



FRANCOIS LAKE

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### Principal's Message

Teachers have been working hard to write informative and personalized comments for the term two learning updates. We trust that you will find the time to read over the comments and discuss key points with your child.

It was recently brought to my attention that some families may not be familiar with the core competencies of the BC Curriculum. In the K-12 curriculum, the core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social-emotional proficiencies essential for learners to develop deeper learning. They are divided into three main categories – Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social – and are embedded within all subject areas to foster educated, capable citizens. Students should use “I can” statements to reflect on their own growth in these areas over time.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read the learning update and to discuss your child's goals as a learner. By working together, we can best meet your child's needs.

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

#### Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

#### February

26 & 27 Share the Love

#### March

4 (W) Learning Updates go home

9 (M) Out of Catchment opens

9 (M) Gr. 7 Hot Apple Cider Sale Fundraiser

11 (W) Talk About Learning PM—Early Dismissal 11:53

16 to 27 Spring Break—No School

30 (M) Back in school day

#### April

3 (F) Good Friday—No School

### Core Competencies



<b>C</b>	<b>Communicating</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connecting and engaging with others</li> <li>Focusing on intent and purpose</li> <li>Acquiring and presenting information</li> </ul>
<b>C</b>	<b>Collaborating</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working collectively</li> <li>Supporting group interactions</li> <li>Determining common purposes</li> </ul>
<b>T</b>	<b>Creative Thinking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating and innovating</li> <li>Generating and incubating</li> <li>Evaluating and developing</li> </ul>
<b>T</b>	<b>Critical &amp; Reflective Thinking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing and critiquing</li> <li>Questioning and investigating</li> <li>Designing and developing</li> <li>Reflecting and assessing</li> </ul>
<b>PS</b>	<b>Personal Awareness &amp; Responsibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-advocating</li> <li>Self-regulating</li> <li>Well-being</li> </ul>
<b>PS</b>	<b>Positive Personal &amp; Cultural Identity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding relationships and cultural contexts</li> <li>Recognizing personal values and choices</li> <li>Identifying personal strengths and abilities</li> </ul>
<b>PS</b>	<b>Social Awareness &amp; Responsibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building relationships</li> <li>Contributing to community and caring for the environment</li> <li>Resolving problems</li> <li>Valuing diversity</li> </ul>

**REMINDER!!! Early Dismissal is 11:53 AM on Wed. Mar. 11!**  
Book your “Talk About Learning” appointment with your child's teacher soon. Call 250-695-6401 between 8:45 and 3.

February's Virtue is

## Kindness

What is kindness?

It is intentional action rooted in empathy, generosity, and consideration for others, without expecting anything in return.

No act of kindness,

*however small,*

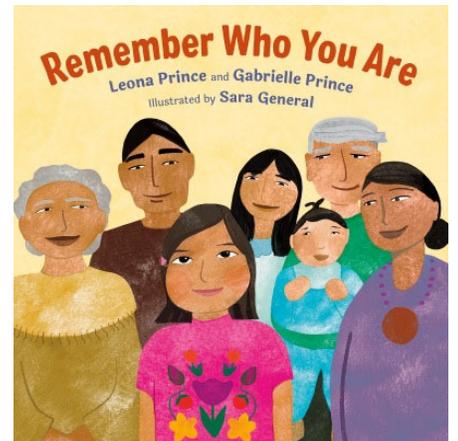
is ever wasted.



On Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 9:15 to 9:45 AM, our school participated with a virtual presentation about "Share the Love" with Michia Oak. Teachers were given a copy of, "Remember Who You Are" to consider reading aloud to their classes.

**You are more powerful than you imagine.**

In this lyrical picture book, young readers are reminded of their cultural roots, the wisdom of their ancestors and their own potential. Each page offers an affirmation about identity, respect, love and truth, encouraging all children to embrace their unique gifts and power. From the resilience flowing through their veins to the knowledge written in the stars, *Remember Who You Are* inspires children to see themselves as integral parts of their community, capable of great leadership and great kindness.



## 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.

## Anti-Bullying Message

At Tuesday's assembly at 1:00 PM, Francois Lake Elementary had a special guest come speak to our students about bullying. Anna MacWilliam, a former student of Francois Lake and a current student of LDSS, told her story about bullying in schools, and how she was bullied, too. She reassured our students that if they were being bullied or knew of bullying, that there were things they could do and resources available to them at any time.



### 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!!!



**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!



Last Friday, Feb. 20th, our school got an opportunity to go skating and try their hands at curling!  
We are so grateful to our FLES PAC who have offered to pay for the bussing!



# ROBOTICS CLUB

Robotics Club has started!!! It's on Mondays and Fridays at lunch time!  
Thank you, Mr. Helegesen for leading this popular program!



## Board Biz...



### 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)



## 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](#).



## 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.

## 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:

PAC! Jess Shively volunteered to pick up and deliver the free pizza and snacks to students on Friday, Feb 13th, and Carri Hunter led the noon-hour dance!

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91

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

SCAN THE QR CODE, OR VISIT  
[WWW.SD91.BC.CA/SUPPORTSTAFFPOSTINGS](http://WWW.SD91.BC.CA/SUPPORTSTAFFPOSTINGS)  
TO VIEW OUR CURRENT VACANCIES, INCLUDING OUR CASUAL LISTS!

