HUSKIES
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November 4, 2026
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Decker Lake Elementary School

Office Hours: 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM & 1:15 PM to 3:15 PM
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Principal's Message

Dear Husky Families,

We are into cooler months which means our Huskies need warmer clothes, especially in the morning. A warm coat, a hat and a pair of gloves or mittens may keep your child warmer during periods of time outside in cooler weather. An extra pair of socks in your child's backpack would also be appreciated, as sometimes their feet get damp.

Thank you to parents /guardians who were able to come to our Talk About Learning time on October 21st. It was wonderful to see so many of you attend. We care about our Huskies and their learning journey. If there is anything you need to support your child at home, please let us know.

Wishing all our Husky families a safe and wonderful month ahead. We are grateful to have you as members of our school community, and we hope you feel welcome.

With much gratitude and respect,

Ms. Giesbrecht
Principal - DLES

DLES Shares with Parents...

Mark your Calendar

November

10 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:50 am

11 Remembrance Day—No School

16 PAC Meeting 6—7 pm

20 Pro-D—No School

27 Jersey Day

December

3 Learning Updates go home

4 Volleyball Tournament

17 Christmas Concert 1—2 pm

No School

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

For Remembrance Day

No School

Friday, November 20, 2026

for Pro-D



BUS CHANGES

Bus books are completed in the office by 2 PM. If you must change your child's end of the day bus routine, please phone the school office by **2 pm** and we will **try** to accommodate the change. If you phone after 2 pm, there is **no guarantee** the change will be made



Fidgets @ DLES

Fidgets are only permitted at DLES if the school district Occupational Therapist has been consulted and a plan is in place.
Fidgets are discouraged during regular work times as they are distracting to students and teachers.
If your child wants to bring in a fidget to play with during outside break times, that is permitted.
Otherwise, all fidgets should stay at home or be in a child's backpack throughout the school day.
If you would like an OT consultation with our school district Occupational Therapist, please contact our school office for more information.



Check It Out!!!

Instagram

Decker Lake Elementary

is on Instagram!!!

Our Instagram account is:

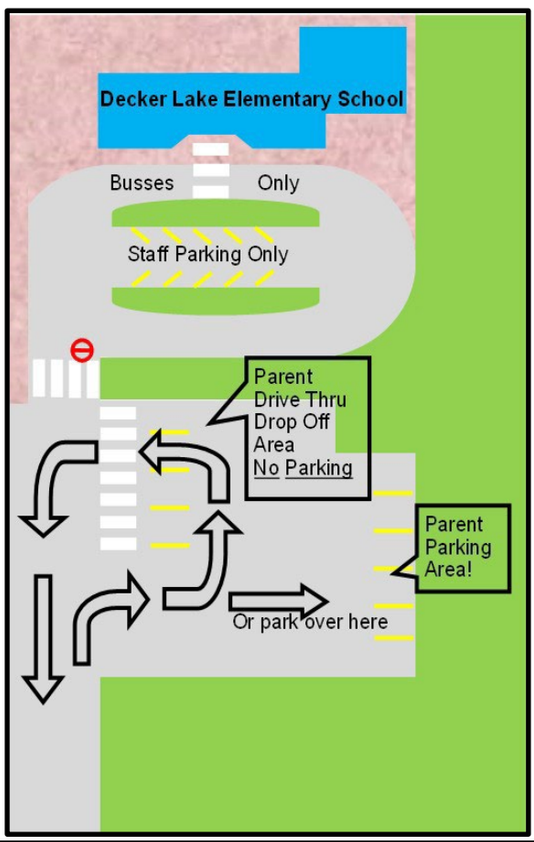
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Our Instagram account is private.

Followers will need to be given access to join.

DROP OFF ZONE!!!

When dropping off your children, please follow the below diagram for their safety! Have your child cross at the crosswalk after checking both ways or walk with them to the school entrance. The bus lane is **NOT** for parent or staff use. It is strictly for bus use and emergency vehicles only.
It is **NOT** for student drop-off. It is to be always kept clear. The staff parking lot is for staff only. Please do not drop your children off in the staff parking lot. Please drop your children off in the designated area. We appreciate and thank you for respecting this school policy.



STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS!!!

Verification forms were sent home last month with every child at Decker Lake Elementary. If you have not returned your child's signed forms, please do so as soon as possible. Please make any changes, such as phone numbers, address, emergency contacts, custody, court orders, or alerts, etc., directly on the form, **sign the bottom of back page for each child**, and send it back to the school as soon as possible. We need a signed form for every child. Please ensure information is correct for each child. To ensure DLES protects your child properly, please ensure you send a copy of any court orders or other legal documents to the school.

SCHOOL FEES K-3

Students in grades K-3 do not need to bring in any school supplies this year. Instead, all supplies have been purchased for your child. **The fee to cover the cost of these items is $50.** If you have not already paid for your child's school supplies, please do so as soon as possible.





Visiting DLES

When visiting our school, please remember that all doors are locked except for the front door. **Please sign in and out at the school office.** Please do not go to classrooms without checking in at the office first!!



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

We will have a Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday, November 10th @ 10:50 AM to honour the men and women who fought in the wars. Community members are welcome to attend.

Volunteering @ DLES

If you are planning to be a volunteer at our school in any way (coaching, field trips), you will require a **Criminal Record Check**. Please drop by our school office for more information.

In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915





REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

PAC Post...

Decker Lake Elementary Parent Advisory Committee

The DLES PAC will hold their next **PAC meeting** in our school library on **Monday, November 16th from 6-7 PM**.

Do You Have the Correct Information?

SOGI in B.C. Schools

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

WHAT SOGI IS

An inclusive approach
to make schools safe and welcoming for all students.

Part of anti-discrimination and anti-bullying efforts
required under B.C.'s Human Rights Code.

A set of optional resources for educators (SOGI 1 2 3)
with age-appropriate lesson ideas and professional learning.

Inclusive of everyone.
All students have a sexual orientation and gender identity — including heterosexual and cisgender people.

Part of broader learning
about diversity, human rights, identity, healthy relationships and respect, at age-appropriate levels throughout the curriculum.

WHAT SOGI ISN'T

Not a separate curriculum or course.
There is no "SOGI class."

Does not teach children they are "in the wrong body."
It does not encourage any specific gender identity or sexual orientation.

Not about persuading students to be transgender or LGBTQ+.
It simply acknowledges that LGBTQ+ people exist and should be treated with respect.

Not the same as sex education.
Sexual health education is part of the Physical and Health Education curriculum and is separate.

Not focused only on LGBTQ+ students.
SOGI inclusion is about respect, belonging and dignity for all students and families.

OMINECA SKI CLUB

SKI LESSONS FOR KIDS!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Ski lessons for ages 4-12 with certified coaches!

Program runs January to March

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

Once an age group is full your child will be placed on a waitlist.

$25 Seasonal ski rentals available!



Training available for NEW coaches! We are always looking for new parents to coach or be a parent-helper!

For more information:

Jenny Kathriner

(250) 581 0015

or DM me on Messenger

Register here

Bunnies (ages 4-5) and **Jr. Jackrabbits** (ages 6-7) = Sundays only

Sr. Jackrabbits (ages 8-10) and **Track Attack** (ages 10-12) = Sundays and an additional evening during the week.

www.ominecaskiclub.ca

BURNS LAKE CURLING CLUB

Good People Great Curling!

CURLING LEAGUES

MIXED / OPEN CURLING

- Thursdays
- $250
- 8 ends
- All season
- 2 weeks Christmas break
- Starts 29th October

MIXED / OPEN CURLING

- Wednesdays
- $140
- 8 weeks
- 6 ends
- 8 social beverages
- 28th October – 16th December

COMMUNITY DROP IN CURLING

- Tuesday and Thursdays 10am – 12pm
- Mondays at 7pm
- $5 for all drop in
- 26th October till season ends

LADIES CURLING

- Tuesdays
- $140
- 8 weeks
- 6 ends
- 8 social beverages
- 27th October – 15th December

Contact information
LORI
+1 (250) 692-9825

SOME EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

BRING CLEAN SPORTS SHOES

All skill levels welcome!

Feeding Futures – Nechako Lakes Fall Update

The 2026-2027 school year start up for the *Feeding Futures – Nechako Lakes* program has been busy! The food program at each school continues to grow. Additionally, there is a lot of work being done to enhance regional and provincial food purchases.

Highlights of the food program:



- In the 2025-2026 school year, the Nechako Lakes School District spent **9.3% of total food dollars on food produced or processed in the region**. This is an increase from 8% in the 2024-2025 school year.
- About **40% of total food dollars was spent on food produced or processed within British Columbia**. And more items are being sourced to keep increasing this number. Already the schools are trying a BC-made jam and the comments are positive!
- David Hoy is continuing a lunch partnership with community food businesses Anja's



The **Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary Farm** has been built and is growing various produce. In addition, other school-based gardens flourished over the summer with rhubarb, zucchini and various other veggies. Items were harvested and processed so they can be used during the school year in lunches and in snack programs.



- **September 25th was Food Service Worker Day**, where the School Meal Workers were appreciated for the hard work they do, and the important role they play in ensuring each student has access to nourishing food at school to be ready to learn.
- School District 91 also took the opportunity to purchase items from Desert Hills



when they came to the region. Various produce was purchased and sent out to all schools in the district.

Along Highway 16, a project called *Connecting and Building the Highway 16 Food System* continues with partners from School District 52 (Prince Rupert), School District 57 (Prince George), Feed the North, Northern Health, First Nations Health Authority, Ecotrust Canada and Farm2School BC. A major milestone of this project was reached as two pilots took place. Feed the North, a non-profit based in the Bulkley Valley, worked with farmers to gather produce to sell to School District 52 and 91. Feed the North then delivered the produce to the school districts. Fortunately, this project will continue for another school year. More partners are coming on board, and the hope is to engage other users to sustain the regional food distribution system. A webinar sharing more information about the project is in the works. Stay tuned for more information!

In Focus - Feeding Futures Guiding Principle

Feeding Futures has five guiding principles. Each newsletter will focus on one. The focus this time is:

"Programs are flexible, adaptable and respectful of local contexts and needs".

Feeding Futures has entered year four in the province, and the Nechako Lakes School District. To keep building and enhancing school food programs, the school district is looking for feedback on programs to determine the next 3-5 year plan.

Your participation in a survey is welcome: Feeding Futures - Nechako Lakes Planning Survey – Fill out form

Additionally, **comments and stories about how the food program has been effective are needed**. These will be shared forward as research is underway to look at the issue of affordability and how school food programs are helping households.

Other Items

- Schools are always looking for new recipes and meal ideas. If you have one, please share.

Did you know? Menus are created with input from the students. Ideas are collected ongoingly and added to an upcoming menu.

Kind regards,

Robyn Turner-Klopper, dietitian

Food Programs Manager, School District 91 – Nechako Lakes

DEAR
(Drop Everything and Read)















HALLOWEEN!!!





















