



April 29, 2021

Principal: Mrs. W. Kelemen

Admin. Assistant ~ Mrs. J. Vossen

Decker Lake Elementary School

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My dad never leaves home without his jacket! It doesn't matter if it is 30° or -30° C, he will always have a jacket. As the rain was falling gently over the lunch break today, I noticed that many students do not follow in my dad's footsteps – no jacket, no umbrella. I wonder if they will bring their outside gear tomorrow.

As you know, students go outside at recess and lunch unless there is a torrential downpour. A wise man once said, “There is no such thing as bad weather – only poor choices in clothing.” I hope you enjoy these spring showers. I know that my garden will enjoy the moisture!

Take care, Everyone!

Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Grade 1-2 class full-time.

The Grade 1-2 class has been getting reacquainted with Ms. Eleanor Giesbrecht who has been coming to their class for the last week. On Monday, May 3, Ms. Giesbrecht will be returning to teaching our

Mr. Len Matte, who stepped up to the task of teaching the Grade 1-2 class for this 2020-2021 year, will be retiring! This Friday, April 30, is his last day teaching for School District 91, and he is spending his last day with the Grade 1-2 class at Decker Lake Elementary. We are especially grateful and honoured that we are his last stop.



Mr. Matte has been a dependable, reliable, and dedicated teacher for our Grade 1-2 class. He has kept our students on track despite the trying COVID times.

Thank you so much, Mr. Matte!

Congratulations on your retirement!!!

Mark your Calendar

May

- 11 PAC Flowers Arrive
- 12 Hot Lunch
- 13 Newsletter
- 14 Pro D Day—No School
- 19 Welcome to K (9-1:30)
- 20 Ready Set Learn (PM)
- 21 Cos-Play Day
- 24 Victoria Day—No School
- 26 Hot Lunch
- 27 Newsletter

June

- 9 Hot Lunch
10 Newsletter
11 80s Day
16 DLES 100th Birthday!
22 Report Cards Home
23 Hot Lunch

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TIME IS NOW!

In-Catchment Registration, and Out-of-Catchment Application!!!

If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten next year and wish for your child to attend Decker Lake Elementary School, we recommend you call 250-698-7301 to book an appointment as soon as possible to register your In Catchment child or request an application for your Out of Catchment child.

Please ensure you bring your child's Birth Certificate and Service BC/Care Card to register or apply. Proof of residence may be required.

On May 19th, [Welcome to K](#) “Meet and Greet” will be a Drive-Thru event this year. Visits to pick up packages will be in 10 minute appointments and will be held outside. We’ll call you to book your appointment. We look forward to seeing new faces in Sept!

Ready Set Learn—Do you have a 3 or 4 year old who would love to be in school? On May 19 we'll be offering Ready Set Learn. Watch for times!

What makes DLES such a great school?

“A strong sense of community.”
—Anonymous Staff Member

DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2020-2021

Co-chair: Shawna Abietkoff
250-304-8398

Co-chair: Shawna Belcourt
250-691-1094

Secretary: Amy Dash
250-691-1612

Treasurer: Dallas Matson
250-692-0516

Other News!

We simply can't say enough about our amazing students! Once again, our Decker Lake Elementary science students have struck gold!

SD 91 CISE Award Winners by School

DECKER LAKE ELEMENTARY

Lily Davis

Dylan Stewart



Collapsing Bridges

✓ Gold Medalist

✓ Engineers and Geoscientists of BC Award

✓ Women in Engineering and Geoscience Award

Ice Ice Baby

✓ Gold Medalist

✓ UNBC Active Minds Award

Recipe for an active year with Spring ideas!

Physical activity doesn't need to be complicated. Simply doing a few simple things can keep you active and having fun. Try these three "ingredients" for Spring pleasure!

- ☐ go jump in puddles,
 - ☐ go plant a garden, or
 - ☐ try geocaching! Ask mom or dad what that is!
- Remember, keep things safe, be kind, and have fun!

More Board Biz

The MyHEARTSMAP team is looking for 100-200 more families to participate in this study.

**BC Children's Hospital COVID-19 Study -
MyHEARTSMAP**

MyHEARTSMAP-Pandemic.bcchr.ca



Originally from Edmonton, and now based in Vancouver, Shelley is a highly sought after teacher, researcher, consultant and storyteller and she has worked with school districts and community organizations throughout both Canada and the US. Her research and work has been featured at national and international conferences and is constructed based on theory and effective practices of inclusion, special education, curriculum and teacher professional development.

SHELLEY MOORE

MAY 6TH



Microsoft TEAMS

Please join us at 5 pm

Board Biz



Superintendent's Report to the Board Regular Board Meeting of Apr. 19th, 2021

Superintendent Manu Madhok presented his 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the April 19, 2021, Board Meeting.

Please follow the link below to view the report:
<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/818891>

At the Board meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021, the following policies were given various readings:

- 204.4 – Protocol Regarding Concern about Personnel or Situations within the School District – 2nd reading
- 303.2 – Retirement Allowance for Administrative Staff – 1st & 2nd readings for removal

Please visit <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations> to view the draft policy and regulation. Please follow the "feedback" link above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The closing date for comments is May 12, 2021.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 & January 2022

Families receive \$900 per student/month to host students ages 13 to 18 for 5 or 10 months.

Families need to provide meals and a furnished, private bedroom.

RMISP follows federal and provincial COVID regulations to ensure safety of host families, students, and communities.

For inquiries in Burns Lake and Vanderhoof (SD91) please contact Lori Sluth at lori.sluth@sd6.bc.ca or 250-688-6725.

And the last word goes to: YOU!



Parents, are you cleaning our your kitchen drawers? If you are, please consider donating your old kitchen utensils, measuring cups, sifters, pots, metal bowls, etc. These will be used to stock our new mud kitchen located on the primary end of the school. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

