



FRANCOIS LAKE

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Principal's Message

Physical activity is essential for normal, healthy growth and development. Growing bones and muscles requires not only good nutrition but also the stimulation of vigorous physical activity to increase the strength and endurance necessary for a physically active lifestyle. Active play during the break times and physical education classes provide opportunities for students to develop the skills and confidence necessary to play and collaborate cooperatively with peers.

To support the virtue of sportsmanship, families can engage in competitive and cooperative games at home, so students learn to take turns, accept failure, and encourage teammates. After all, true character is revealed in times of defeat, misfortune, and adversity, rather than in comfort or success. We want students to be able to keep going and maintain hope when games or drills become challenging. Grit and perseverance are important life skills when you are seven or seventy years old.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen
Principal

Remember!
No school
tomorrow!

No-School Days!!!

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

Mark your Calendars! (Dates & events subject to change)

April

24 (F) Pro-D Day—**No School**
28 (T) Gr 7 Lemonade
Fundraiser

May

8 (W) Pro-D Day—No School
15 (F) Out of Catchment
Closes
18 (M) Victoria Day—**No
School**
26 (T) 7-UP Day at LDSS
25 (M) GEERING UP
workshop Gr 4-7
1-2:30 PM

June

19 (F) Sports Day
24 (W) Gr 7 Leaving Ceremony
24 (W) Learning Updates go
home

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

We are so proud of our Elizabeth Hunter! On her own, Elizabeth participated in the Regional Science Fair and she cleared the board! She placed 1st in the regional grade 7 division! Hip, hip, hooray, Elizabeth! Your scientific inquiry into bacteria growth on our hands after handwashing was thorough and informative! The committee awarded Elizabeth with a plaque, the Judge's Choice trophy and \$300! Well done, Elizabeth!



Juno-winning Children's Performer and Puppeteer Visits SD91



On April 20th, Norman Foote, a Canadian musician and songwriter, visited the two classes at our school! He led a songwriting workshop in each classroom and then each class performed to the other during a school-wide show! His passion for songwriting and sense of humor was appreciated by our school family!

2026-2027 School Supplies

Student school supplies have been ordered for the 2026-2027 school year! Parents/caregivers do not have to worry about purchasing school supplies next year if their child will be attending Francois Lake Elementary School.

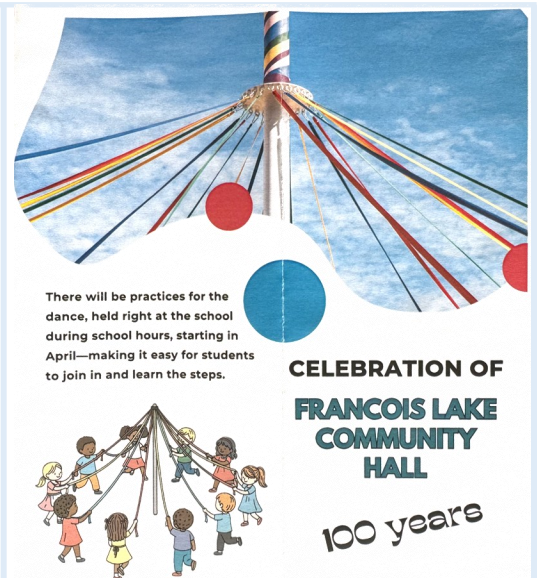
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We will host a Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony on Wednesday, June 24th at 1 PM. We are hoping to receive childhood photos from two remaining grade 7 students so we can incorporate them into a slide show. Thanks to the families who have already submitted their photos.

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Francois Lake Community Hall 100 Year Celebration on May 30th

Practices for the May Pole Dance have started! Those students who signed up had their first practice yesterday at 3:30 PM at the Hall. Please make sure your dance team members show up for practices as this is a very significant event for our Francois Lake community!



FIRE DRILL SEASON!

The weather is changing to a spring season! With that warming trend and the accompanying mud, our school will be resuming Fire Drills. Students are reminded to wear indoor shoes during the school day so they are prepared to evacuate the building at a moment's notice!



The Grade 7 7-Up Day is coming soon! Mark your calendar because on **Tuesday, May 26**, for the whole day, Gr. 7s will be taking the bus, or will be driven to Lakes District Secondary School (LDSS), to spend the whole day **there** experiencing what being in Gr. 8 will be like!

7 UP DAY

LAKES DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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), please **pre-register** your September Kindergartener at **FLES**. We will need their **Birth Certificate**, **BC Services card**, and **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!

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 **Friday, May 15, 2026**. Once the date is passed, all registrations will be in-catchment only.



Reaching for the sky on the playground!

Board Biz...



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026.

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



Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policies are currently open for public feedback **until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2026**.

- [*NEW* Policy 100.0.1 – Role of the Board](#)
- [Policy 200.1 – Superintendent of Schools/ Chief Executive Officer](#)
- [Policy 304.6 – Selection of Learning Resources](#)
- [Policy 304.7 – Controversial Learning Resources](#)

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

Tell us what you think!

Review and share your thoughts about the proposed language for our 2026-2031 Strategic Plan



Our survey closes on Friday, May 15, 2026.

You may access the survey online at the link or QR code below, or you are welcome to pick up a paper copy at any Nechako Lakes school or district office.

Access our survey at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/jZt3frupdn>



www.sd91.bc.ca



Don't repost it. Report it.



erase.gov.bc.ca

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91

We're Hiring!
Francois Lake Elementary needs supervisors, LSWs, Indigenous Ed Advocates, and PAs!
Apply below!



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



Proposed School Calendar

We are currently collecting public feedback regarding the **DRAFT 2028-29 school calendar**.

Your feedback will be accepted via email to calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026**. Check out the 'Calendars – Yearly' page at www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar to view the proposed calendars.

Hello,

I am sharing information on behalf of the Ministry of Children and Family Development regarding upcoming **virtual Foster Parent Recruitment information sessions**.

These sessions are short, informal, and designed for individuals who may be interested in learning more about becoming a foster caregiver. We would appreciate it if you could share the attached poster with staff and/or your school community where appropriate.

The poster includes a **QR code** that links directly to the Microsoft Teams invite, allowing participants to add the session to their calendar. The sessions take place **monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month from 12:00–12:30 p.m.**

If you or anyone in your community has questions or would like additional information, contact details are included on the poster.

Thank you for your support in helping us share this opportunity within your school community.

Foster Parent Recruitment

Have you ever considered being a foster caregiver?
These info sessions are for you



You are invited to sign up for a virtual drop-in info session every fourth Thursday at noon.
Scan the QR Code to sign up or call 250-847-7727 for more info.



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Are you interested in caring for children & youth?

JOIN OUR FOSTER CAREGIVER COMMUNITY.

We are seeking nurturing homes that can offer temporary inclusive care to children and youth, including those with support needs.

Caregiving is a rewarding position, and you won't be alone; additional financial resources and support are available to help you provide care.

Every child and youth deserves a safe place to belong, a home where they feel valued, understood, and cared for.

Make a lifelong difference to a child and youth today.

If you are interested in becoming a foster caregiver, please scan the QR code or visit: [Foster Caregiving - Province of British Columbia](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov2/child_fam_dev/child_fam_dev_services/child_fam_dev_services_foster_caregiving/child_fam_dev_services_foster_caregiving_foster_caregiving)



PAC Posts...

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 (you!)

The next **PAC meeting** will be

Wed. May. 20, 2026, at 5:30 PM. All parents are welcome, and babysitting is provided! Come have your say!

And the last word goes to:

A big thank you to Mrs. Vossen at the office for her tremendous help with the smooth operating of our school! Happy Administrative Professionals Day to Mrs. Vossen!