



FRANCOIS LAKE

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Principal's Message

In a rapidly changing digital age, the intermediate students attended two virtual digital safety sessions presented by White Hatter. The first session addressed digital literacy and internet safety while the second session focused on digital wellness: healthy, appropriate, and balanced tech habits. These sessions were provided to our school compliments of the Elizabeth Fry Society in Burns Lake. Thank you, E-Fry (and Kim Campbell!).

While student cell phone use during instructional hours remains prohibited, many students have wide access outside of school time. Our hope is that FLES students will continue to be safe and healthy with their use of technology.

If you see any incidents of bullying or harassment involving students online, please be sure to report it. www.erase.gov.bc.ca

By talking about internet safety at a young age, we aim to create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting your child.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen
Principal

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

BASKETBALL

On Friday, March 6, our students did an outstanding job of achieving second place under the fantastic tutelage by Coach Bob Fowler. They had lost a number of key basketball players to another community event, but our Gr 4-5s stepped up and brought our team to a sensational second place. Our students are outstanding!

Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

April

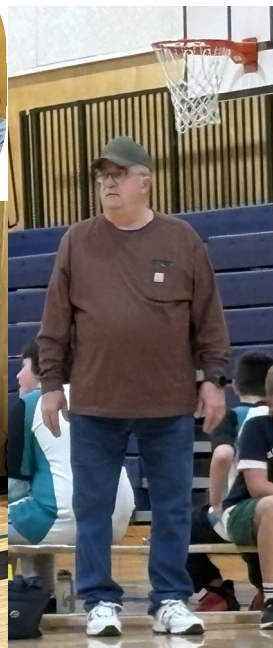
- 20 (M) Norman Foote Performance AM
- 24 (F) Pro-D Day—No School

May

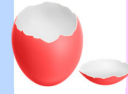
- 8 (W) Pro-D Day—No School
- 15 (F) Out of Catchment Closes
- 18 (M) Victoria Day—No School
- 26 (T) 7-UP Day at LDSS
- 25 (M) GEERING UP workshop Gr 4-7 1—2:30 PM

June

- 24 (W) Learning Updates go home



Miss Nick's class made coloured eggs to put on the class egg tree just before the Easter Break! They are so creative and make such amazing things!



Author's Chair

Students in Gr 4567 wrote descriptive, **scary** stories and then presented them to the class!



Easter Treat Hunt!

On Friday, Apr. 2, the students participated in a whole-school Easter Treat Hunt! Thank you PAC for making this happen!



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 opened Feb. 2 (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 **Friday, May 15, 2026**. Once the date is passed, all registrations will be in-catchment only.



There will be practices for the dance, held right at the school during school hours, starting in April—making it easy for students to join in and learn the steps.

CELEBRATION OF FRANCOIS LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

100 years



Just before Easter Break, our Gr 4567s received a permission for the **Francois Lake Community Hall 100 Year Celebration on May 30th**. Our school has a close relationship with the hall which includes shared land for our field, shared water with our school, and the hall being available for any serious emergency for our students. For their May Pole event to work properly, the Hall needs a **minimum of eight intermediate students** (max 15) to make the 1 PM, 10 minute, **May Pole Dance** work. There may be a dress code and the ribbons for the May Pole will be provided. Please send the permission slips back to the school as soon as possible—we're extending the return date to **Monday, April 13**. Thank you for supporting our community!

Hot Apple Cider!

On Monday, March 9, the Gr 7s had a fundraiser.

Students had Hot Apple Cider and raised another little bit towards their end-of-year celebrations!



Gr. 4-5-6-7 Update:

Mrs. Cherise Wilejto has graciously stepped up to teach our Gr. 4-5-6-7 class until Mrs. Hogarth returns. Mrs. Wilejto brings many years of teaching to our class having taught in the school district years ago and more recently at Morris Williams School. We are very grateful she has been able to bring continuity of education to our small school. Thank you so much, Mrs. Wilejto!



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!



FIRE DRILL SEASON!

The weather is changing from a winter-scape to a spring season! With that warming trend and melting ice, 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!



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...



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. 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, April 20, 2026, 6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting
via MS Teams

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 for the Teams link. To view the meeting agenda, please visit 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

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

Superintendent's Report to the Board
 Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, March 30, 2026. You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca or on our [Board of Education Updates](#) page.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

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.

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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](#).

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. 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!

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

Challenger, Innovation & Community

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

And the last word goes to:
 Mr. Wyatt Helgesen for leading the highly successful robotics program and for obtaining his First Aid Certificate! Well done, Mr. H!