

Principal’s Message

“A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal.”
- Steven Maraboli.

I asked random students at our school what is the biggest problem they face in this world. Excluding kindergarten students, students replied, “Nothing”, “Not really anything”, “I don’t know.”

We are so fortunate to live in a community where there is no visible sign or sound of active war. For students in the Ukraine and poverty-stricken Uganda, I suspect that they would respond differently to my question.

Motivated to respond with compassion to the on-going poverty in Uganda and the war-stricken Ukraine, we invite Huskies to help us raise funds so we can make a donation to families in these two countries.

With thanks to Mrs. Payne, our school will be sending beautiful sewn bags overseas. If you would like to donate a little toy or new stuffie to include in these bags, please drop it off at the school office (or send it to school with your child). We understand that times can be tough for families right now because of spring break-up so there is no pressure to participate. All donations of new toys will be greatly appreciated. We would like to wrap it up by the end of April so a big thanks in advance to all the families that can help out!

To conclude, here are two big problems facing DLES kindergarten students:

“When it was breakfast, I was fighting with my brother over the furnace because I slept in my underwear!”

“Last year my brother banged me on my head.”

Take care, everyone!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Mark your Calendar

April

- 15 Easter Friday—No School
- 18 Easter Monday—No School
- 22 Dress as an Animal Day
- 23 Sausage Factory Orders Due
- 29 Pro D Day—No School

May

- 11 Flower Pick Up Day
- 12 Moosehide Campaign
- 13 Pro D Day—No School
- 23 Victoria Day—No School



“Sew” What???

Our amazing grade 7s have sewn much to offer! The grade 7 class has completed a quilt as part of their ADST class.

Each student sewed one or more of the blocks, which Mrs. Benoit quilted over the break. Stay tuned for a raffle! We will be selling tickets to raffle off the quilt and three gorgeous bags made and donated by Mrs. Payne! Proceeds will go to the grade 7 fundraising account for field trips and end of the year celebrations.



Please remember to sign your child’s report card envelope and send it back to school!

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



Decker Lake Informs!!!

Showcasing our Communities— for \$ Cash \$!

This spring we are expecting 7 student teachers from UBC to visit our district. They are interested new grads who have requested to be part of UBC's Education Department Community Field Experience program which provides an opportunity to live in a rural community for 3 weeks to experience rural schools and small town life. Hopefully after their experience they'll be interested in working in our school district!

The secondary school group will be in our district from **May 16 to June 3, 2022**. The elementary school group will be here from **June 6 to June 24, 2022**.

The district is looking for **host families** who are interested in taking in one of these students for their 3 week visit. Each host family will receive **\$500** in district funds to assist with the costs associated with this visit. The number of students staying in each community will depend on the number of home-stays available.

The students will want to visit schools, engage with learners on a volunteer basis, and get a taste of our towns and local life. Some may want to help coach a team or share some of their skills and interests.

This experience provides districts like ours with a new and exciting way of recruiting! We look forward to working with you to place these students throughout our district! If you're interested in hosting, please contact Donna Benson at 250.692.7782.



Share the Love Day is May 17th, 2022!

At Decker Lake Elementary, students will learn about honouring diversity in our communities so that every student is welcomed, respected, included, accepted and supported in our school.

Students will watch a welcome video prepared by our superintendent Mr. Madhok and a guest., then read (or listen) to a book about families that are all different or about a dragon that breathes bubbles instead of fire.

At the end of the day, students will each get a wooden heart or two to paint which will be hung on the school fence in a rainbow coloured pattern.

Fundraiser—Bags of Toys

Mrs. Payne, featured below, has sewn these fabric bags which we plan to stuff with small toys and plush animals for shipment overseas to Uganda and the Ukraine. All donations are greatly appreciated! A BIG thank you to Mrs. Payne for spearheading this compassionate project! Decker Lake Huskies CARE!



Community Connections...



Course Overview

During this Pro D Day Wren Gilgan will be your guide for a photographic journey to learn more about the art and craft of photography with either a cellphone or digital camera. Learn about the composition and purpose of images and how post processing helps achieve the end. Let's have fun!

Fees

\$55

Additional Information

Open to youth ages 9 - 12.

Come prepared for the weather as this will be a field day.

Ready to Register?

Phone 250-692-1700 or drop by during office hours to register in person.

6 hours
Offered one time:

2022S CEEX 110 CI501
Apr 29, 2022
Fri | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Registration recommended by
April 15, 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
P 250 692 1700
Elksdist@cnc.bc.ca
cnc.bc.ca/burnslake

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Babysitter Training

Course Overview

Does your child wish to earn some extra cash while babysitting? This course will demonstrate basic child care, accident prevention, first aid, and how best to handle emergency situations. This program is based on the Red Cross Youth Society curriculum.

Fees

\$89

Additional Information

Please bring a pencil and pack a lunch. For youth ages 12 and up.

Ready to Register?

Phone 250-692-1700 or drop by during business hours to register in person.

7 hours
Offered one time:

1 2022 CEFA 116 CI501
Sat | May 07, 2022
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Registration recommended by
April 22, 2022

Did you know?

Babysitting is an excellent way for youth to earn money and gain valuable skills along the way.

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PLAY # WIN

Joyful Journey: Hopping into Spring

Hop into the new Joyful Journey contest and you could win a new bike and helmet. The draw will be on May 20th, 2022.

How to Enter:



- Submit a photo or video (under 1 minute) of your child playing one of the Letter/Word Challenge, Physical challenge, Number Challenge, or Kindness Challenge either by posting on the [Joyful Journey Facebook](#) page or emailing joyfuljourney@sd91.bc.ca
- Include which community you live in for preschool and which school if school age for prize pick-up.



Contest Details

- Multiple entries will be accepted for the draw for a bicycle and helmet.
- The draw for a bike and helmet will be drawn on May 20th, 2022.
- You will receive a prize for your first submission.
- By entering the contest, you agree to have your photo or video used on the SD91 Website. We reserve the right to display and or edit the photo or video prior to display.

Challenges Ideas



- Walk/Run outside and find letters
- Make letters or numbers with your body or things found in nature
- Invent a skipping trick or game. To get more details for this or for other skipping ideas see page 5 of the activity guide from [Jump Rope for Hearts](#)
- Throw/catch a ball while singing, rhyming, or counting
- Pick up litter and count how many pieces
- Complete a challenge of your choice to show numbers, letters, acts of kindness or physical activities



For further contest details or ideas on reading games see our videos [Joyful Journey](#)



And the last word goes to:

Kieran McDonald!!! This organized, caring, and enterprising young man is spearheading a worthy school wide fundraiser—#TeamSeas!!!

Every dollar raised is used to remove 2.2 Kg (1 lb.) of trash from the ocean! At the time of printing this newsletter, our school has raised \$130.70 towards this commendable cause. Well done, Kieran!