov. 25** at 5:00 PM. All parents are welcome, and babysitting is provided! How do **YOU** want your kid's experience at school to be? Come have your say!

Meet our PAC Representatives!

Chair – Amy Wainwright
Vice Chair/Treasurer – Jess Shively
Secretary – Ileasha Gooding

And the last word goes to:

Abby, Inika, and Piper for volunteering as our MCs for our Remembrance Day Assembly. They did a superb job!