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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, I can't help but reflect on what a wonderful year it has been. Our little community school continues to shine as a place where students learn, grow, and support one another every day. As I look out at the playground, I'm filled with joy watching students of all ages playing and learning together. It's a beautiful reminder of the strong sense of community we share—truly a small school with a big heart.

While the end of June is drawing nearer, there is still a lot of important learning and assessing happening in our classrooms. Our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students have just completed their cross-curricular reading assessments, and now our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be taking the district numeracy assessment next week. Kindergarten students will be participating in the EYE-DA (early years evaluation) and the grade 1's and 2's will be completing reading assessments. These are all great tools to help inform teachers of how students are doing.

During this busy and exciting time of year, we appreciate your continued support at home. Please remember to check your child's backpack regularly for important notes or permission slips that may need to be signed and returned to the school.

We're also looking forward to 7-Up Day on May 27th—a special opportunity for our Grade 7 students to visit the high school and get a glimpse of what next year has in store for them. It's a big milestone, and we're proud of how far they've come.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Let's finish the year strong—together!

Respectfully,
Marlee Wilson

Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

May

- 23 (F) Culture & Language Lessons
- 23 (F) Hot Lunch
- 27 (Tu) 7-UP Day
- 30 (F) PAC Meeting 5:30 PM

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
- 26 (Th) Last Day of Classes—Dismissal at 11:53 AM



7-UP Day!

It's almost here! Our Grade 7 students are going to experience their first day in high school next week! On Tuesday, May 27, 2025, Grade 7 bus kids will take a bus from their regular bus stop to

Lakes District Secondary School, follow the signs at the front entry, and experience a full-on day in high school. At the end of the day, they'll get back on their bus to go home and get dropped at their regular home stop. Grade 7s will need to pack a lunch or bring money.

Let's wish our Grade 7s best of luck during this toe-dip into the world of high school!



DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD DAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 5

School District 91 is hosting a District Track and Field Day for SD91 students again this year. We hope our students will bring home another award or two for their efforts. Watch for permission forms coming home—we need the paper copy, not phone calls. Thank you!





On Wednesday, May 14, FLES students were treated to a 45 minute musical performance by Alvin and Andrew called ***Dumpsta Dragons***. Eight songs were performed on sitar, shakuhachi, didgeridoo, kalimba, as well as homemade inventions, the Moroccan hockey stick, singing spoon, and Persian tennis racket. There was an explanation of historical and cultural significance of each instrument as well as the inspiration behind each invention. Andrew demonstrated how to turn a spoon into a guitar, with a brief explanation of the physical principle involved. The students listened carefully, learned about music from various cultures, and had fun.

- Sitar—ancient 20-stringed Indian lute
- Shakuhachi—Japanese bamboo flute
- Kalimba—African finger piano/harp
- Didgeridoo—ancient Australian wind instrument, oldest instrument in the world
- Moroccan hockey stick, Persian tennis racket, and singing spoon—homemade invented instruments based on traditional instruments from other cultures.

Music is everywhere!

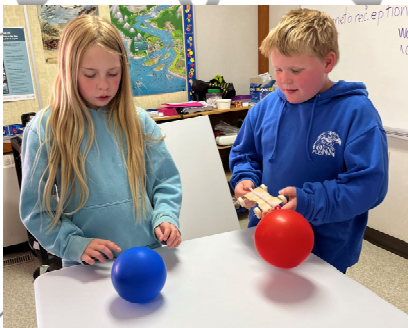
On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, the Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7's, with Mr. Hogarth, Mrs. Hogarth, and Mr. Gooding, a volunteer, all went to Granisle to **release** the coho **salmon fry**. FLES has been working so hard to grow from fertilized eggs. The bus left at 8:55 AM and the students met with Fisheries biologists to learn more about the salmon life-cycle. Afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. Hogarth treated the students to a lunch purchased from "Sam's Restaurant", and showed their students what the town of Granisle and Babine Elementary Secondary School were like.



FLES students were invited to Decker Lake Elementary School which hosted the performance of the play, ***Where Have All The Buffalo Gone?*** The performance followed two Métis souls through four love stories in four distinct periods of Métis history. They bore witness to the emergence of the Métis nations across the plains, the robust colonization that arises from the fur trade, the disappearance of the buffalo and the political uprising of the Métis Association of Alberta. The story begins during creation amongst the stars and ends in the present day.

Where Have All The Buffalo Gone? specifically shared scenarios from the Callihoo family's stories, incorporating fiddle music, jigging and a life size buffalo puppet. Inspired by historical events of the Métis people of Canada, this original play for young audiences explores the loves, the losses and the fight of Treaty 6's Métis people – and their love and kinship to the buffalo.

Qualifying races have begun, dutifully scrutineered by our own Race Director and race steward, Mrs. Wilson, and our FLES students are almost ready to race their cars.



Fortunately, because the cars are hand-sized, students won't need to wear HANS (Head and Neck Support).



In the Paddock (aka MPR), students have been learning about what it takes to move an object (a car they've built). There is a lot of science behind building, testing, and driving cars!

May is Asian Heritage Month, and...

May is 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

May also celebrates 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.

PAC Posts...

Free Hot Lunch Day on May 23!

Next PAC meeting, Fri. May 30, 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	

Board Biz...

Questions? 250-567-2284



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.



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.



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.



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

School PAC **facebook** page.

And the last word goes to:

Our maintenance folks for changing our flags so many times during this busy month of May!