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## Principal's Message

Greetings from our school family to yours! It is always a pleasure to connect every two weeks via these school newsletters. I'm curious to know from families what you would like to see in a school newsletter. Do you find the newsletter a helpful tool for staying informed? Which columns do you like the most? What suggestions do you have for us to improve?

Please feel free to reach out any time if you have questions, concerns or comments related to our school. Parent/guardian voice is an important aspect of a healthy and vibrant school.

As we approach Spring Break, our school family sends best wishes to all families for a healthy and happy two weeks! May this time apart be appreciated and strengthen our return.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Kelemen  
Principal

### No-School Days!!!

- Sat.. Mar. 14 to Sun. Mar. 29: Spring Break
- Fri. Apr. 3: Good Friday
- Mon. Apr. 6: Easter
- Fri. Apr. 24: Pro-D Day
- Fri. May 8: Pro-D Day
- Mon. May 18: Victoria Day
- Fri. Jun. 26 - Tue. Sep. 8 Summer Break

## FLES Science Fair

This year, we didn't have our own science fair due to scheduling challenges. However, on her own initiative, working on her project at home, our very own Elizabeth Hunter participated in the District Science Fair held in Fraser Lake on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. She placed **2nd** under the District-wide **Grade 7 Winners**.

Well done, Elizabeth!

### Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

#### March

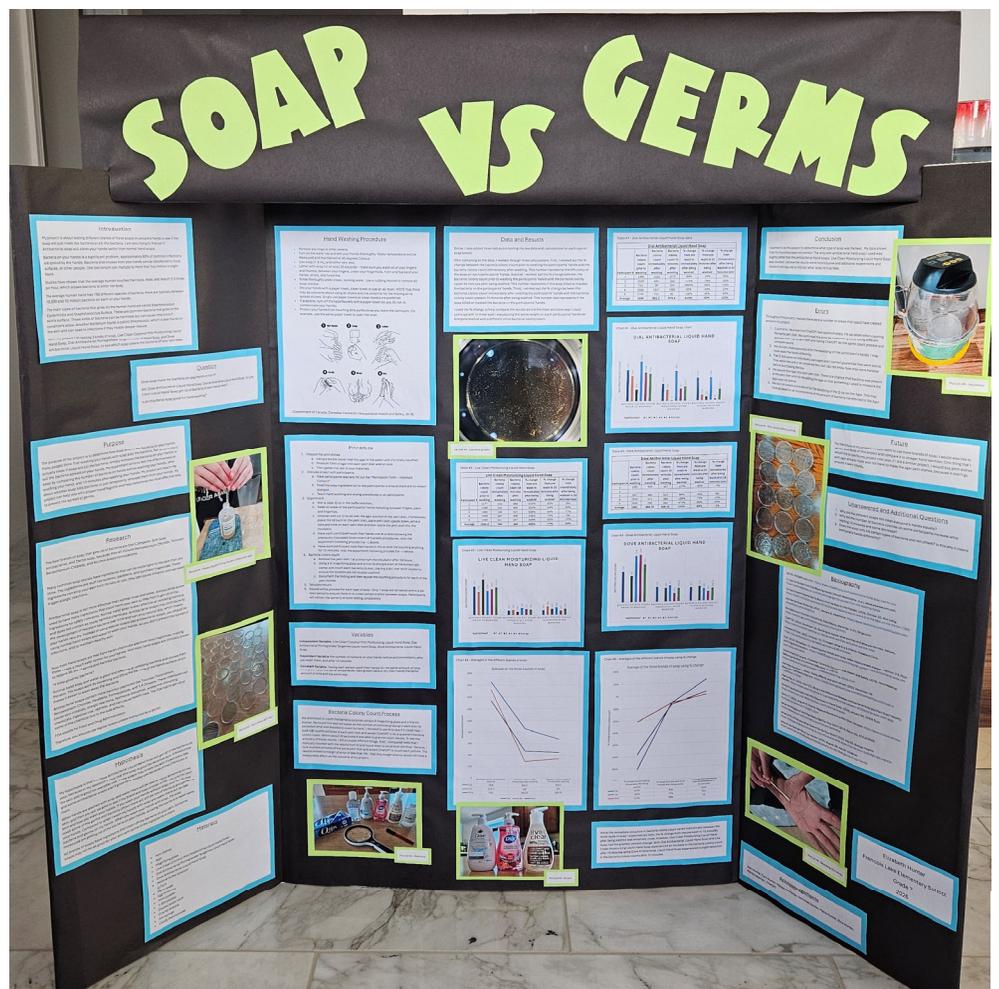
- 13 (F) Beach Day!
- 16 to 27 Spring Break—**No School**
- 30 (M) Back in school day

#### April

- 3 (F) Good Friday—No School
- 6 (M) Easter Monday—No School
- 20 (M) Norman Foote Performance AM
- 24 (F) Pro-D Day—No School

#### May

- 8 (W) Pro-D Day—No School
- 15 (F) Out of Catchment Closes
- 18 (M) Victoria Day—No School



## 🌟 SD91 District Science Fair - Congratulations to All Participants! 🌟

What an incredible day of curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking at the SD91 District Science Fair Held in beautiful Fraser Lake on the traditional lands of the Nadleh Whut'en and the Stellat'en First Nations! We are so proud of every student who stepped forward to ask big questions, design experiments, and share their learning with our community.

Your hard work, perseverance, excitement, and passion for discovery truly shone through.

### 🏆 Grade 4 Winners

**1st Place:** Dominic Khan - *Sinkut View Elementary School*

**2nd Place:** Lavinia Fawcett - *Sinkut View Elementary School*

**3rd Place:** Holden Cardinal & Sylar Abietkoff - *Decker Lake Elementary*

#### **Honourable Mentions:**

Tenley Vala & Hailey Weber - *FLESS*

Brielle Goulinger - *Sinkut View Elementary School*

### 🏆 Grade 5 Winners

**1st Place:** Jovie Parsons & Ailee Hilman - *FLESS*

**2nd Place:** Tyndall McRobert & Brody Raymond - *W.L. McLeod Elementary*

**3rd Place:** Ezra Taylor & Riley Vuohijoki - *W.L. McLeod Elementary*

#### **Honourable Mentions:**

Brighton Gardener & Kelan Holland - *FLESS*

Zyel Neidrauer & Nolan Pfeifer - *Mapes Elementary*

### 🏆 Grade 6 Winners

**1st Place:** Anika Khan - *Sinkut View Elementary School*

**2nd Place:** Zander Wilson & Brogan Wilson - *Decker Lake Elementary*

#### **(Tie) 3rd Place:**

Brodie Howe - *Sinkut View Elementary School*  
Avery Leigh & Lyric George - *W.L. McLeod Elementary*

#### **Honourable Mention:**

Scarlett McGill & Tahliya Stephenson - *FLESS*

### 🏆 Grade 7 Winners

**1st Place:** Lauren Khan & Erin Hibner - *Nechako Valley Secondary*

**2nd Place:** Elizabeth Hunter - *Francois Lake Elementary*

#### **(Tie) 3rd Place:**

Sharma Heyaan - *William Konkin Elementary*  
Taylor Thompson & Anunnaki Adib - *William Konkin Elementary*

### 🏆 Grade 9 Winners

**1st Place:** Tahirah Soles & Brenden Crowley - *FSJ Secondary*

## District Science Fair

From testing which grains grow best, to designing sustainable birdhouses, to exploring music's impact on heart rate – our students demonstrated thoughtful scientific design, creativity, and a commitment to solving real-world problems.

A heartfelt thank you to our judges, volunteers, teachers, and families who made the day possible. And to every participant: your curiosity is powerful. Keep asking questions. Keep experimenting. Keep discovering.

The future is bright in SD91.

## Kindergarten!

**Pre-registration is on now!!!**

If you have a child who turns **born in 2021**, and lives **within our catchment area** (south of, and including, Bald Hill Rd; north of Francois Lake; and east of North Red Hills Provincial Park), we ask that you **pre-register** your September Kindergartener **at FLES**. We will need their **Birth Certificate**, **BC Services card**, and your **proof of residence** in our catchment area (Drivers Licence, utilities bill, etc.). We have registration forms at the office and are happy to help you fill them out!

Don't worry if you plan to have your child attend another school. We will move your child's records to your preferred school after the out-of-catchment window opens March 9 (closes May 15), you've submitted your out-of-catchment application, and it has been accepted at the requested school.

**FLES won't be taking out-of-catchment students this year.**

Questions? Call the school at 250-695-6401.

## Out of Catchment

Reminder: Francois Lake Elementary School is **NOT** taking any out of catchment applications.

However, the rest of the district is. **Closing date** for Out of Catchment applications is **May 15, 2026**. Once the date is passed, all registrations will be in-catchment only.



**BEACH DAY!!!** Yes, here at Francois Lake, we are going to have a Beach Day. On **Friday March 13th**, students are encouraged to wear **sunglasses**, a **sun hat**, or bring a **beach towel** to school. The PAC has offered to donate ice cream treats to staff and students for our Beach Day! Thank you, PAC, for your ongoing support!





On Wednesday, Feb. 28, Francois was sprinkled thickly with **pink!** Pink shirts were seen everywhere!

Our Primary Class was delighted to show-off their **pink**, but our Intermediate Class was a bit shy. Captured in these pictures are our brave folks in **pink!** Credits to Miss Nick, who, in **pink**, was behind the lens.



The virtue for March is **cooperation**  
 Work together with others to complete tasks.

Together we can do much more than we can do alone!

**REMINDER FOR GRADE 7 PARENTS!**

Please send in 7 to 10 photos of your Grade 7 as an infant, toddler, primary student, so they can be incorporated into the Grade 7 Slideshow for their June Graduation Ceremony!!!



**Board Biz...**

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**Student Learning Survey 2025/2026**

The Provincial Student Learning survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parent/guardians, teachers, and students on topics related to school environments, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Between January and April, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province—in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District, and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey will be open until May 1, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-695-6401.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES**

**School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6:30 pm**  
**Room TBD @ FLESS, Fraser Lake, BC**

**Important Public Attendance Notice:**  
 Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education. Due to limited space and seating availability, please request your seat in advance if you wish to attend in person.  
 Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please visit [www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information](http://www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information) for the Teams link.  
 To view the meeting agenda, please visit [www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes](http://www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes).  
 Contact: Heather Silver, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, 250-567-2284 ext. 9003 [hsilver@sd91.bc.ca](mailto:hsilver@sd91.bc.ca)

**PAC Posts...**

**Our 2025-2026 PAC Executive**  
 Chair: Amy Wainwright  
 Co-Vice Chair: Dale Pereira  
 Co-Vice Chair: Jessica Shively  
 Treasurer: Johanna Hayes  
 Secretary: Ilasha Gooding  
 DPAC: Vacant (you!)

The next **PAC meeting** will be  
**Wed. Apr. 15, 2026, 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!

**And the last word goes to:**  
 Mrs. Vossen for working so hard to publish such informative and eye-catching newsletters every two weeks!

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES**

**Proposed Policy Update**

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback **until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026.**  
[Policy 101.1.1 – Trustee Elections – Bylaw](#)

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the [SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage](#).

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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, February 23, 2026.

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

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**We're Hiring!**  
**Francois Lake Elementary needs supervisors, LSWs, and PAs!**  
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