

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! The teachers have been busy setting up the classroom and planning learning activities for this new year. We trust that your children have settled into the new school routines and have adjusted their bedtime routine to ensure a good night's rest. The first few days of school can be a shock to our system after a blissful summer!

Like last year, students will need to complete a daily health check to ensure that they are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms before leaving for school. If your child falls ill while at school, we will contact you to request that you come to the school right away to pick him/her up. DLES parents/care givers were so cooperative and understanding last year with this requirement and we are leaning on you again this year to help us keep our school safe and healthy. Thank you in advance for keeping your sick child at home. As a staff, we will endeavor to do the same by staying home when we are feeling ill. Together, we can help reduce the spread of germs at our school.

On a final note, parents are partners. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me any time to discuss. I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy school year!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Daily Health Check - Yup, We Still Have to Do This

Please review (and keep a copy of) the Daily Heath Check that was sent home with your child last week. If you need a reminder, you will find it posted on Decker Lake's website. Here's what it looks like:

Are you experiencing any of the following?

Fever higher than 38°C
Chills
Cough
Loss of sense of smell or taste
Difficulty breathing

Or

Sore throat
Loss of appetite
Extreme fatigue or tiredness
Headache
Body Aches
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?

Or

Are you a confirmed close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19? (You will have been contacted by Public Health)

If you answer **Yes** to any of these questions, **Please stay home.**

If you answer **No** to **ALL** of them, you are **welcome** to come to the school!

Welcome back to Decker Lake Elementary Staff!!!

Decker Lake Staff 21-22

Mrs. Kelemen - Principal
Mrs. Hiebert - Gr 4/5
Mrs. Payne - AEA
Ms. Woode - LSW
Mrs. Blair - PAA
Ms. Vanderwijk - PAA
Mrs. Giesbrecht - Gr 1/2
Ms. England - Gr 2/3
Mrs. Vossen - Admin. Assist.
Mrs. Stevenson - PAA
Ms. Mason - Gr 5/6
Mrs. Benoit - Gr 7
Mrs. Trottier - Librarian
Miss Lee - Resource Teacher
Ms. Hainstock - Custodian
Ms. Hushard - LSW
Ms. Eftodie - Custodian
Mrs. Shelford-Schneider - K

Mark your Calendar

September

- 17 Terry Fox Run
- 23 School Photo
- 24 District Planning Day—**No School**
- 30 Orange Shirt Day—**No School**

October

- 11 Thanksgiving—**No School**
- 13 Lockdown Drill with RCMP
- 20 Parent/Teacher Meetings—Morning School Only

Parent Parking!!!

Did you notice the new lines?

Over the summer our maintenance department painted lines by the playing field next to the driveway up to the school. We now have a spot for parents to drop off our students safely! Hurray!!!

Turn right at the top of the chain link fence, turn left into a stall (no parking here—max 30 second kiss goodbye stops only!), let your child out, and then simply drive through the stall and head back to the highway! Your child will walk safely on the crosswalk to the playground. Easy peasy!

Visitor parking is located in the same area but instead of turning left into a stall, turn right and point your vehicle towards the tall trees across the grassy field. Here, you can park your vehicle on the pavement for as long as you need.

A reminder: The bus lane is NOT for parent or staff use. It is strictly for bus use and emergency vehicles, only.

Thank you very much for your cooperation during our busy school year!

Visitors: Please remember to call ahead for an appointment (250-698-7301), do the Daily Health Check before arriving, wear a mask, sanitize, and sign in with contact information on arrival and out when leaving.

School District Counselling Available!

Shauna Ianson and Nick Ferguson, two of our SD#91 district counsellors, will be working in our school this year. At this time, Shauna will be at DLES Wednesday mornings and Nick will be at DLES on Tuesdays.

Shauna and Nick will be working alongside staff and students in the school in a variety of ways. These may include helping to facilitate programs in the classroom, working with small groups on topics such as dealing with anxiety, building healthy relationships, etc. as it is suitable to a specific child, as well as individual counselling. If you have any questions or concerns or would like your child to be able to access support through our school counsellor, please contact Wendy Kelemen at 250-698-7301.

In addition, if you are looking for longer-term individual support for your child, please contact the appropriate community agency(s) below:

Carrier Sekani Family Services
Phone: 250-692-2387 (Burns Lake)



RCMP - GRC

Lockdown Drill

On Wednesday, October 13, at 10:10 AM, Decker Lake will be having a Lockdown Drill. The RCMP will be helping us during the drill. So if you see lights flashing and hear some noise, and your child(ren) come home excitedly to tell you all about how DLES had police at the school, this will be the really cool and exciting reason why!

Supervision!

If you drop your students off at the school in the morning, we are letting you know that students won't be supervised until 8:15 AM.

Student Verification Forms are coming home soon!!!

It's almost time for the annual check on Student Verification Forms. Every child at Decker Lake Elementary will get one. Please make any changes, such as phone numbers, address, emergency contacts, custody, court orders, or alerts, etcetera, directly on the form, sign the bottom of back page for each child, and send it back to the school as soon as possible.



Thursday,
September 23 at 9
AM sharp!!! Wear
your best smile!

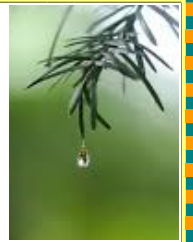
PHOTO DAY!!!



BELLS:

8:50 Warning
8:54 School Start
10:30 Recess 15 mins
12:00 Lunch 45 mins
2:47 Home Time

Rain or Shine, Snow or Ice,
our students go outside
every day, twice a day! And
sometimes even more!
Please ensure your child is
dressed best for the
weather.



[Click here to visit our Facebook page!](#)



Summer Learning 2021

**Families can help their
children learn early
reading skills**

Find us on the SD91 website under
Parent & Students

Click Here:
[Joyful Journey](#)

PLAY to WIN

SEND IN A PHOTO OR VIDEO OF
YOU AND YOUR CHILD PLAYING
ONE OF THE SUGGESTED GAMES
TO WIN A PRIZE. YOU WILL ALSO
HAVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME
ENTERED TO WIN A CHILD'S BIKE
AND HELMET.
EMAIL PICS & VIDEOS TO:
JOYFULJOURNEY@SD91.BC.CA

<https://www.facebook.com/Joyful-Journey-111923614499097>

Keeping in the loop at DLES is simple!!!

Check out the school's Instagram!
Follow: **deckerlakehuskies** to
stay connected!

Board Biz



School Board Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2021
6:00 pm

Public Attendance Notice:

***Due to current public health and safety requirements, 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.

And the last word goes to:

You!

Our parents are an integral part of our school community and are key to helping keep our students safe, healthy, and ready to learn. We, at Decker Lake School, appreciate you, our parents! Thank you!