

NEW! Principal's Message

I'd like to introduce myself. I am Sigrid Sollbach, Decker Lake Elementary's new principal, and I am from Edmonton, AB. I have been a principal for 4 years and a vice principal for 3 years both in Alberta and at Alberta Education accredited schools abroad in Qatar, Jordan and in Mexico. Most recently, I was a Director of Curriculum and Programs in Alberta. I am the proud mother of two daughters, Victoria and Cynthia, who are currently residing in Edmonton. Victoria is currently studying Human Resources and Labour Relations. Cynthia is studying Social Work and is currently working with the Edmonton City Police doing community outreach for vulnerable populations. Although leaving family and friends behind in Edmonton was bitter-sweet, I am very happy to be in Burns Lake. Since arriving here, my breath has been taken away by the incredible beauty of the region and by the kindness of the people I've met.

I'd like to welcome all students, families and staff back to Decker Lake Elementary School and wish all a Happy New Year! I hope that all students and families had a wonderful time enjoying the holidays and the outdoors (once it warmed up a bit) and that all are ready to enjoy the best of what 2023 will bring us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank students and staff for the warm welcome that I received upon arrival. I look forward to this opportunity to learn and support learning with students, staff and parents in helping students learn, grow and achieve their fullest potential.

I hope you enjoy the many photos in this newsletter from the Christmas Concert. Decker Lake students performed beautifully, as can be seen by the pictures.

I look forward to meeting all parents and getting to know families at Decker Lake. I am also looking forward to meeting PAC members and parents on at 6:30 p.m. on January 17, or earlier should you happen to pop by the school. My door is always open, so please feel free to book a meeting to discuss any questions or concerns you may have or call me at the school.

Respectfully,

Ms. Sollbach

Mark your Calendar!

January

- 17 PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
- 18 Hot Lunch—Hot dogs, yogurt
- 27 Sport Fan Day—Team Points!

February

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 3 DLES Science Fair
- 8 District Science Fair—Fraser Lake
- 10 Pro-D Day—**No School**
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 Family Day—**No School**
- 22 Pink Shirt Day
- 24 Animal Day—Team Points!

March

We are SO Darned Proud of Decker Lake Elementary students!!!

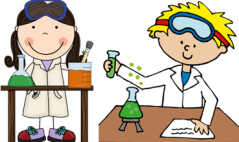
Our Christmas Food Bank Drive boxes were filled completely up and all the items were donated to our local food bank. Families in our community had food over the Winter Break *because* of the generosity of our students! As a thank you, our PAC put together three baskets and drew names at the Christmas Concert. The BIG Basket Draw winners were the following:

Kieran M., Danae M., and Lacey D.

Congratulations!!!



Science fair: February 3rd, 2023
Students: Bring your best idea.



Decker Lake is Delighted...

With Christmas Concert Highlights!



Grade 6-7 performed
"Santa's Little Reindeer Rap"



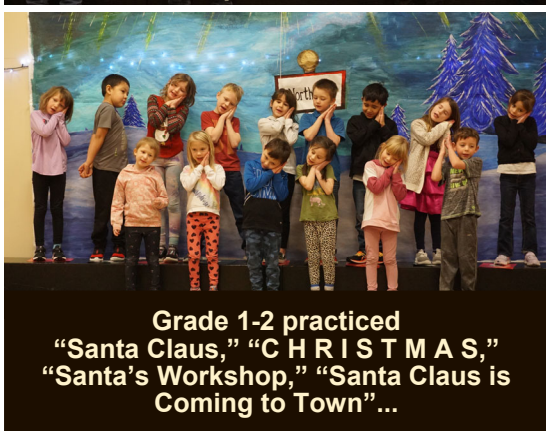
A Drama Notebook play



Grade K-1 sang "I'm the Happiest Christmas Tree"
and performed "Homemade Gifts"



Grade 4-5-6 performed
"The Most Wonderful Time of Year"



Grade 1-2 practiced
"Santa Claus," "C H R I S T M A S,"
"Santa's Workshop," "Santa Claus is
Coming to Town"...



...and performed perfectly well!



Grade 3-4 performed
"The Modern Night Before Christmas"



And the last words go to:

Mrs. Kelemen—Thank
you for your wisdom,
guidance, and support;
DLES students and
staff will miss you,
AND
to **Ms. Sollbach**—
Welcome to DLES and
our community! We
are delighted to have
you on board!

DLES Does Teamwork...

Decker Lake PAC Posts...

Dec. PJ Day Points!



Blue Team: 20—**47** Tot.

Red Team: 17—**47** Tot.

Green Team: 14—39 Tot

Yellow Team: 16—41 Tot.

We have a tie for First Place! Blue
and Red Teams! 6 points back in second
place is Yellow Team, and in third is
Green Team, a mere 8 points behind first
place! Which Team will **RULE**?

DLES PAC Meeting

Tuesday, January
17, 2023, at 6:30
PM. Parents
welcome!