

Principal’s Message

February has been a busy and exciting month so far with two Science Fairs and Valentine’s Day. Students were busy making final adjustments to projects and boards and did a fabulous job presenting their projects to our judges. We would also like to thank all parents who supported student learning and also who took the time to come and see the projects. Your support and time was appreciated by the staff and students. Decker Lake would like to acknowledge the following for their efforts and ideas— medalists have been bolded: Scarlet, Victoria, Anevay, Aleyah, Quinn, Adley, Griffyn, Carson, Tyson, Lucas, Marlowe, Logan, Jackson M., Rhyle, Dante, Anna, Nick, Abby S., Julianna, Grayson, Semiah, Chris, Brinley A., Clayton, Olivia, Cora, Lacey, Annalise, Danae, Kieran, Sophia, Kalei, Brynlee O., Peyton, Ellianna, Jamieson, Lyla, Abery, Naomi, Abby T., Arihanna T., Colton, Riley, Julien, Davis, Lily, Jasmine, Taryn, Arianna H., Nathaniel, Cooper, Coby, Jennifer, Wyatt, Miles, Charlie, Nate, Forest, Hope, Briseis, Claire, and Shea. Way to go Husky Scientists!

Valentine’s Day was an amazing day at Decker Lake Elementary School. Students were excited to share their valentines with classmates and staff. It was a fantastic day! We hope you enjoy the pictures attached to this newsletter.

On February 22nd it will be Pink Shirt Day in awareness of Anti-Bullying. We encourage all families, staff and students to wear pink that day to bring awareness and engage in dialogue about bullying prevention.

The staff at Decker Lake wish all families a very joyful Family Day! We hope that you enjoy happy times with your family on Monday February 20th.

In kindness,
Ms. Sollbach

Mark your Calendar!

- February
- 17

100’s Day
- 20

Family Day—No School
- 22

Pink Shirt Day
- 24

Animal Day—Team Points!
- March
- 3

Horse Wagon Rides
- 4

Regional Science Fair
- 12

Daylight Savings Time Change
- 15

Report Cards go home
- 17

St. Patrick’s Day—Team Points!
- 20

Spring Break Begins—No School
- April
- 3

First Day of School after Spring Break

Decker Lake Does Smart Stuff...

District Science Fair DLES Results:

Grade 7, 2nd Place Tie

Coby MacLellan: C2H4

Davis Benson: Slow Burn

Julien Benoit & Teryn Griffin: Cool Melting

Grade 7, 3rd Place

Clair Waters & Riley Belcourt: Water vs. Salt

Grade 6, 1st Place Tie

Wyatt Matson: Cookie Rings

Grade 6, 2nd Place Tie

Lily Davis: Flight Plan

Grade 4, 2nd Place Tie

Kieran McDonald: Electric Lemons and Potatoes

	Team	Tally	Total
	1 st Blue		58
	2 nd Red		52
	3 rd Green		46
	2 nd Yellow		52

Friday, February 24, Animal Day!

Who will be in the lead after Friday, February 24? It won’t take a more than just a few participants to shift the scores! Dress as your favourite animal! Prepare for ...🦋....!





And we had our Future Scientists as Judges!



Decker Lake Elementary Shares the Love...



Ms. G's class celebrated Valentines day with LOVE!!! Lots and lots of love! Everyone shared kind words and sweet gifts!



Decker Lake PAC Posts...

DLES PAC

Upcoming Date:

Meeting: Tuesday,
April 4, 6:30. All
parents welcome!

Community Connections...



TRY HOCKEY EVENT

IF YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED OR TRIED ICE HOCKEY
HERE IS YOUR CHANCE. SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH
FROM 10AM-1:30PM

AGES 5 - 17 GEAR WILL BE AVAILABLE

COACHES AND VIP WILL BE ON THE ICE TO ASSIST

IF YOU NEED ANYMORE INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT

STEVEN BAYES

steven.bayes@lakebabine.com

or 250-692-9753



Just in case you hadn't noticed...the Burns Lake area supports hockey... Check these events out!

PINK SHIRT DAY
COUGARS VS WINTERHAWKS
MON | FEB 20 | 2PM
Kids 12 and under receive \$10 Tickets.
To save up to \$6 on other tickets. Use code SD91
[TICKETSNORTH.CA](https://www.ticketnorth.ca)

We're doing it again!
Wagon rides will
happening March 3!
Again, all riders will
need to have parent-
signed **waivers**
returned to DLES as
soon as possible—no
later than **Friday,**
February 24.

**Parent
reminder!**
Only school
related items
can be brought
to school.
Knives, lighters,
nail clippers,
etc., **MUST** stay
home.

More Community Connections...

Registration forms available at DLES—Register soon!

Kellie Haines puppetry workshops

Vancouver-based puppeteer and ventriloquist **Kellie Haines** returns to Burns Lake for a week of puppetry and ventriloquism workshops for teachers, and for children grades 4-7, youth grades 8 and up, and for young children and family member(s). Kellie will be in Burns Lake **March 27th to 31st, 2023**. Workshops will be one to two hours long, depending on ages, and will run for up to five days. Space is limited in each workshop.

'First come, first served', so please pre-register early. For more information on Kellie's workshops, go to:
kelliehaines.com

For more information about the Kellie Haines puppetry workshops or to pre-register, contact:
jbarth46@telus.net
or phone 250-692-3371



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Board Office Biz...



School Board Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2023
6:00 pm

School Board Office
Vanderhoof

Important Public Attendance Notice:

Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.

Due to limited space and seating availability, please reserve your seat prior to noon on meeting day if you wish to attend in person.

Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this option, please request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

Contact:
Heather Silver
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
250-567-2284 ext. 244
hsilver@sd91.bc.ca



Proposed Policy Updates

The School District 91 Policy Committee is currently working on updates to Policy 904.2 – Use of Facilities by Outside Organizations.

Members of the public are welcome to review and encouraged to provide feedback prior to noon on February 21st on the 'Policies and Regulations' page at www.sd91.bc.ca.

Hey! Come work for us! We have good benefits, fair wages, and great work hours! Up for grabs are custodial jobs, in-class aides, admin assistant roles, maintenance roles, and more! Check out www.sd91.ca and click on "Join our team"!

And the last word goes to:

Ms. England, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Benoit, Mrs. Payne, Miss Lee, and all the other staff who, with your above-and-beyond efforts, made our Science Fair collaboration into a resounding success!

Please note, we have extended the deadline because of the short notice. This is the final extension.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED THE FOLLOWING FORMS YET...

Please ensure this form and the permission slip on the back of this page are **signed** and returned to the school

NO LATER THAN Friday, February 24, 2023,

if you wish your child to participate on the Horse Drawn Wagon Rides taking place throughout the day on March 3, 2023.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

(AR-0103)

For Participants Under the Age of Majority in the Province or Territory in which the Equine Activities are Provided by the Ho

WARNING: THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. READ IT CAREFULLY!

The Parent/Guardian Must Read and Understand this Waiver Prior to Infant Participating in Equine Activities

The following waiver of all claims, release from all liability, assumption of all risks, agreement not to sue and other terms of this agreement are entered into by me on behalf of the Infant Participant named below with and for the benefit of:

B and T Adventures of 6266 Boundary Rd, Telkwa, BC, V0J 2X2, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, business operators, agents, and site property owners or lessees (the "Host"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "Equine Activities" includes but is not limited to competitions, tournaments organized and /or operated by the "Host", riding instruction, coaching and training provided by the "Host" to the Infant Participant.

Initial Each Item below after Reading and Understanding each item:

1. I am the Parent/Guardian of the Infant Participant and am executing this waiver on behalf of the Infant Participant in my capacity as Parent/Guardian and with the intent that this waiver be binding on myself and the Infant Participant for all legal purposes.
2. I am aware that there are inherent dangers, hazards and risks ("Risks") associated with "Equine Activities" and injuries resulting from these "Risks" are a common occurrence. I am aware that the "Risks" of "Equine Activities" mean those dangerous conditions which are an integral part of "Equine Activities", including but not limited to:
 - (a) the propensity of any equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them and to potentially collide with, bite or kick other animals, people or objects;
 - (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, tremors, vibrations, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals and hazards such as subsurface objects; and
 - (c) the potential for other participants to behave in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to themselves or others, including failing to act within their abilities to maintain control over an equine.
 - (d) the potential of natural or man-made hazards being present that can cause me harm, including communicable disease
3. I freely accept and fully assume all responsibility for all "Risks" and possibilities of any and all personal injury, sickness, disease, medical payments, death, property damage or loss resulting from the Infant Participant's participation in "Equine Activities".
4. I agree that although the "Host" has taken steps to reduce the "Risks" and increase the safety of the "Equine Activities", it is not possible for the "Host" to make the "Equine Activities" completely safe. I accept these "Risks" and agree to the terms of this waiver on behalf of the Infant Participant, even if the "Host" is found to be negligent or in breach of any duty of care or any obligation to myself or the Infant Participant in the Infant's participation in "Equine Activities".
5. In addition to consideration given to the "Host" for the Infant Participant's participation in "Equine Activities", I and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns, as well as the Infant Participant and his/her heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns (collectively our "Legal Representatives") agree:
 - (a) to waive all claims that the Infant Participant has or may have in the future against the "Host";
 - (b) to release and forever discharge the "Host" from all liability for personal injury, death, property damage, or loss that I, the Infant Participant, or our "Legal Representatives" might suffer as a result of the Infant Participant's participation in "Equine Activities" due to any cause, including but not limited to negligence (failure to use such care as a reasonably prudent and careful person would use under similar circumstances), breach of any duty imposed by law, breach of contract or mistake or error in judgment of the "Host"; and
 - (c) to be liable for and to hold harmless and indemnify the "Host" from all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs demands, including court costs and costs on a solicitor and own client basis, and liabilities of whatsoever nature or kind arising out of or in any way connected with the Infant's participation in "Equine Activities".
6. I agree that this waiver and all terms contained herein are governed exclusively and in all respects by the laws of the Province or Territory of Canada in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by the "Host". I hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that Province or Territory of Canada and I agree that no other court can exercise jurisdiction over the terms and claims referred to herein. Any litigation to enforce this waiver will be instituted in the Province or Territory of Canada in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by the "Host".
7. I confirm that I have had sufficient time to read and understand this waiver in its entirety. I understand that this agreement represents the entire agreement between the "Host", myself as Parent/Guardian, and the Infant Participant, and it is binding on myself, the Infant Participant and our "Legal Representatives".

Infant Participant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Tel # _____

Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal _____

(Signature of Parent/Guardian of Infant Participant)

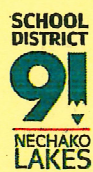
Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Print Name of "Host" Witness to Signing and Initialing)

(Signature of "Host" Witness)

IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED THESE FORMS YET...

Please ensure this form and the permission slip on the back of this page are **signed** and returned to the school **NO LATER THAN Friday, February 24, 2023**, **if you wish** your child to participate on the Horse Drawn Wagon Rides taking place throughout the day on March 3, 2023.



Forms

PARENT INFORMATION AND PERMISSION FORM

Related Policy: Policy No. 603.1 – Field/Sports Trips

This section to be filled in by the Field/Sports Trip Organizer	
Field/Sports Trip General Information	
Date(s) of Trip/Sport Season: Friday, March 3, 2023	
Destination(s): School grounds and area	
Purpose of the trip(s): Experiencing horse drawn sleigh/wagon rides (snow level dependent).	
Organizer/Teacher Sponsor: Sigrid Sollbach	Phone Number 250-698-7301
Supervision will be provided by: Principal and classroom teachers	
Stacey Lee and/or Karen Stevenson will be responsible for the first aid kit during the Field/Sports Trip.	
Cost of Trip/student: N/A Sign and Return this form no later than: Tuesday, February 21, 2023.	
Expectations	
During all trips, students will be subject to the school's rules, the School Act and the District Code of Conduct (Policy 502.1)	
What to Bring / Special Instructions	Known Risks
Regular weather appropriate outdoor clothing. Students will be sitting outside.	
Request for Volunteers	
Volunteers are needed for this field trip: No	
Optional Accident Insurance	
Parents are encouraged to consider purchasing optional accident insurance for their child. (e.g. Reliable Life at 1-800-463-5437 or www.insuremykids.com)	

Parents or Guardians please sign and return to the school	
I _____ give my permission for _____ to participate in the (parent / guardian name) (Student Name)	
Horse Drawn Wagon Rides _____ at-school Field Trip. (year)	
_____ (Parent / Guardian Signature)	_____ (Date)
Please note any parts of this field/sports trip that you do not give permission for: _____	