



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

February came in like a lion and is going out like a lamb. It is hard to believe that my last newsletter was discussing the cold weather and the inside days, and now it has been so mild and sunny. I don't want to jinx the weather, but I feel like I speak for most of the bodies in the school when I say that it has been wonderful playing outside recently in this spring-like weather. I look forward to more sunny days in the future.

The end of February is a busy month for staff as teachers are working on creating the learning updates for students. Learning updates will go home on March 13th. These are great tools used to highlight areas of strength, areas for improvement, and next steps. We use this to provide better communication to support students throughout the school year.

This month our school had a focus on the virtue of friendship. I appreciate all the different ways that the students demonstrate this virtue every day, not just in February. This virtue was especially highlighted on February 26th, when the whole school participated in lessons surrounding kindness and anti-bullying. It warmed my heart to see the support of pink being worn and the kind words/messages that were created on our 'Pink Shirt Clothesline.' Well done, Falcons.

Thank you for the quick response from most families in getting permission slips handed in on time. We have been given a great opportunity to participate in activities outside of our school this month and next and it is greatly appreciated when we receive field trip permission slips back into the school in a timely manner. Thank you.

As always, we look forward to having open communication between the school and families. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to reach out to the school. March 19th is coming up fast and it is the Time to Talk about Learning. We hope to see you then.

Respectfully,
Marlee Wilson

Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

February

28 (F) Hot Lunch—Pizza Muffins

March

3 (M) Jr Basketball Practice 3 PM

5 (W) FLES Skiing 12:55-2:50

5 (W) Jr Basketball Practice 3 PM

6 (Th) PAC Meeting—5:30 PM

7 (F) Basketball Tournament

12 (W) FLES Skiing 12:55-2:50

13 (Th) Formal Learning Updates
go home

17 (M) Kindergarten/Gr.1

Registration Opens

17 (M) Resilient Rhythm Show
1:30

19 (W) Talk about Learning—11:53 AM **Early Dismissal**

24 to April 4—Spring Break—No School

April

7 (M) Back to School Day

11 (F) Zone Pro-D Day—No School

12 (Sat.) Poetry Club Performances

District Science Fair



**We cannot express just how proud of our
Francois Lake Elementary students we are!**

This year's placing results include five of ten FLES projects!

 Grade 7 Honourable Mention:
Jonathan Hayes—"Water Filter"

 Grade 6 Third Place:
Katie-Ray Shively and Elizabeth Hunter—"Moisture Magic"

 Grade 4 Second Place:
Claire Hayes—"Growth"

🏆 And tied for Grade 5 First Place:
Alierah Hazelton-Plante—"Rain, Rain Go Away"
Zander and Brogan Wilson—"Mango Master"

Wow! Our school consistently develops inquisitive, questioning, well-rounded students. (An interesting statistic: these students represent 14% of our student body!)

Mar. 8, in P.G., **all science fair participants** are welcome to showcase their projects at the **Central Interior Science Fair!**

Basketball Season is upon us!

Next week, Friday, March 7, our basketball students will be participating in the tournament at WKE! Jr. basketball practices are continuing after school Monday, March 3, and again Wednesday, March 5, from 3-4:30! Our teams will be ready to play and have fun on Friday!



feb. 26, 2025

SHIRT DAY



I choose
KINDNESS

Check out francois.sd91.bc.ca to see our amazing pink shirt day clothesline in sharp, clear colour!



The grade 34 class

had a visit from Oceans and Fisheries last week. They learned the different parts of the inside of a salmon and were able to participate in a salmon dissection.



PINK SHIRT DAY
CLOTHESLINE

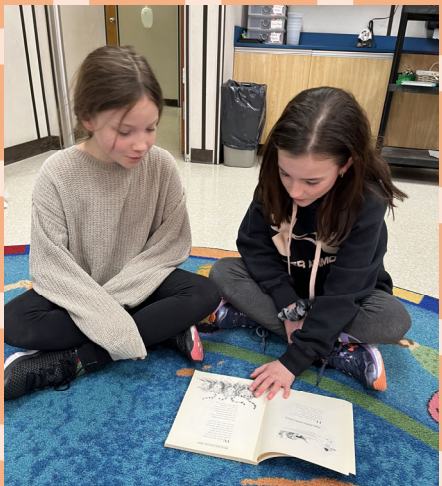


Virtues Venue

February's Virtue is "Friendship". Friendship means creating close relationships with others. Friendship looks like including others, playing together, and learning about each other.



A wonderful example of **Friendship** was observed Wed. morning! A student brought a bracelet making kit to school and shared it with other students who wanted to learn how to make them! New friends and new interests!



Poetry Club

Practices are Tuesdays, 'til April 8. No practice over Spring Break. Final performance is Sat. Apr. 12.

Early Dismissal Day Coming Up
Talk About Learning will be on **March 19, 2025**, and with that, Francois Lake Elementary will be **dismissed early, at 11:53 AM** to allow parents to come and speak with teachers about their children's progress. We will start **booking** 10 minute appointments on **Monday, March 10**.

Board Biz...

Questions? 250-567-2284



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN OR GRADE 1 APPLICATIONS

Pre-registration for children who will be entering Kindergarten or children who will be entering Grade 1 at Francois Lake Elementary (FLES) in September 2025 will take place **March 17 – 21, 2025**, at the times listed below.

NOTE: Students who will be entering Grade 1 in September 2025 and who are presently enrolled in Kindergarten at FLES need **NOT** register.

COMMUNITY	SCHOOL	Pre-Registration Time
Burns Lake & Area	Francois Lake Elementary School	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm

FLES Registration Requirements:

- Kindergarten students must be five (5) years old by December 31, 2025.
- Grade 1 students must be six (6) years old by December 31, 2025.
- Please bring the child's 'Care Card' or 'BC Services Card' and birth certificate. *We encourage immunization to be up to date prior to starting school. Inquiries regarding immunization can be made by contacting the Health Unit.*

***** Out-of-Catchment applications will not be accepted at Francois Lake Elementary School this year due to enrolment considerations. *****

Please refer to district policy and regulations available at: www.sd91.bc.ca
501.1 – School Attendance Areas – Policy
501.1R – School Attendance Areas – Regulations

PAC Posts...



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

School PAC **facebook** page.

★ **Rescheduled** ★ PAC meeting
Mar. 6, **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



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her Inaugural Monthly Report at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2025.

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



Proposed School Calendar

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

Your feedback will be accepted via email to calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025**. Check out the 'Calendars – Yearly' page at www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar to view the proposed calendars.

And the last word goes to:

Mr. Paul Woolnough and Mrs. Twyla Thompson, who come from Vanderhoof once every week, good weather and terrible, to interpret ASL and teach ASL to and for our students. We **THANK YOU** for your dedication to our school's needs!