

NEWS

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Principal's Message

It can't be easy to be a parent these days. I know just how many times our school has called to say that a child is not feeling well and needs to be picked up. When we make these calls to families, we take a deep breath before we deliver the dreaded news. After each phone call, we are reminded of the fact that we work with such supportive and cooperative parents because parents drop everything and come to our school right away. For this, I am grateful.

Unfortunately, the tough times for parents don't end with head lice letters or phone calls from the school. There is the uncertainty of a functional school closure, cancelled bus runs, and the stress associated with life in a pandemic.

For all these reasons and more, I want to take this opportunity to offer a small token of our appreciation to parents by providing your child with a **free lunch**, compliments of our school. All parents deserve a break and I know how much some of you must be tired of packing a school lunch every day! So, put your feet up and let us provide your child with a free lunch on Thursday, February 24. Every child will receive a fruit cup, a juice box, a bannock dog (like a hot dog but with bannock instead of a bun), and a glazed doughnut. Please chat with your child prior to the free lunch day to decide if she or he will decline the lunch based on their palette so they can come to school with a lunch from home. Otherwise, enjoy your day off from packing a lunch. We know it isn't easy being a parent these days and we appreciate all of you. Hang in there.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Mark your Calendar

February

- 21 Family Day—No School
- 23 Pink Shirt Day
- 24 DLES Free Lunch
- 24 District Science Fair

March

- 4 Report Cards go home
- 13 Spring Time Change
- 14 Kindergarten Registrations and Out of Catchment Applications open
- 18 Last Day before Spring Break

Spring Break Mar. 21—Apr. 1 April

- 4 First Day back to School
- 15 Easter Friday—No School
- 18 Easter Monday—No School



Out-Of-Catchment and Kindergarten Registration!

Starting Monday, March 14, 2022, Decker Lake Elementary will be accepting registration applications during the following hours:
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM,
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM



No Time For That

"On Wednesday, February 23rd, staff and students are encouraged to wear pink in support of Pink Shirt Day. On this day, students from the grades 2/3 to grade 7 classes will watch a virtual anti-bullying presentation by Elsie from *No Time For That* (NTFT). Elsie has presented to many schools across Canada and is excited to virtually meet the DLES classes. The three main topics of her presentation are

"It takes a **whole village** to raise a **child**."

African Proverb

bullying prevention, mental health awareness, and youth empowerment. To learn more about *No Time For That*, parents/caregivers can go to <https://www.ntft.ca/>



Hi, my daughter will be late to school because she can zip her jacket by herself.

@ksujulie

Why the Pink Shirt?

It's a Canadian thing.

In 2007 in Nova Scotia, Grade 12 students David Shepherd, Travis Price and a few friends saw a Grade 9 student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school.

They knew they had to do something to show that this behaviour was not OK.

They decided to go out and buy a bunch of pink shirts and hand them out to other students to wear.

By the end of the week, lots of students were wearing pink shirts to show support for the Grade 9 student who was bullied.

"Respect your parents. They passed school without Google."
— Anonymous



Parade

Decker Lake Doings...

When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more.

- Anne Henderson & Karen Mapp



Dalgona Coffee Recipe

2 tbsp granulated sugar
2 tbsp instant coffee
2 tbsp cold water

Ice, crushed or cubed, for serving
Milk, for serving

Using a hand mixer, vigorously whisk the sugar, coffee, and water until the mixture turns silky smooth and shiny, and starts to thicken. Once it holds it's lofty shape, it's ready to use.

Fill a glass almost full with ice and milk, generously top with whipped coffee mixture, and if desired, mix before drinking. Makes almost enough for two. Enjoy

Keeping Your Child Home?

Please call the school to let us know if your child's absence is related to illness or not. 250-698-7301. We need to know why your child is away, especially during these times.

Please continue to do the updated **Daily Health Check** below To protect our students and staff, please do health checks with your children before sending them to school. If your children don't have any of the symptoms below, send them to school. If they do, keep them home. If your child shows signs of illness while at school, they will be sent home. **Please ensure you have a childcare plan in place every day in case your child must go home.**

Symptoms of COVID-19 and other illnesses include the following:

- ☐ Fever or chills
- ☐ Cough
- ☐ Loss of appetite
- ☐ Difficulty breathing
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- ☐ Runny nose
- ☐ Sneezing
- ☐ Nausea or vomiting
- ☐ Headache
- ☐ Body aches
- ☐ Loss of sense of smell or taste
- ☐ Diarrhea

Students can attend school if:

- ☐ Symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g. seasonal allergies;
- ☐ Existing symptoms have improved to feeling well enough to return to regular activities;
- ☐ Not required to self-isolate, or self-isolation period is over after positive COVID-19 test.

Appreciate your parents.
You never know what sacrifices they went through for you.

Parenting is basically surprising yourself each day due to how much stuff you can get done in a perpetual state of exhaustion.

IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING, BE KIND.

WE ARE TEACHERS

Valentine's At The Pines!

Monday, February 14, 2022, was a double-doozy day for seniors at The Pines! Seniors received beautiful Valentine's Day cards thoughtfully created by our own Decker Lake Huskies students from Grade 2 to Grade 7, AND treats! The students were happy to share their kind words and treats with the lovely folks at The Pines. They are thinking to continue this thoughtfulness with future special days!



Hot off the press!!!
Decker Lake Elementary will be receiving a shipment of Rapid Antigen Tests for students. Each student will be eligible to receive a kit of five rapid tests. Please look for more information soon regarding our plan for distribution.

Motherhood is an extreme sport. That's why we have to wear workout clothes every day.



I'm Jealous of my parents, because I will NEVER have a child as AWESOME as they had

HAVING ONE CHILD MAKES YOU A PARENT. HAVING TWO KIDS MAKES YOU A REFEREE
-DAVID FROST

when i call my parents, & they dont answer it's no big deal but when they call me & i dont answer its like world war III.

Counsellor's Corner...

For Parents
[ProtectKidsOnline.ca](https://www.protectkids.ca) — This site regularly gleans information from Cybertip.ca to help parents stay informed about age-specific interests of young people, the risks they face online, and proactive strategies for helping to make their child's online experiences safer.

Is Your Child at Risk?
The Canadian Center for Child Protection has a full curriculum called Kids in the Know that goes from K-12. As part of that, they also have several free initiatives under the Education and Prevention part of their website that are age-appropriate activity books or lessons plans for K – 8 classes that help kids understand, in developmentally appropriate ways, what is safe, what isn't, and what to do about it. In the grade 7/8 part they have a great lesson plan that includes more information specific to online safety and how to respond and report it, what to do about it, and also what is okay and what isn't okay. The site to those various programs is linked here: <https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/programs-and-initiatives/> (scroll down to the Education and Prevention part of the page about 2/3rds of the way down).

BEING A PARENT
means loving your
children
more than you've ever
loved yourself

Decker Lake Doings...

“Our time and dedication is not just spent making sure that we are being present in the moment with our students but also in creating relationships that impact the future life of a child, a family, and a community.”

Kristin Stayer

The Marvellous MacDonald Mix

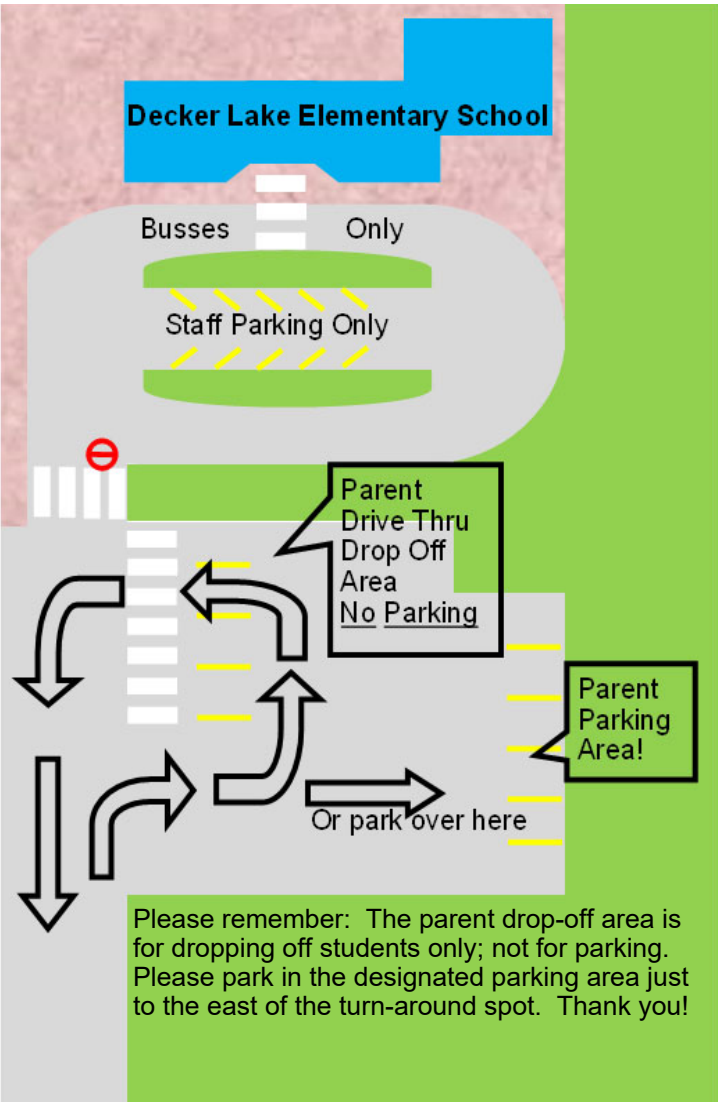
Super simple, tasty, and perfect to put your feet up to!

1/4 c pineapple juice
1/4 c pure cranberry juice
1/2 c ginger ale

Mix together and serve over lots of ice. Makes two servings.

Shake it up with a splash of lemon juice, or blend with a bit of frozen limeade concentrate, or with any other delicious refreshment! Enjoy!

“PARENTS ARE LIVING GODS. THEY DO EVERYTHING TO MAKE THEIR CHILDREN HAPPY AND EXPECT NOTHING IN RETURN.”



THE HARDEST PART OF PARENTING IS TRYING TO BE FAKE MAD WHEN YOUR KID DOES SOMETHING BAD BUT HILARIOUS.

See Them for Real! Curling Super-Stars Right Nearby!

In March 2022, the best women's curling teams in the world will be at the CN Centre in Prince George participating in the 2022 BKT Tires & OK Tire World Women's Curling Championship (WWCC).

Curling Canada has announced that all youth tickets (under 18 years old) are free with the purchase of an adult ticket. To purchase the tickets, visit curling.ca/tickets, call 1(888) 293-6613, or visit the CN Centre Box Office.

The tournament will be held from March 19th – March 27th at CN Centre.

*"Trust yourself.
You know more
than you think you do."
- Benjamin Spock*

Board Biz...



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2022

Superintendent Manu Madhok presented his 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the February 14, 2022, Board Meeting.

Please go to the link below to view the report:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/826444>



Draft Policies – Request for Feedback

At the Board meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022, the following policies were given various readings:

- 205.1 – Trustee Indemnity (1st Reading)
- 702.3 – Assistance for Transportation and Boarding (1st & 2nd Readings)

Please go to the link below to view the draft policies and provide feedback. The closing date for comments is March 14, 2022, at noon.

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations>



DRAFT 2024/2025 School Calendar

At the February Board meeting, the Board of Education released two options for the 2024/2025 School Calendar for public consultation.

Please go to the link below to view the two options and provide feedback:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/school-calendar>

Please send your feedback by Monday, March 14th at noon.

And the last words go to:

You, our school parents who we at DLES value and appreciate very much!

We thank you!