



**HS
NEWS**

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Coming Up

Jan 17 ~ Pizza Pop/Fresh Fruit

Jan 21 ~ PAC Meeting

Jan 22 ~ Chicken Fingers/Veggies

Jan 24 ~ Pizza Pop/Fresh Fruit

Jan 29 Pizza/Doughnut

Jan 31 ~ Pizza Pop/Fresh Fruit

PAC

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 21

6:30 p.m.

Room 123

Mark your Calendar

Feb 17 Family Day

Feb 28 Pro D Day

Mar 23—Apr 3 Spring Break

April 10 Good Friday

April 13 Easter Monday

Apr 24 Pro D Day

May 15 Pro D Day

May 18 Victoria Day

June 25 Students leave at
noon

DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2019-2020

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to everyone as we greet the new decade with our fabulous clear skies and cold weather. Our "New Years Resolution" at Decker Lake is to sharpen our focus on having a safe and secure building for working and learning in. We will be spending some time in the next few months as a whole school reviewing our Decker Lake WORKS program (Willingness, Ownership, Respect, Knowledge & Skills and Safety). Assemblies will cover each of these topics in turn and classroom teachers will be extending and reinforcing the concepts in their day to day learning time. Our first topic- willingness – focusses on making sure our students are mentally present, ready and able to participate in their own learning by listening, interacting and sharing with others in the process.



Willingness
Ownership
Respect
Knowledge and Skills
Safety



JANUARY 27 & 28, 2020 BECOMING AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE FOR YOUR CHILD

Join us to better understand how the School Act provides parents/guardians with the right to appeal any decision they feel significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student. Parents and guardians are their child's natural advocate, making sure their child's rights, needs and opinions are respected. Advocacy is about working to achieve a successful solution for the benefit of the child. This workshop will provide you with knowledge and tools to successfully handle situations that negatively impact your child's education and to navigate the school district Appeals Process (Section 11 of the School Act).



School District No. 91

District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC)



BC Confederation of
Parent Advisory Councils

SD91 DPAC Presents:

'Becoming an Effective
Advocate for your Child'

By: John Gaipman,
Chief Executive Officer -
BC Confederation of
Parent Advisory
Councils (BCCPAC)



Two Locations:

Monday, January 27th
Burns Lake
LDSS
6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 28th
Vanderhoof
***Change in Location:
NVSS - Integris
Community Theatre
6:30 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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2019/20 Board Meeting Dates and Locations All meetings begin at 6:00 pm

Date	Location
Jan. 20, 2020	Video-Conference
Feb. 24, 2020	School Board Office
Mar. 16, 2020	School Board Office
April 20, 2020	School Board Office
May 25, 2020	School Board Office
June 15, 2020	Muriel Mould Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Video Conference Locations:

Vanderhoof School Board Office – Board Room

Fort St. James Fort St. James Secondary School – Video Conference Room

Fraser Lake Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary School – Video Conference Room

Burns Lake Muriel Mould Neighbourhood Learning Centre – Meeting Room



DRAFT POLICY INFO

At the Board meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019, the following Policy was given first and second reading:

202.1 – Chairperson and
Vice Chairperson

Please visit [https://
www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/
policies-and-regulations](https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations)

To view the draft policies and regulations. Please click on the "feedback" link located above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The closing date for comments is January 15, 2020.



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Happy New Year. We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We would like to remind all caregivers, parents and staff that may be picking up students from school, to please stop/park your vehicle in the appropriate, designated areas. It is imperative to all the student's safety that we ensure that bus loading zones are kept clear of all traffic except for school buses, during the designated hours posted. If you have any questions, please contact your area Transportation Coordinator, or the Transportation Manager, Wayne Woods. Thank You.



On Friday, December 20 students enjoyed Pajama Day by participating in a school wide buddy reading activity. Students enjoyed reading with other students from other classes as well as parents who were here to participate in class activities. Here Kieran McDonald (grade 1) and his mom enjoy reading a book about tadpoles.

Just a reminder that bus students are expected to be outside until classes begin and until their buses leave unless the temperature is too low. We rely on the temperature reading for the Burns Lake Bus garage which can be found on the district website Bus Info page. Students will be brought inside only when the 'Feels like' temperature at the bus garage reads -20 Celsius or below, so please make sure your students are dressed warmly.



MAKING SENSE OF MATH & EARLY READING

A Night for Parents/Caregivers

Monday Feb. 10, 2020
6:30-7:30 pm

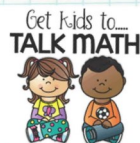
For parents/
caregivers of
children in
Kindergarten to
Grade 6

WILLIAM KONKIN
ELEMENTARY

Families that learn together,
grow smart brains together!

Learn why
'sound it out'
isn't always the
most helpful
reading tip.

Learn to do fun
games for growing
math brains!



Hosted By
SD 91 Numeracy & Literacy
Support Teachers
Roberta Toth
Dave Beck
Michelle Miller-Gauthier

Lakes Literacy
Literacy Outreach Coordinator
Jennifer Petersen

Learn ways to
foster skill and
joy in reading!





**FAMCON 2020
BOOKS TO MOVIES!**

FamCon 2020

Date: Monday, January 27th
Place: Burns Lake Library
Time: 12:00–5:00pm

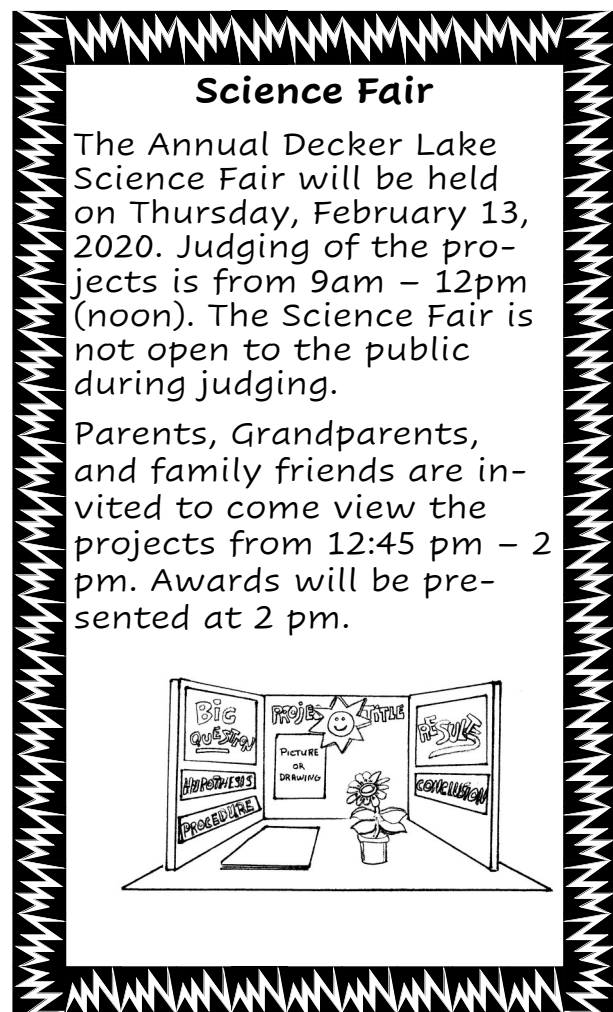
**You are invited to celebrate
Family Literacy Day!**

An interactive reading experience for kids!

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO DRESS
UP IN YOUR FAVOURITE
COSTUME!**

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A
PARENT OR CAREGIVER.**

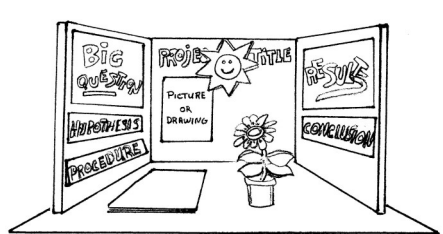
Come as your favourite storybook character!



Science Fair

The Annual Decker Lake Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020. Judging of the projects is from 9am – 12pm (noon). The Science Fair is not open to the public during judging.

Parents, Grandparents, and family friends are invited to come view the projects from 12:45 pm – 2 pm. Awards will be presented at 2 pm.



The diagram shows a booth layout with four display boards. The left board is labeled 'Big Questions', 'Hypothesis', and 'Procedure'. The middle board is labeled 'Project Title' and 'Picture or Drawing'. The right board is labeled 'Conclusion'. A potted plant sits on the floor in front of the middle board.

SEVERE WEATHER/UNSAFE ROAD CONDITIONS



For the information of parents/guardians of children travelling by school bus during the winter months the Board of Education wishes to stress that no matter how good the busing system is; emergencies can happen so students should wear clothing suitable to the outside conditions.

All bus runs will be cancelled when the 5:00 am local Transportation Department temperature is at - **35 C or colder**, or when the Manager of Transportation deems roads to be unsafe due to weather or road conditions. **If bus runs are cancelled in the a.m., there will be no bus runs in the p.m. Schools will be open and students are encouraged to attend, if possible.**

Early morning information will be available on the School District Website, School Messenger– notification service, Local Radio Stations and Facebook.

Website: www.sd91.bc.ca

School Messenger – notification service

Facebook: available through the link on the School District Website

Local Radio Stations:

CBC (Prince George, Prince Rupert)

CFLD - The Moose (Smithers)

CFRN (Terrace)

Valley Country (Vanderhoof)

CJFW (Terrace)

FM94 (Prince George)

Parents should ensure that their children explicitly understand that they should return home to warmth if there is substantial delay in the arrival of the school bus. Attempts to hitch-hike to school are not approved.

On days of low temperatures and/or severe wind chills, parents should carefully weigh the hazards involved in their children walking long distances to a bus or school, and make an appropriate decision with respect to attendance.

PINK SHIRT DAY

ONLY \$6.75
Taxes and Shipping
Included



TWO COLOUR PRINT

FOR
FEBRUARY
26
2020

DECKER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ORDER FORM

PINK TEES WITH BLACK AND WHITE COLOUR PRINT

STUDENT NAMES _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

CHEQUES
TO BE
MADE
PAYABLE TO
SD91

	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	XL	TOTAL	X \$6.75
YOUTH						
ADULT						

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SCHOOL
NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.