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Principal's Message

Every member of our team is valued and plays an important role in the smooth running of our little school. When an employee is sick and unable to report to work, this person is rarely replaced due to a shortage of casual employees. As such, I am intentionally choosing this topic of employment as my message to families. If you or someone you know might be interested in working on a casual or full-time basis, please contact the school district. Currently, our school has vacancies for the following positions:

- 👤 Indigenous Advocate Worker (2 hours per day)
- 👤 Reading Club Worker (0.5 hours per day)
- 👤 Relief noon hour supervision (0.75 hour per day)
- 👤 Relief after school supervision (1 hour per day)
- 👤 Relief custodian (evening shift: 4.5 hours per day)
- 👤 Casual shifts (on call) for all positions.

If you like the flexibility of being on call (being able to accept or decline shifts), then you could apply to be on the casual list. You can specify one or more schools you would be willing to work at and you can select which days would work with your schedule. The demand is high, and the supply is low!

Please note that there are days when Mrs. Vossen is away with no replacement. On these days, I will do my best to answer the phone calls but may need you to leave a message so I can retrieve it at my earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. As I like to share often with the Francois Lake staff, *we're doing the best we can. It isn't going to be perfect but we'll do our best – and that's all we can ask.*

Respectfully,

Mrs. Kelemen
Principal

Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

November

21 (Fri) Pro-D Day—No School

December

5 (F) Volleyball Tournament

10 (W) Learning Updates go home

18 (Th) Christmas Concert—
1:30 PM

**22 to January 2—Winter
Break—No School**

January

5 (M) Back in school day

February

2 (M) Groundhog Day

6 (F) Pro-D Day—No School

12 (Th) "500 Words"
Production—1:30 PM

**16 (M) Family Day—No
School**

25 (W) Pink Shirt Day

Francois Lake Elementary School Bus Drivers

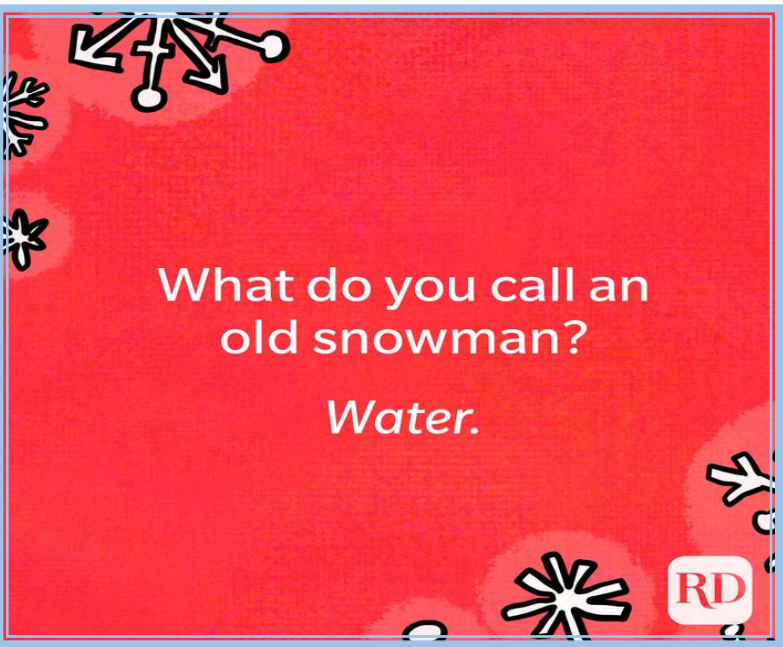


We are so lucky and grateful to have Shirley Fraser and Debbie Reimer as our regular bus drivers who deliver our students to and from Francois Lake Elementary every day! When they are unable to drive, we have some amazing bus drivers who step up and look after our students. We are also so grateful to Charlie Rensby, Sean Broadworth, and Rob Wiebe. Thank you so

much, to all our bus drivers!

Parents and guardians, please remember to keep your phone numbers up to date with the school so our Transportation Department can contact you if a bus route is cancelled.





Date Change!!!
Learning Updates will be going home on Wednesday, December 10, 2025!

Please ensure your child is dressed warmly for winter.
Short on winter clothes for your child? We may be able to help.
Please contact us at the school.

November 10th’s Remembrance Day Assembly

On Monday, November 10, 2025, our classes, who had been practicing so hard and diligently, presented their meaningful songs, poems, and performances.

Thank you, Mrs. Hogarth and Grades 4567s for “A Little Poppy”, “Remembrance Day”, “One Thousand Men Are Walking”, and “In Flanders Fields”. In addition, thank you, Ms. Nick and Grades K123s, for “It’s Remembrance Day”. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated and very well-received.

We will remember the courage and dedication of Canada’s armed forces in protecting the values of peace and freedom in our country.

Thank you to the families and community members who attended our assembly. It was touching to see the gym filled with family and community members.



VOLLEYBALL!



Friday, December 5, will be the volleyball tournament at LDSS!



We need more casual CUPE workers. Why not apply to <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/employment> and click on the **Support Staff** link? If casual work fits your times best, look for this job, [CLSWBLNov2025 - Casual Learning Support Worker \(BL\)](#). We'd love to have you join our ranks...and who knows...maybe you have a career just waiting for you. Right here!

Francois Lake Elementary students LOVE the outdoors!

You'll find students racing to go outside to play, climb, run, and chase friends, and just be as active as they can be! We often find them playing with balls in the field, or making giant snowballs when the snow is wet and sticky. If they're not constructing, we'll often find them playing team sports, like snow soccer, or hockey, or basketball. We'll even find these kids skipping rope, or trust-building games with eyes closed and being guided by their teammates. For safety reasons, though, the children are not permitted to climb on top of the playhouse or the sea-can.



FLES's Virtue for November is Respect

We have been focusing on respect throughout the month of November.

As an example, we noticed our students showing great respect to our community member volleyball coaches; Mr. Fowler, Ms. Hazelton, and our RCMP volunteer helpers, by showing up on time, shoes on and ready to practice, listening carefully and following instructions.

We know they'll be respectful Falcon Ambassadors on volleyball tournament day!



When we stop, you stop. School busses are just like traffic signals.

When overhead lights
are flashing: **YELLOW:**



Prepare to STOP.

When overhead lights
are flashing: **RED**



STOP!

When hazard lights
are flashing: **YELLOW:**



Proceed with CAUTION!



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca or on our [Board of Education Updates](#) page.

Our 2025-2026 PAC Executive

Chair: Amy Wainwright
Co-Vice Chair: Dale Pereira
Co-Vice Chair: Jessica Shively
Treasurer: Johanna Hayes
Secretary: Ileasha Gooding
DPAC: Vacant

DAY CHANGE!

The next **PAC meeting** will be **Wed. Nov. 26, 2025, at 5:30 PM.** **All** parents are welcome, and babysitting is provided! How do **YOU** want to see our school teach our kids? Come have your say!



Strategic Plan Refresh Meetings

Join the Board of Education to contribute to the future roadmap for Nechako Lakes

Online Sessions Available:
3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 19
& 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 25
(meeting links available at the QR code below)

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas!

www.sd91.bc.ca



SCHOOL DISTRICT 91

We're Hiring!



BURNS LAKE, FORT ST. JAMES, FRANCOIS LAKE,
FRASER LAKE, GRANISLE, GRASSY PLAINS, VANDERHOOF



Positions Include:

- Administrative Assistants
- Before & After School Care Workers
- Bus Drivers/Bus Monitors/Bus Washers
- Custodians
- Indigenous Education Advocates
- Learning Support Workers
- Meal Program Workers
- Morning/Noon/Bus/Playground Supervisors
- Personal Attendant - Autism
- Personal Care Worker
- Trades/Maintenance
- Youth Care Workers

SCAN THE QR CODE, OR VISIT
WWW.SD91.BC.CA/SUPPORTSTAFFPOSTINGS
TO VIEW OUR **CURRENT VACANCIES**, INCLUDING OUR CASUAL LISTS!



Nechako Lakes seeks YOUR Input, Burns Lake community members!



As we near the end of 2025, it is time to update our Strategic Education Plan. We hope to hear diverse voices and opinions from a wide scope of Rightsholders, stakeholders, community members and partners. Your input will help inform our updated Strategic Education Plan that will guide our work into the 2030's! Please join us for our in-person community engagement session on **Wednesday, November 5 – 4:00 p.m.** in the Learning Commons (library) at LDSS. This session will consist of small group / round-table conversations so every voice can be heard.

We will also hold virtual sessions on **November 19 (3:00 p.m.)** and **November 25 (6:00 p.m.)** for those who are unable to attend in person.

Please visit our [Strategic Education Plan webpage](#) for online meeting links and more information.

And the last word goes to:

Mrs. Twyla Thompson, who has dedicated her skills, time, and courage (travel to-and-from Vanderhoof twice per week in all sorts of weather!) to interpret American Sign Language for our students at Francois Lake Elementary! Her last day will be November 24. If you see her around, be sure to thank her and wish her well! Thank you so much and best wishes for your next endeavours Twyla!