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# Francois Lake Elementary School

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## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

This February, let's focus on kindness, friendship, and building positive relationships. I encourage you to have conversations with your students about kindness, as we will be announcing reminders about kindness and friendship as a focus for our students and our school community. We will also be celebrating Pink Shirt Day on February 28, 2024.

- ♥ Kindness is demonstrated when we are good friends; being a good friend means being happy for someone else when they win a game. It shows you care about their success.
- ♥ Friends use a kind voice and kind words with each other. If friends have a disagreement, they discuss things kindly and take care of each other's feelings.
- ♥ Friends say nice things to each other. When they notice their friend doing a good job, they might give them a compliment or a high 5!

Students are encouraged to fill in their suggestions for kindness and friendship. Hearts are available at the office for students to submit for the morning announcements. I am looking forward to reading and sharing the ideas we have about kindness. Let me know about the things we can do every day to include others and how we can support one another!

Respectfully,  
Sigrid Sollbach, Principal

### Mark your Calendars!

#### February

- 1 Speech Arts Entries Due
- 7 Global Play Day
- 7 World Read Aloud Day
- 8 Candice George Presentation
- 9 Pro-D Day—**No School**
- 14 PAC Pancake Breakfast
- 15 FLES Science Fair
- 16 12:30 OSC Skiing (#1)
- 19 Family Day—**No School**
- 21 District Science Fair—FLESS
- 23 12:30 OSC Skiing (#2)
- 28 Pink Shirt Day

#### March

- 1 Basketball Tournament
- 1 12:30 OSC Skiing (#3)
- 8 Speech Arts Performance
- 8 12:30 OSC Skiing (#4)
- 9 Central Interior Science Fair

### FLES Celebrates FUN Stuff!



### Yesterday, January 31, was National Hot Chocolate Day!

Mrs. Watts' class enjoyed a warm, tasty treat of hot chocolate...and so did some staff. It was delicious!

Thank you, Mrs. Watts' class!



### Just a polite reminder:



We love fostering terrific relationships with our families! But please be respectful of personal cell phone numbers. Please check with your kid's teacher to make sure it's ok to contact them after school hours.



### Next Year's Kindergarten Students!!!

Is your preschooler born in 2019? Are they or will be 5 years old this year? Guess what! They are old enough to join our FLES school family in September. If you plan to enroll your soon-to-be school-aged student, please let Mrs. Wilson or Mrs. Vossen know in February.



### Board Biz...



### School Board Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024  
6:00 pm

School Board Office  
Vanderhoof, 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 prior to noon on meeting day 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 or you may request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

Contact:

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### PAC Posts...

**PAC is sponsoring cross-country skiing** for the entire school for six Fridays starting February 16. Thank you PAC!

P.S. Please make sure your child is dressed properly for the weather for those days!



**Next PAC meeting Mar. 6 at 6:00 PM in the MPR. All parents are Welcome!**

#### Here's Our PAC Executive!

Amy Wainwright  
Jessica Shively  
Johanna Hayes  
Ileasha Gooding  
Lisa Swales

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Co-Secretary  
Co-Secretary  
DPAC Rep  
Hot Lunch Coordinator



### Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Karla Mitchell presented her monthly report at the Regular School Board Meeting on January 22, 2024.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at [www.sd91.bc.ca](http://www.sd91.bc.ca).



### Proposed Policy Updates

The School District 91 Policy Committee is currently working on updates to **Policy 604.1 – Digital Technology, Consent and Privacy**.

If adopted, this new Policy 604.1 will replace the following existing policies:

- \* 502.6 – Use of Cell Phones and Digital Devices
- \* 604.1 – Digital Technology
- \* 604.2 – Student Photograph/Video/Audio and Media Consent
- \* 604.4 – District Technology and Network Access

Members of the public are welcome to review and encouraged to provide feedback prior to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> on the 'Policies and Regulations' page at [www.sd91.bc.ca](http://www.sd91.bc.ca).

## And the last word goes to:

Ms. Babych and Mrs. Wilson who each take moments of their time to make sure our students get snacks at recess and after school. FLES thanks you!

