

Principal's Message

March is upon us and all of the staff at Decker Lake are looking forward to spring and warmer temperatures. March is also a time of year that we send home report cards before spring break. Although report card season can be stressful for students and families, it is a time to engage in conversation with students and families about student achievement and student progress, and also an opportunity to discuss these with teachers. It is an opportunity to:

- Discuss the grades and comments with your child. Ask him/her:
- What is the grade they want?
 - What can you do to help them accomplish that?
 - Is there anything they need from the teacher to accomplish that?

Be sure to discuss the goal with your child's teacher; it takes a village to educate a child and the teacher will be able to support your child and provide feedback about the goal and progress that is made to achieving it. This also builds an important connection between the school and home about learning goals.

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE LITERACY AND NUMERACY:

- Watch a movie with your child and the family. Talk about:
 - the setting of the movie (where it takes place);
 - the characters;
 - describe interesting features about the characters- their costumes, their actions, their personalities;
 - Stop the movie half-way through and predict the ending;
 - Talk about your favourite part of the movie;
- Take the time to bake together or prepare a meal together. Cooking or baking with your child gives you the opportunity to have a real-life way to work with fractions by doubling or tripling a recipe.
- Play a board game or a card game together. This encourages the development of social language, turn taking, and the development of numeracy and literacy skills.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance matters! Every day of school missed is an opportunity to learn missed. It's also a day missed in building connections with peers and school staff. Studies have shown that absenteeism in Kindergarten leads to students struggling in grade 1 and beyond. Regular attendance at school promotes academic and social engagement in the school community, which positively impact student self esteem and academic growth.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT DECKER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Early Kindergarten and Grade 1 Registrations start March 13 to 17. We are looking forward to St. Patrick's Day and wearing green on March 17th. We also hope that you are able to attend the St. Patrick's Day dance. Staff and students would like to thank the PAC volunteers who are making this event possible. Please see this newsletter for additional information about the dance.

Wishing all students, families and staff a restful spring break.

In kindness,
Ms. Sollbach

Mark your Calendar!

March

- 3 Horse Wagon Rides
- 4 Regional Science Fair
- 12 Daylight Savings Time Change
- 13 Purdy's Orders Due
- 15 Report Cards go home
- 15 Basketball Tourney at WKE
- 17 St. Patrick's Day—Team Points!
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Dance 5-7:30 PM
- 20 Spring Break Begins—No School

April

- 3 First Day of School after Spring Break
- 4 PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
- 7 Good Friday—No School



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN OR GRADE 1 AND OUT-OF-CATCHMENT APPLICATIONS

Pre-registration for children who will be entering Kindergarten or children who will be entering Grade 1 at a new SD91 school in September 2023 will take place **March 13 – 17, 2023**, at the times listed below.

NOTE: Students who will be entering Grade 1 in September 2023 and who are presently enrolled in Kindergarten at the same school need **NOT** register.

SCHOOL	Pre-Registration Time
Decker Lake Elementary School	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Registration Requirements:
Kindergarten students must be five (5) years old by December 31, 2023.
Grade 1 students must be six (6) years old by December 31, 2023.
Please bring the child's 'Care Card' or 'BC Services Card' and birth certificate. *We encourage immunization to be up to date prior to starting school. Inquiries regarding immunization can be made by contacting the Health Unit.*

Out-of-Catchment Application Reminder:
Applications can be submitted starting March 13, 2023. Parents wishing to have their child (or children) attend a school out of their home catchment area must complete the Out-of-Catchment application form at the school they are hoping to attend next school year.
Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis up to May 15, 2023. Parents & guardians should also register their students at their home school to ensure space, in the event that their Out-of-Catchment application is not approved.
*** This process is not the same as school registration ***
Please refer to district policy and regulations available at: www.sd91.bc.ca
501.1 – School Attendance Areas – Policy 501.1R
– School Attendance Areas – Regulations

For more information, please contact:
Mike Skinner, Assistant Superintendent, 250-567-2284

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Decker Lake Displays Kindness...

What does “Pink Shirt Day” mean to DLES students?
These are their thoughts...



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



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DLES Plays 4 Points



**Friday, February 24,
Animal Day
Results!**

	Team	Tally	Total
2nd	Blue	14	58
1st	Red	16	52
3rd	Green	12	46
1st	Yellow	16	52

Team Red and Team Yellow are tied in the lead by 2 points, Team Blue is second, and Team Green is in third by 4 points.

Who will be in the lead after Friday, March 17? All you got to do is wear GREEN! It won't take a more than just a few participants to shift the scores! Wear GREEN, speak in your best Irish, and get points for your team!

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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Orders are due
March 13, 2023!

Wagon rides are happening tomorrow!
Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather and that all permission forms for each child are at the school **BEFORE** they ride!

Parent reminder!

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

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, bus driving roles, and more! Check out www.sd91.ca and click on "Join our team"! Share with your friends and family!

DLES PAC Posts...

DLES PAC Upcoming Date:

St. Patrick's Day Dance:
Friday, March 17, 5:30-7:30 PM. See details below!

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

ST. PATRICKS'S DAY DANCE!!!
MARCH 17, 2023, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
PREPURCHASE TICKETS FOR
\$2 OR PAY AT THE DOOR FOR \$4
CONCESSION AVAILABLE.
GRADE 4 AND UNDER,
PARENT REQUIRED TO STAY.
NO PHONES! PARENTS MUST SIGN
THEIR STUDENT IN AND OUT AND
LEAVE CONTACT INFORMATION
IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES.

Board Office Biz...



SD 91 BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023, 6:00 PM
School Board Office, Vanderhoof

We currently have amendments to the following policies up for further readings and/or approval at the March 13 Board Meeting. You may view the proposed changes, including feedback procedure and deadline at <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations>

- Policy 505.1 – Student Records and Access to Student Records by Parents or Students (2nd reading)

- Policy 602.7 – Alternate School Programs (3rd reading and adoption)

To make reservations to attend or to join virtually, please contact Heather Silver at 250-567-2284 ext. 244 or hsilver@sd91.bc.ca before 4 PM March 13.

And the last word goes to:

Ms. Vivian and
Ms. Crystal!

They are the important folks who keep this school clean and keep us healthy. They are the amazing ladies who clean up after that annoying Glitter Fairy!!!