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Mark your Calendars!

(Dates & events subject to change)

June

- 19 (F) Summer Fun Day
- 24 (W) Gr 7 Leaving Ceremony
- 24 (W) Learning Updates go home
- 25 (Th) Last Day of Classes—Early Dismissal 11:53
- 29 to September 8—Summer Break!

BUSSING

Bus times are changing as of **tomorrow!** High School kids won't be riding the busses any more this year. Your child will be **dropped off 10 minutes earlier in the afternoon.**

LEARNING UPDATE

Term Three Learning Updates are scheduled to go home on Wednesday, June 24th. Please take some time to read the report with your child and celebrate their learning and growth. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel welcome to reach out to the school.

At Francois Lake School, we take care of others, take care of ourselves, take care of this place.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we share our final newsletter of the 2025–2026 school year, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our staff, students, and families for helping make this year so positive and memorable. Each school year is filled with moments that are meaningful in different ways for each of us. I asked a few members of our school community to share a favourite memory from the year, and I am pleased to share their reflections below:

- Mrs. Vossen – Hosting Reading Club outside at lunch
- Mr. Helgesen – Seeing everyone get so excited about joining the Robotics Club
- Mrs. Coulson – When we went to the Houston Pool
- Miss Ferguson – When we went curling with the school
- Abby – hanging out with my friends
- Malachite – playing with friends
- Damian – we did a lot of fun stuff! Everything! School.
- Rio – going to the pool
- Roland – it's hard because there are lots of things. Having friends to play with.

One of my favourite memories from this school year was the Christmas concert. It was wonderful to watch the students share their songs, dances, and skits, and to see so many families come together to support them. I am very grateful to the staff and students who helped make that special event possible.

On behalf of the staff, thank you to all families for the encouragement, kindness, and support you have shown throughout the school year. We are grateful to be part of such a caring school community, and we wish everyone a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen

FLES Has a New Principal!



Nechako Lakes School District (SD91) is pleased to announce the appointment of Gerald Rosenau as Principal of Francois Lake Elementary School (FLES), effective August 1, 2026.

Gerald brings a strong background in elementary education and emerging school leadership, currently serving as an elementary classroom teacher in School District #46 on the

Sunshine Coast. He has experience teaching across intermediate grades and has taken on a range of leadership roles within his school, including regularly serving as Teacher-in-Charge or Acting Principal in the absence of the principal.

Gerald is known for his collaborative approach, his commitment to building strong relationships with students, staff, and families, and his focus on creating supportive and engaging learning environments. His leadership

experience is complemented by his ongoing graduate studies in Educational Administration, as well as his strong skills in teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.

“We are very pleased to welcome Gerald to Francois Lake Elementary and the Burns Lake area,” said Anita McClinton, Superintendent of Schools. “Gerald brings a thoughtful and collaborative approach to leadership, along with a strong commitment to supporting students, staff, and families. His experience in building positive school communities and his focus on relationships will serve him well as he works alongside the Francois Lake Elementary community and our local Rightsholder Nations. I am confident he will contribute to a welcoming, inclusive, and student-centered learning environment.”

Gerald shared: *“I am very excited to join the Francois Lake Elementary team and am grateful for the opportunity to support and grow alongside the students, families, and staff.” My family and I are also looking forward to spending more time with our family in the area and making new connections in the community.”*

Nechako Lakes School District looks forward to welcoming Gerald to Francois Lake Elementary School and to the leadership he will bring in support of students, staff, families, and the broader Burns Lake community.

From May 30 Hall Celebrations: Has anyone seen a Rawlings Lefty ball glove? It has very sentimental meaning for a local man. It was his since he was 12 years old. If you find it, please call 250-695-6381.

PAC Posts...

Welcome to our new Executive! Thank you for your dedication in taking up the mantle in support of our school!

Chair

Amy Wainwright

Vice-Chair

Jessica Shively

Treasurer

Johanna Hayes

Secretary

Ileasha Gooding

DPAC

Vacant – YOU!

Thank you to our former PAC. We at FLES appreciate so much what you have contributed to our small school.

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Have a great summer!

All parents/guardians are welcome, and babysitting is provided. Bring your ideas, thoughts, and A-game to this worthy group.

SUMMER FUN DAY

Summer Fun Day will take place on Friday, June 19th. The event will begin at 11:30 with Tug of War. The PAC will kindly provide all students with two slices of pizza, a drink, and an ice cream treat. Lunch will take place from 12:00 to 12:45 pm. After lunch, students will be assigned to multi-age groups and will rotate through a variety of activities, such as the three-legged race, wheelbarrow race, scooter race, and more. The afternoon will conclude with a water balloon toss. Students may get wet, so families are encouraged to send an extra set of clothes. Families are welcome to come out and join the festivities!



We would like to extend a warm farewell and sincere thank you to Miss Nicholas. Miss Nick will be teaching a Grade 6/7 class at Decker Lake Elementary School in the fall. She would like to thank all families and staff for welcoming her to Francois Lake Elementary this year. She has enjoyed her time at the school and looks forward to continuing to see everyone in the community. The FLES primary teacher

posting is currently open, and the school district will continue actively searching for a primary teacher for the fall.

We would also like to offer a warm farewell and thank you to Courtney Wainwright, who has been a Personal Assistant in the intermediate classroom. This role is scheduled to end next week. We are grateful for Courtney's care and support over the past few months. Courtney plans to return to university in the fall and hopes to become an elementary teacher.

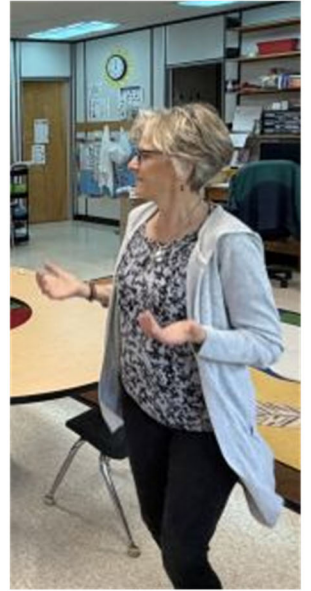


We would like to extend our appreciation and best wishes to Winifred Comeau. Mrs. Comeau taught both classes on Wednesdays, providing classroom teachers with valuable preparation time. She went above and beyond in her role by preparing engaging science lessons for students. Although she is semi-retired, we hope to welcome her back to the school as a Teacher on Call when a classroom teacher is away.

We would also like to extend our thanks and best wishes to Cherise Wilejto. Mrs. Wilejto has been teaching the intermediate class since February while Mrs. Hogarth has been on leave. She made it a priority to get to know each student and helped establish a positive classroom culture. Mrs. Wilejto worked hard to continue the planned scope and sequence of learning set out by Mrs. Hogarth.

A gentle reminder to families that there will not be a yearbook this year. The PAC was not able to find a volunteer to lead this project. Thank you for your understanding.

On Thursday, June 11, Mrs. Doris Munger came to our school and did presentations with our students. Our students learned about drumming – what Bear shapes the girls would have when they dance to the women's drumming songs, and what Bear shapes the boys would have when they dance to the men's drumming songs. Our students also learned about clothing made from deerskin and moosehide and got to try on some very beautiful beaded clothing.



Sturgeon Field Trip!

Tuesday, June 16, our entire school got to go to Vanderhoof to the Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre! There our students learned about the sturgeon life-cycle and what the purpose of conservation is. Check out what they did!





Games & Prizes!

**JUNE 22, 2026
IN THE WKE GYMNASIUM
6:30PM-8PM**

GRADE 7 DANCE

NO COST! JUST SHOW UP AND HAVE FUN

**JOIN US TO MEET YOUR
FUTURE CLASSMATES, ENJOY
GAMES, AND A DANCE!**

**We Are Looking For Parent Volunteers To Help With The Event;
Setup, Cleanup And Supervision.
If Your Available Please Contact Lillian
@ 250-617-1795**

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP THEIR SOON TO BE HIGH SCHOOLERS AFTER THE EVENT.

**This is a grade 7 only event.
Home-schoolers are welcome to attend.**

Early Dismissal Day!

A big reminder that Early Dismissal Day is on June 25, 2026, at 11:53 AM. Students will take the bus at this time and be dropped off at their stops 3 hours earlier than usual. Students who are usually picked up after school will need to be picked up at this time, too.

and the last word goes to:

Carri Hunter, a parent volunteer who kindly led the Sock Hop on Friday, June 12th. The students loved the opportunity to dance and enjoy time together during the lunch break. Thank you, Carri, for helping create such a fun and memorable event!



VIRTUAL CLEARING HOUSE

Online auction site of SD91 assets

Updated often - check it often!



auction.sd91.bc.ca

Scan the QR Code to go to the website!

As we close the 2025–2026 school year, we are grateful for the many memories, learning moments, celebrations, and community connections shared throughout the year. We also extend sincere thanks and best wishes to staff members who are moving on to new opportunities, and we appreciate everyone who helped make this year special. Wishing all students, staff, and families a safe, happy, and restful summer.