

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

It appears warmer weather is finally here! We are busy planning field trips to support our students learning outside and also are busy finishing our year with meaningful learning for students. With the warmer weather there are many ways you can support literacy learning in the outdoors. There are many fun ways to engage your children in learning outdoors. You could consider some of these suggestions:

1. Read outside

Grab a few books and head outside. Bring along a blanket to sit on, find a tree to lean up against or cuddle up in an outdoor fort. Read together or allow your child time to him or herself – whichever feels appropriate.

2. Paint alphabet rocks

Gather up some rocks from around the neighborhood or a local park. You can create a set of alphabet rocks by painting letters on each rock with acrylic paint. Make a set of letters in lower-case in one colour and upper-case letters in another.

3. Make story stones

More drawing on rocks – this time using pictures instead of letters. Create nature-themed images such as animals, flowers, insects, and the elements. Then take turns making up and telling stories with the rocks as guides.

4. Create your own nature ABC book

Go on a nature hunt with your child – around your neighborhood, backyard, park, garden, or take advantage of the opportunity to look around the next time you are on a hike. Look for something to represent each letter of the alphabet, write the word and draw a picture. This can be done digitally as well using an iPad where students could then tell facts about their image and create a movie.

5. Keep a nature journal

While a traditional nature journal usually focuses on discoveries and sketches, ours include any kind of writing the kids want to include about their outdoor adventures. More ideas can be found at: <https://childhood101.com/outdoor-literacy-ideas/> .

Regards,

Ms. Sollbach

Mark your Calendar!

April

28 Pro-D Day No School

May

5 Red Dress Day

9 National Teacher  
Appreciation day

10 Burns Lake Support Staff  
Appreciation Assembly

11 Jump Rope for Heart

12 Pro-D Day No School

14 Mother’s Day

16 School Photo Day 9 AM  
sharp!

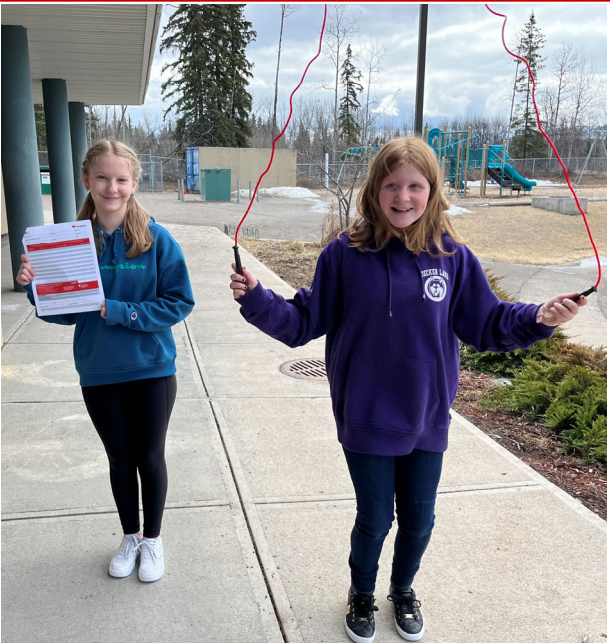
17 Share the ♥ Day

19 Plaid and Polka Dot Day  
Team Points!

22 Victoria Day No School

24 PAC Appreciation Tea

Jump Rope for  
Heart will take  
place May 11!  
Watch for your  
package  
coming home  
with your child!



Mrs. Benoit’s class is taking the initiative to raise money for Jump Rope for Heart! Her students are practicing and are ready to jump for your donations! Contact Mrs. Benoit for more information!



# SHADOW BOXES

Mrs. Lowe's Grade 3 and 4 class used reclaimed wood and napkins to make Spring Shadow Boxes. Mr. Menno Geisbrecht kindly donated his time and supplies of kiln strips and wood packaging and cut pieces for the frames and backboard. Students glued and nailed together the frames, then chose a napkin design to decoupage to the backboard which they had painted with white paint and Mod Podge. The class room was noisy with hammers and nails as the backboards were nailed to the frames and hangers added. Wood cutouts and ribbon were added creating the "shadow" effect. Well done Grade 3 and 4! Mrs. Lowe invited all the staff to come and check out students' progress and end results.



## ← Decker Lake Does Cuteness Overload—in K-1 class!

Please ensure your child has good outdoor clothing for Spring weather. Let's keep students warm and dry!

PAC Posts...

**DLES PAC**  
Upcoming Date:  
Meeting: Monday,  
May 15, 7:00 PM.  
All DLES parents  
welcome!

**School Wide**  
**Photo Day**  
**May 16, 2023**  
**9 AM sharp!**

## Board Biz...

Do you know a student who would like a summer job? SD91 has a Student Groundskeeper postings available—just for students! It's an opportunity to make a few dollars over the summer! Check out the Jobs link on SD91— [www.sd91.bc.ca](http://www.sd91.bc.ca).

## Wild Goose Chase Fun Run!

May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

WL McLeod Elementary

3.5km Run, 8km Run, 5km walk

Open to EVERYONE of all ages!

**Lots of draw prizes!**

**Medals for all kids under 8 years old**

**Must Register ONLY On-Line at:**

<https://zone4.ca/register/V83K5J/>

(Or go to [www.zone4.ca](http://www.zone4.ca) and search "Wild". Email [zoewalk@hotmail.com](mailto:zoewalk@hotmail.com) for questions.)

**NO DAY OF REGISTRATION!**



**Hey!** Come work for us! We have fantastic 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.bc.ca](http://www.sd91.bc.ca) and click on "Join our team"! Share with your friends and family! If not for this school year, then maybe for next.

## And the last words go to:

Kieran, Shea, Coby, Miles, Lacey, and Brin, who are fundraising to plant trees to help our environment! Wow!!!

