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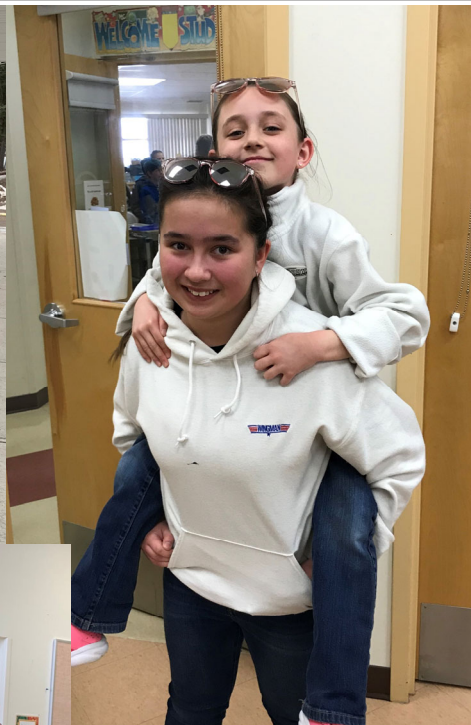
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School Spirit

Twins Day!



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Twins Day...and Triplets Too!



Recipe for an active year... Springing into Action—Over Spring Break!

Mud! Mud! Mud and more mud! Flurries and rain, and if we look hard enough, we will find pussy-willows and early spring flowers! We are going into our Spring Break and here are a few “ingredients” to explore for an early spring!

- ☐ scavenger hunt—maybe look for Easter eggs,
- ☐ kick a ball around, or
- ☐ go for an after-dinner walk and see how much roadside trash you can collect!

Remember, keep things safe, be kind, have fun, and shake up these ingredients for an active year!

Mark your Calendar

March

- 19 PAC Flower Paper Orders Due
- 19 Last Day of School before Spring Break

April

- 6 First Day of School after Spring Break
- 14 Hot Lunch—Hot dogs, cookies
- 16 Dress as an Animal Day
- 23 Pro D Day—No School
- 28 Hot Lunch—Grilled cheese, ice cream

May

- 11 PAC Flowers Arrive
- 12 Hot Lunch
- 14 Pro D Day—No School
- 21 Cos-Play Day
- 24 Victoria Day—No School
- 26 Hot Lunch

DLES Community Connections



DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2020-2021
Co-chair: Shawna Abietkoff
250-304-8398
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250-691-1094
Secretary: Amy Dash
250-691-1612
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Want to be “in the Know” about Decker Lake School? Check out our school website at Decker.sdq1.bc.ca or follow [deckerlakehuskies](https://www.instagram.com/deckerlakehuskies) on Instagram for all the latest school updates!

What makes DLES such a great school?
“Strong sense of community.”
—Anonymous Staff Member

Ukulele Lessons

Ms. England's Grade 3/4 class has been learning about ukuleles. The students have been learning about all the ukulele parts and how to play them. They have been learning how to play these Hawaiian instruments with the help of online instructions! Check out a couple of really cool write ups from Ms. England's students!

writing about ukuleles!

Fri March 5th

I am writing about ukuleles.
I like ukuleles because I like the sound.
It has four strings. I would like to learn a
song off of the anime Moana. I have been
practicing using my fingers on the ukulele.

Thurs. March 4th

Ukuleles

Naomi

Commas

I am writing about ukuleles. I like
ukuleles because they are beautiful and easy
to learn how to play. All the parts that I
remember are the frets, the tuners, the saddle, the
nut, the body, the bottom, and the strings. There are
10 parts on the ukulele. I used to play
violin, but now I play piano. To me a
ukulele is easy to play but sometimes it is hard.
Sometimes the strumming is hard.
Sometimes the strumming is easy. I
would like to learn the song
Faded. I love ukuleles. They are
so cool.

Honouring Diversity—Some Amazing Speakers to See!



HONOURING DIVERSITY SPEAKER SERIES 2021

We are pleased to have so many excellent speakers join us for our 2021 Honouring Diversity Speaker Series. Our speakers have consented to us recording and sharing their presentations as long as we have restricted the videos by password. If you would like to access any of our Speaker Series recordings, please email speakerseries@sd91.bc.ca and you will be provided a link and a password.

Please know that it takes nearly a week from the event date for us to receive the recording from Microsoft TEAMS, convert it into a viewable video format and load to our YouTube channel.

Dr. Dustin Louie ~ April 13 @ 5 pm

Dustin is from Nee Tahi Buhn and Nadleh Whut'en First Nations and is a member of the Beaver Clan. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education, teaching courses related to Indigenous education, social justice and educational philosophy.



One of our OWN locally raised heroes! Tune in to listen to him speak on April 13 at 5 PM.

Dr. Leyton Schnellert ~ April 20 @ 5 pm

Leyton is an Associate Professor at UBC's School of Education and the Eleanor Rix Professor of Rural Teacher Education. His scholarship attends to how teachers and teaching and learners and learning can mindfully embrace student diversity and inclusive education. Dr Schnellert is also the co-chair of BC's Rural Education Advisory.



Board Biz



Superintendent's Report to the Board Regular Board Meeting of Mar. 15th, 2021

Superintendent Manu Madhok presented his 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the March 15, 2021, Board Meeting.

Please click on the link below to view the report:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/817917>

At the Board meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021, the following policies were given various readings:

- 200.1 – Statement of Guiding Principles for the Board of Education
- 204.4 – Protocol Regarding Concern about Personnel or Situations within the School District
- 701.1 – Nutrition and Sale of Food in Schools

Please visit <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations> to view the draft policy and regulation. Please click on the "feedback" link located above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The closing date for comments is April 14, 2021.

Other News

WKE StrongStart

The **WKE StrongStart** program is open to ALL newborn-to-age-5 kids accompanied by a parent or caregiver, no matter where your catchment area is. At StrongStart, we learn through play and imagination. A variety of activities are offered daily; arts, crafts, music, gym, and more, and even a nutritious snack. StrongStart is open **Mon. to Fri. 9:15-11:45 AM** and **preregistration is required. COVID 19 measures are in effect**—all adults must wear masks, do a daily health check, and practice lots of handwashing. Contact Jess Shively at WKE, 250-692-3146, by messenger, or through the WKE StrongStart Facebook page.

Spring Break Activity!

Did you know that your child has a subscription, compliments of the School District, to an on-line math program called **Mathletics**? Mathletics is based on the BC curriculum and provides practice and tutorial support to students. To support our school numeracy goal, have your child practice questions related to **Number Sense**. For your child's log on information, please contact the school. www.mathletics.com

HELP!!!

Our beloved Hot Lunch Program needs volunteers! Hot Lunch is only every second Wednesday so if we have enough volunteers, your day to help would only be once every couple of months—maybe! Please contact Dallas @ 250-692-0516. DLES thanks YOU!

And the last word goes to: