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Principal's Message

We have started the planning process for the next school year. If you might be moving in or out of our school catchment area, please consider letting us know so we can make a note of this. We rely heavily on families to communicate with us as our school planning is based on enrollment.

Additionally, the kindergarten registration process will open across the district during the week of March 14th so please help us spread the word to families. If you or someone you know has a child in our catchment area and she or he will be five years of age before the end of December, then she or he is eligible for kindergarten during the 2022/23 school year. All kindergarten students registered in our catchment area will be invited to a Welcome to K event later in the spring. Please look for an invite in the local paper in the coming months.

Finally, out of catchment applications will be accepted during the week of March 14th as well. These applications will be reviewed in the late spring with a final approval by the end of the first week of school.

Thank you, Families, for registering your child at our school. Your child is the reason we are here.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Mark your Calendar

February

- 3 Virtual PAC Meeting 6:30
- 9 Hot Lunch—Chicken Strips
- 11 Pro-D Day—No School
- 16 100s Day
- 21 Family Day—No School
- 24 Pink Shirt Day
- 25 District Science Fair

March

- 4 Report Cards go home
- 13 **Spring Time Change**
- 14 Kindergarten Registrations open
- 18 Last Day before Spring Break

Spring Break Mar. 21—Apr. 1



Out-Of-Catchment and Kindergarten Registration!
Starting Monday, March 14, 2022, School District 91 will be accepting registration applications!

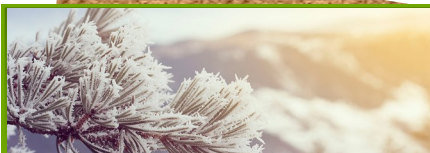


♪ We Built This City...On Our Floor ♪

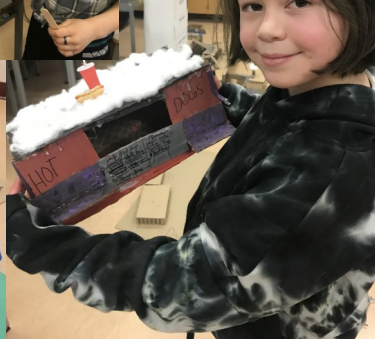
Cardboard Land

The grade 4/5 class spent two-and-a-half days constructing a community out of cardboard. The students planned and created a hotel complex, hockey arena with a dressing room and concession, a horse drawn carriage, a gas station and train station, a playground, three houses, a theatre with fresh popcorn, a hotdog stand, a homeless shelter, a mud-bog track with three monster trucks, and Horse Shoe Ranch, Subway, and Hudson Bay Mountain, plus a dragon to protect our fair city.

To create all this, they used three large rolls of duct tape, 150 thick glue sticks, and 30 small ones! When the other classes came to see the creation, there was a lot lively discussion and a sense of pride!



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 for the weather.



Toy Library FAQ

The Burns Lake Toy Lending Library is a place where your child can discover their imagination!

The toy library is for children from birth through age 6 and their caregivers. Your lifetime family membership, \$5.00 one-time fee, entitles you to borrow up to three toys for a period of two weeks.

Can I renew a toy?
You're welcome to renew an item if no one else has already requested it. Please bring it back when it's due and we'll let you know if it's available for another two weeks.

Tired of the same old toys?
No room for those great big toys?
Want to find out what's going on our Community?
Want to connect with other parents?
Would like to try something out before investing in another toy?
Want to give your children the chance to explore other interests?

What if I'm late returning the toys?
We don't charge late fees. Just bring the toys back so that you can borrow new ones.

What if a toy I borrow breaks, gets lost, or is missing pieces?
The toys are meant to be played with, not last forever. Bring in the pieces you have and let us know if an item is broken, so that no one else gets hurt playing with a broken toy. If you do find the missing pieces someday, we'd love to have them back!

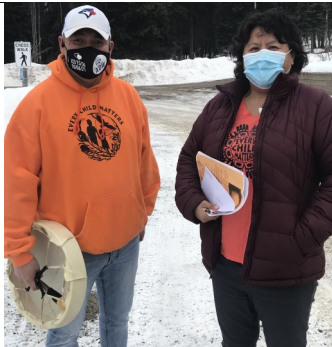


Decker Lake Doings...



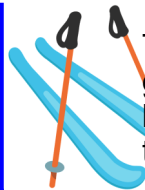
We Witnessed.

Last Friday, Decker Lake students recognized the discovery of another residential school burial ground in the Tsilhqot'in. Students wore orange, and heard drumming to listen to a sad remembrance song beautifully sung in Carrier by Corrine George.



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.



The intermediate grade ski trip has been **cancelled** due to lack of interest.

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:

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

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.



And the last words go to:

The following people who have graciously given their time.
We Thank You!
♥ Corrine George, for her song
♥ Chris Paulson, for the outdoor trails, and
♥ Brenda Payne, for her kindness and patience.



Mrs. Payne has been teaching our students a number of really important life skills. These include cooking, sewing, and crafts. All of these activities our students learn involve planning, and then execution—vital skills in life. Here we have two Grade 7s learning how to make bookmarks.