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Francois Lake Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Brrrr... February has raced in with a bit of a cold snap. Students have recently been supervised in the building in the mornings and on a couple of days at lunch when it didn't warm up enough to go outside. If the temperature is -20°C or colder, we keep the students in the building as it is too cold to safely have them outside and the risk of frostbite increases if they are not adequately dressed. Students thrive when they are outside and get to burn off excess energy, but we have been keeping them busy in other ways. We see the students playing, building, creating, learning, and relaxing during those cold times. We will continue to have students playing outside at every opportunity so please make sure that they are adequately attired.

The school and grade 3-7 students have spent the last weeks busily preparing for the school science fair. Yesterday the grades 4-7 students had a chance to show off their knowledge of their projects to a pair of judges and then students showcased their projects in the afternoon at an open viewing. All the projects were amazing, and I was so proud of everything that the students learned during this time. Projects require a significant amount of time to prepare, and I commend all the entrants for their hard work.

There are still busy days ahead in the calendar as students look forward to events like the Pancake breakfast, the Sock Hop and the District Science Fair at FLESS, just to name a few. As it is so busy, it is a great time to remind students of the virtue of the month. February is the month that we highlight the virtue of Friendship. Being friendly towards others as well as being a good friend is a skill that will last a lifetime. Ask your child how they can practice being friendly this month.

Pink Shirt Day is next week. I am looking forward to seeing the flood of pink.

Respectfully,
Marlee Wilson

Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

February

- 14 (F) Pancake Breakfast
- 17 (M) Family Day—No School
- 20 (Th) PAC Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 (T) District Science Fair
- 26 (W) Pink Shirt Day

March

- 7 (F) Basketball Tournament
- 13 (Th) Formal Learning Updates go home
- 17 (M) Resilient Rhythm Show 1:30

24 to April 4—Spring Break—No School

April

- 7 (M) Back to School Day
- 11 (F) Zone Pro-D Day—No School
- 12 (Saturday) Poetry Club Adjudication
- 18-21 Easter Break—No School
- 22 (T) Back to School Day
- Earth Day Trash-PU 1 PM

Francois Lake Elementary School Science Fair ~ 2025

SCIENCE

Gr. 4

1st: Claire Hayes
"Growth"
Honourable Mentions:
Alexander Mould and
Noah Thiessen
"Natural Energy"
Allister Hogarth and
Rio Wilejto
"Big Big Boom"

Gr. 5

1st: Brogan and Zander Wilson
"Mango Master"
1st: Alierah Hazelton-Plante
"Rain, Rain Go Away"
Honourable Mention:
Nicholas Hunter and
Waylon Gooding
"Plants vs. Pop"

Gr. 7

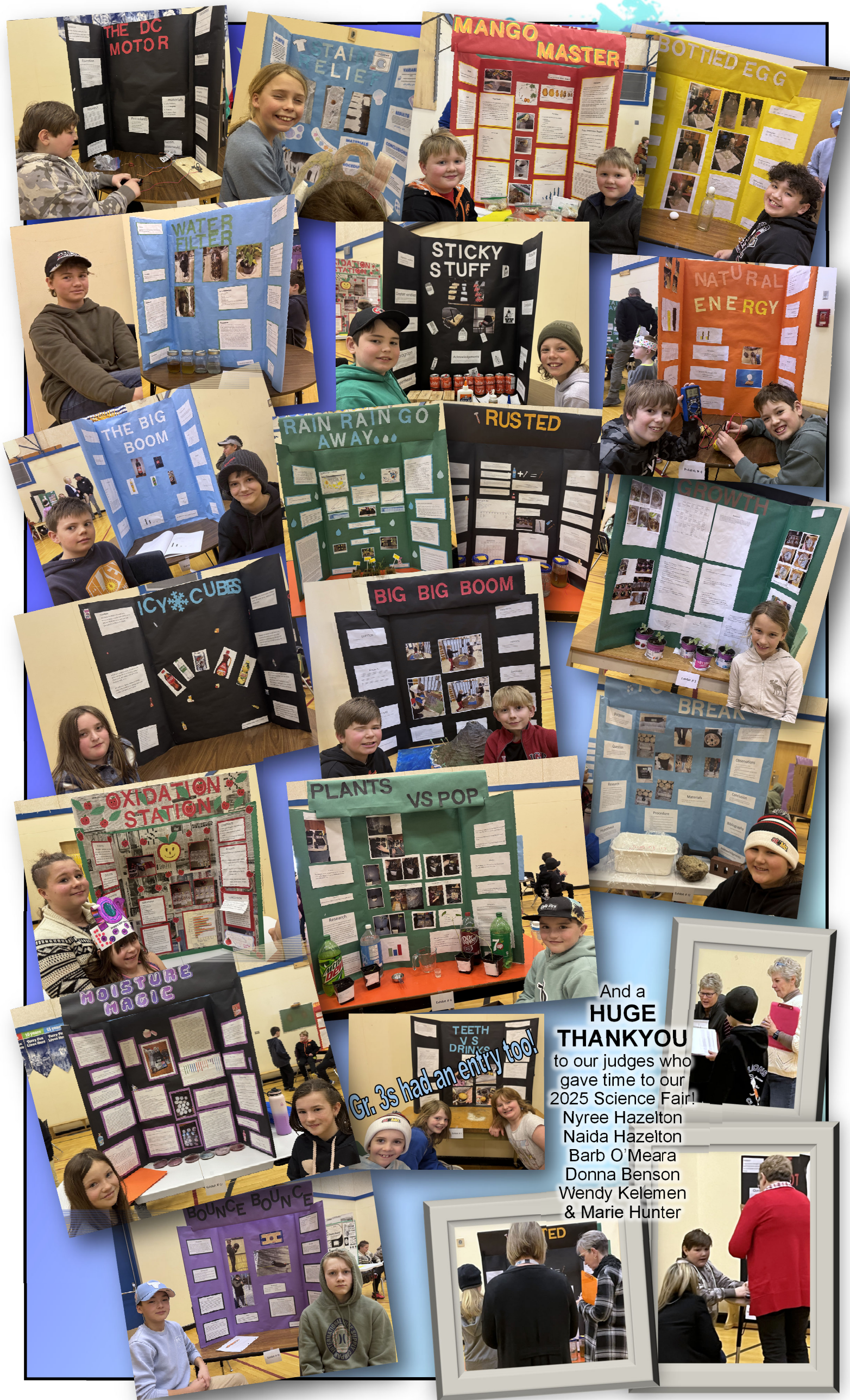
1st: Jonathan Hayes
"Water Filter"

Gr. 6

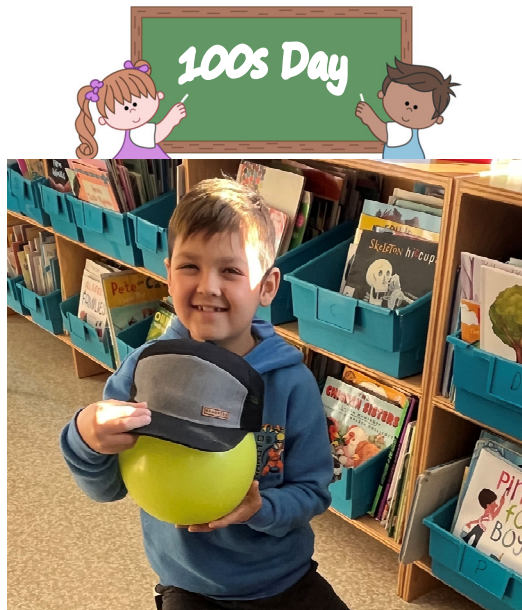
1st: Elizabeth Hunter and
Katie-Ray Shively
"Moisture Magic"
2nd: Zya Neave
"Oxidation Station"
Honourable Mention:
Quinn Ingram
Eric Borne
"Sticky Stuff"

Participants:

Gr. 5: Piper Boyes and Kaleigh Dell - "Icy Cubes"
Lucy Hayes - "Rusted"
Britney Wainwright - "Stain Relief"
Gr. 5: Finn Ellik - "Icy Break"
Gr. 6: Austin Makowski - "The D C Motor"
Randy Tom - "Bottled Egg"
Gr. 7: Ezra Hogarth and Noah Shively - "Bounce Bounce"
Deegan Pangerl and Torin Bell - "The Big Boom"



And a
HUGE
THANKYOU
to our judges who
gave time to our
2025 Science Fair!
Nyree Hazelton
Naida Hazelton
Barb O'Meara
Donna Benson
Wendy Kelemen
& Marie Hunter



100s Day was celebrated by the K/1/2s and included all things 100! A parade, balloons, and more!

Gay Day
Play



FLES's Students' Caring Staff

Ms. J. Babych—Foods
Mrs. J. Cardinal—Counsellor
Mrs. L. Coulson—Learning Support
Mrs. S. Haskett—OT Specialist
Mr. A. Hogarth—Teacher
Mrs. V. Hogarth—Teacher
Mrs. H. Michelle—Cultural Guide
Mrs. S. Osmond—Supervisor/Custodian
Mrs. C. Phillips—Speech Specialist
Ms. T. Thompson—ASL Consultant
Mrs. J. Vossen—Admin. Assistant
Mrs. B. Watts—Teacher
Mrs. M. Wilson—Principal/Teacher
Mr. P. Woolnough—ASL Specialist

Wear Black & White Penguin Day!



Winter Has Roared!!!

Please ensure your child is dressed warmly for winter.

Short on winter clothes for your child? We may be able to help. Please contact us at the school.

Virtues Venue

February's Virtue is "**Friendship**". Friendship means creating close relationships with others. Friendship looks like **including** others, **playing together**, and **learning** about each other.

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Next Year's Kinders and Gr.1s?

It's never too early to plan for the next school year!

Francois Lake Elementary is a warm, caring, strong school that produces students who regularly bring back trophies for science, sport, and fine arts. This year, our students have been fortunate to add another language to their skills—ASL. Our students get a solid base to become quality, kind adults who are wellprepared to take on the world.

Do you know of any four-year-olds in your circle of family, friends and neighbours, who live in or near our Francois Lake Elementary neighbourhood? Will they have their fifth birthday before January 1, 2026? Do you have new neighbours who have kids? FLES would love to know! 250-695-6401.



Our catchment area includes all of Bald Hill Rd. and south, all of Colleymount Rd., Francois Lake Rd. E., and any residences or locations between.

Pre-Registration for Kinders and Gr. 1s, for September 2025, will take place between March 17 and March 21, 2025. Watch for upcoming times for Francois Lake Elementary! We look forward to seeing new students here!

Poetry Club

Practice will be Tuesdays, starting next week and runs 'til April 8. No practice over Spring Break.

PAC Posts...

Hot Lunch order forms went home on Monday. Be sure to send them back as soon as possible.

On the menu:

Feb. 21 Subway & Cookie
Feb. 28 Pizza Muffin & Doughnut



For more photos and current information, check out the Francois Lake Elementary

School PAC **facebook** page.

Board Biz...



School Board Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025
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 for the Teams link or you may request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

Contact:
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Next PAC meeting Feb. 20, at 5:30 PM in the MPR.
All parents are Welcome!

PAC Executive:

Amy Wainwright	Chair
Jessica Shively	Vice Chair
Johanna Hayes	Treasurer
Ileasha Gooding	Secretary
Jessi Jack	
	Co-Hot Lunch Coordinator
Amber Poffenroth	Co-Hot Lunch Coordinator



2024-25 Amended School Calendar

At its Regular Meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025, the SD91 Board of Education approved the following change to the 2024-25 school calendar:

The April 2025 professional development day has been moved from Friday, April 25 to **FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025**.

You may view the District's approved yearly school calendars under the About Us tab at www.sd91.bc.ca.

And the last word goes to:

Mrs. J. Shively and PAC!
She organized a wonderfully well-received Sock-Hop at noon on Friday, Jan. 31!
Our FLES students loved it! Tomorrow PAC **is doing it again!!!**
Thank you PAC!