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Admin. Assistant ~ Mrs. J. Vossen

Decker Lake Elementary School

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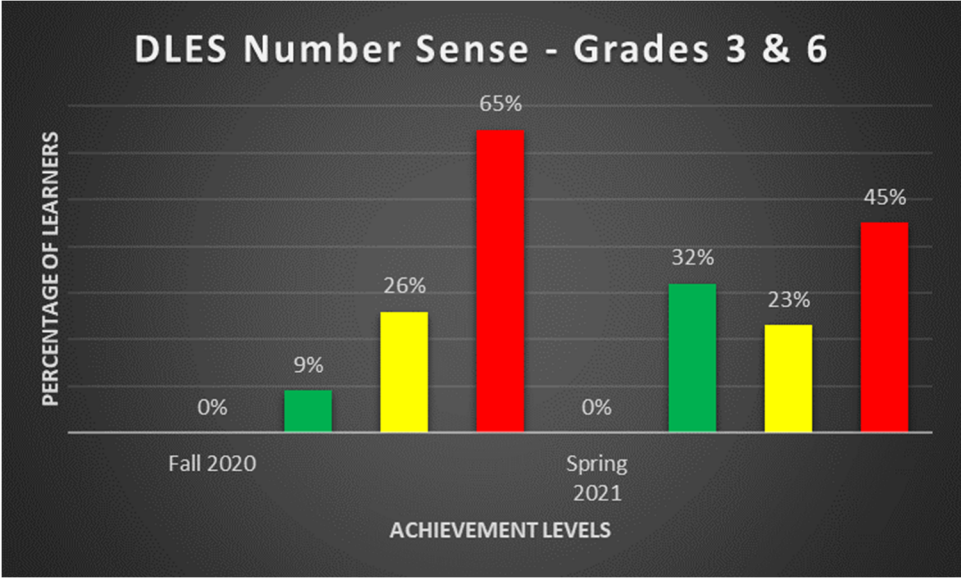
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Principal's Message

Did you know that we have a **School Plan to Enhance Student Learning**? This plan references the District Strategic Plan and identifies goals aligned to literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional learning.

Due to the pandemic, we have noticed that the children's level of mastery in literacy and numeracy have been negatively impacted so we are adjusting our instructional plans to support students along the continuum of learning.

Here is a graph that shows the mastery level of number sense for students in grades 3 and 6. The "green" bar refers to the percentage of learners that are meeting expectations; the "yellow" bar refers to the percentage of learners that are *minimally* meeting expectations; and the "red" bar refers to the percentage of learners that are *not yet* meeting expectations.



Number sense is so important for elementary students to develop because it promotes flexible thinking. It allows children to create a relationship with numbers and be able to talk about math as a language. Unlike math drills, rich number sense activities develop problem-solving skills in real-life applications. To support your child's development of number sense, I encourage you to consider providing regular time for your child to log onto www.mathletics.com so they can practice building their number sense. Please find attached to this newsletter your child's login information for Mathletics.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Mark your Calendar

November

- 10 Remembrance Day Ceremony at 11 AM
- 10 Hot Lunch: Grilled Cheese, cookies
- 11 **Remembrance Day—No School**
- 16 Poinsettia Orders Due
- 17 Tandoori Lunch for DLES!
- 23 Book Fair open to 4:30
- 24 Book Fair open to 2:47
- 24 Hot Lunch: Chicken Strips, Veggies
- 25 Poinsettia Order Pick Up
- 25 Report Cards go home
- 29 Purdy's Orders Due

December

- 2 Mom's Pantry Arrives

Friday, November 5, Mrs. Hiebert's class celebrated successfully completing their work with an all-out pancake, bacon, sausage, hashbrowns, juice and more, breakfast! A fabulous way to celebrate getting stuff done!

An enormous **Thank You** to Karla Matson who volunteered and helped prepare the food!!!

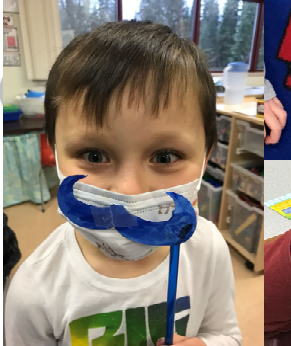


Decker Lake's Doings...



Our **FIRST** Team Colours Event, Moustache Day, took place Friday, November 5, with great participation from students and staff!!!

Top marks go to Team Red with a Grand Total of 14 points, closely followed by Green with 13 points, Yellow with 12 points, and Blue team only 3 points behind with 11.



Decker Lake Mini Bike Camp

Last week, most DLES students had the wonderful opportunity to try out biking with our local parents and volunteers, Mr. Chris Paulson and Ms. Rachelle Van Zanten. Kids got the chance to try out different bikes such as balancing, braking on hills and manoeuvring through mazes and trying out new skills. Helmets were provided to students who didn't bring one to the school.



BABYSITTING

The **PAC** is looking for any Grade 6 or Grade 7 students who may be interested in babysitting during the PAC's monthly meetings at the school. If you are interested please pick up a PAC Babysitting Application at the school office to apply. You must have taken the CNC Babysitters course. Approximately 1-2 hours per month for commitment.



Free Lunch!!!

On **Wed. Nov. 17**, our local **Burns Lake Pub 'n' Tandoori Grill** restaurant will be providing our whole school a free lunch! Lots of folks don't know what South Asian cuisine tastes like and this is a chance for kids to try some! We might not be able to travel to other countries right now, but we can try the foods from somewhere warm!

Squid Game: *'The level of violence is horrifying'*: Health officials warn that kids shouldn't watch Netflix's 'Squid Game'. "According to [United States] doctors at the [Child Mind Institute](https://www.childmindinstitute.org/), they believe no one should watch the show until late adolescence, as it's just too violent." Keep in mind, the US is a lot more lackadaisical when it comes to children's mental health. Check out the link below for more information on why it's so bad. <https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2021/10/24/the-level-of-violence-is-horrifying-health-officials-warn-that-kids-shouldnt-watch-netflixs-squid-game/>

Board Biz



School Board Meeting

Monday, November 15, 2021 6:00 pm
Important Public Attendance Notice:

***With the current on-going COVID context amidst this fourth wave, the Board of Education is limiting the number of **public** at Board meetings to **4 (four)**, which includes presenters/delegations. All interested in joining the meeting who cannot be accommodated in-person will be provided with virtual link.

We are requesting that members of the public interested in attending this meeting, contact Tracy Austin at taustin@sd91.bc.ca or 250-567-2284 **prior to the meeting.**

***Please note: any additional public arriving to attend the public Board meeting, will be asked to return home and provided with a link to join virtually.

Side Note

Please support Decker Lake Elementary fundraising by writing your cheques **Pay to the Order of SD91** unless otherwise stated.

And the last word goes to:

Mr. Chris Paulson and Ms. Rachelle Van Zanten for their nearly inexhaustible energy for volunteering in our community and especially for last week and their Bike Training at DLES!