



Principal's Message

Dear Husky Families,

Today is Pink Shirt Day! It is a day to wear pink and take a stance against bullying. It is a day to demonstrate a commitment as a school community to practice kindness and acceptance. Our huskies have shown great kindness over the month and have collected over 100 *random acts of kindness* hearts. Way to go, huskies!

We will have a Lockdown drill on Friday, February 28th with RCMP in attendance. This will be our second lockdown drill.

Learning Updates will be going home on March 12 and our Talk About Learning Conferences are scheduled for March 19th. Teachers will be available from 2-6 PM. Please phone our school office to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss your child's learning.

With much kindness and gratitude,

Ms. Eleanor Giesbrecht

Principal - DLES

DLES Shares with Parents...

Mark your Calendar February

26 Pink Shirt Day

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March

- 7 Basketball Tournament @ WKE
- 12 Learning Updates go home
- 14 PAC School Dance
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Talk About Learning Interviews
- **20** Spring Concert

March 24-April 4 Spring Break—No School

April

Pro-D Day No School

Spring Break

March 24, 2025 -April 4, 2025



Wednesday, March 19, 2025

2 pm-6 pm

Talk About Learning Conferences

Please call the office

@ 250-698-7301 to set up an appointment with your child's teacher/ teachers.

Sausage Factory

Fundraiser

Updated Arrival!!

Orders arrive

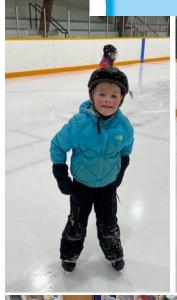
Tuesday, March 4, 2025!!

You will receive a call when they are ready to go!!





KUNDERGERTEN







Believe with all your heart,

Achieve with all your might.





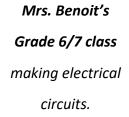






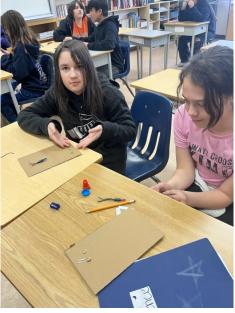
















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SPRING ONCERT March 20, 2025, 1 pm All Welcome!!!

There were so many great reviews from the community, students and staff about our Christmas Concert, that we have decided to put on a Spring Concert!!

PAC Posts...

Decker Lake
Elementary
Parent Advisory
Committee

Monday,
March 10, 2025
6 pm—8 pm

DLES PAC

Upcoming Events!!

Friday, March 14

School Dance



Friday, February 28, 2025

We will be having a **Lockdown Drill,**with RCMP in attendance.



Decker Lake Elementary is on Instagram!!!

Our new Instagram account is:



dles_huskies

Our Instagram account is private. Followers will need to be given access to join.

Student Learning Survey 2024/2025

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2025** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 & 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* continu

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

Board Biz...



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her Inaugural Monthly Report at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2025.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca.



Proposed School Calendar

We are currently collecting public feedback regarding the draft 2027-28 school calendar.

Your feedback will be accepted via email to <alendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025. Check out the 'Calendars – Yearly' page at www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar to view the proposed calendars.



Pink Shirt Day!!!







SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR PRESCHOOL, 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 2025 will take place March 17 – 21, 2025, at the times listed below.

NOTE: Students who will be entering Grade 1 in September 2025 and who are presently enrolled in Kindergarten at the same school need NOT register.

COMMUNITY	SCHOOL	Pre-Registration Time
Burns Lake & Area	Decker Lake Elementary School	9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
	Francois Lake Elementary School	9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm
	Grassy Plains School	9:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
	William Konkin Elementary School * Accepting preschool registrations for September 2025 *	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Fort St. James	David Hoy Elementary	8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Fraser Lake	Mouse Mountain Elementary	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Granisle	Babine Elementary-Secondary School	9:00 am - 11:30 am & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Vanderhoof	Evelyn Dickson Elementary	8:00 am - 3:30 pm
	Mapes Elementary	8:00 am - 3:30 pm
	Sinkut View Elementary	8:30 am - 3:00 pm
	W.L. McLeod Elementary – English	8:00 am - 3:30 pm
	Ecole W.L. McLeod Elementary – French Immersion	8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Registration Requirements:

- Preschool children must be at least 36 months old by September 2025.
- Kindergarten students must be five (5) years old by December 31, 2025.
- Grade 1 students must be six (6) years old by December 31, 2025.
- 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 Reminders:

*** This process is not the same as school registration. ***

Applications can be submitted starting March 17, 2025. 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, 2025. 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.

*** Out-of-Catchment applications may be limited at some schools this year due to enrolment considerations. ***

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



March

As a kite
That can't quite keep
Its own string tight

Some days are fair,
And some are raw.
The timid earth
Decides to thaw.

Shy budlets peep From twigs on trees, And robins join The chickadees.

Pale crocuses

Poke through the ground

Like noses come

To sniff around.

The mud smells happy On our shoes. We still wear mittens, Which we lose.



