

Principal’s Message

Where did the time go? It seems like we just returned from Winter Break as we approach Spring Break and time for a well-deserved rest for students, teachers and staff. The Staff at Decker Lake Elementary School would like to wish all students a restful Spring Break with family, friends and loads of fun activities to enjoy our warmer temperatures as we celebrate the arrival of spring!

When we return from Spring Break we will be in the homestretch for the academic year. We will continue to diligently pursue improvement in literacy and numeracy at all grade levels. Parents can be a huge support in this by encouraging nightly home reading and practicing math facts with their children. I encourage you to reach out to teachers about how to support the learning that is going on at school at home.

I would like to take the time to thank our amazing PAC and volunteers for making Decker Lake School amazing for the students. What an amazing place to come and learn every day. Thank you for organizing the Movie Night as well as the St. Patrick’s Day Dance on the evening of March 17th. If parents are interested in the dance, please call the office to find out about buying tickets in advance. The staff at Decker Lake would also like to thank the many parents that came to support our students at the basketball tournaments. Our students enjoyed having you there to cheer them on. A big thank you as well to Rachelle van Zanten and Kami Griffin who volunteered at the last minute for refereeing at the Decker Lake portion of the Basketball tournament. Many thanks also go to Ms. Benoit, Ms. Lee, Ms. England and Mrs. Coulson for supporting the Decker Lake students for so many elements of the Basketball tournament. Your efforts are appreciated by the administration, staff and students.

Once again, please take the time to rest at spring break and READ! The staff at Decker Lake Elementary School wishes you some well-deserved quiet time with a good book.

Regards,

Ms. Sollbach

Mark your Calendar!

March

17 St. Patrick’s Day—Team Points!

17 Silent Sports Day!

17 Free Snack and Lunch for Students

17 St. Patrick’s Day Dance 5-7:30 PM

20 Spring Break Begins—No School

April

3 First Day of School after Spring Break

4 PAC Meeting 6:30 PM

7 Good Friday—No School

10 Easter—No School

21 80’s Day Team Points!

28 Pro-D Day No School



LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION TOMORROW FOR
PRE-REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN OR GRADE 1 AND
OUT-OF-CATCHMENT APPLICATIONS

Pre-registration for children entering Kindergarten or children entering Grade 1 at a new SD91 school in September 2023 will take place **March 17, 2023**, at the times listed below.
NOTE: Students entering Grade 1 in September 2023 and who are presently enrolled in Kindergarten at the same school need **NOT** register.

SCHOOL	Pre-Registration Time
Decker Lake Elementary School	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Registration Requirements:

Kindergarten students must be five (5) years old by December 31, 2023.
Grade 1 students must be six (6) years old by December 31, 2023.
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 Reminder:

Applications can be submitted starting March 13, 2023. 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 hope to attend next school year. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis up to May 15, 2023. 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.
*** This process is not the same as school registration ***
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

On Saturday, March 4, 2023, our DLES students not only presented their science fair projects, but also placed at the Central Interior Science Exhibition in Prince George!

Gold Medalists

Coby MacLellan—**C2H4**

- ★ Earth and Environmental Science Grand Award
- ★ Canada Wide Science Fair Finalist!

Lily Davis—**Flight Plan**

- ★ Engineering Sciences Grand Award
- ★ SCWIST Award (Society for Canadian Women in Science And Technology)

Wyatt Matson—**Cookie rings**

- ★ Gold Medal

RESULTS!!! SCIENCE FAIR 2023

Silver Medalists

Kieran McDonald—**Electric Lemons and Potatoes**

- ★ Life Sciences Grand Award
- ★ BC Hydro Power Pioneers Award

Davis Benson—**Slow Burn**

- ★ BC Science Teachers' Award

RESULTS!!!

It's been a basketball tournament week!

The two DLES teams played very well on Tuesday and Wednesday! DLES 1 placed 6th and DLES 2 placed 8th.





Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day!

Who will be in the lead after tomorrow, March 17?



Team	Tally	Total
Blue		58
Red		52
Green		46
Yellow		52

All you got to do is wear GREEN! It won't take a more than just a few participants to shift the scores! Wear GREEN, speak in your best Irish, and get points for *your* team!

Silent Sports Day is tomorrow, March 17th. Please join us at 12:50 in the gym to quietly cheer on our Huskies. Teams will meet to compete against each other in such relays as the 'Bouncing Cowboy' and the 'Cracker and Whistle'. Huskies are encouraged to dress in team colours (or in green for St. Patrick's Day) to gain extra points for their team.

Decker Lake Declares...

Lunch Bell Schedule Change and Appropriate Outdoor Clothing

After Spring Break, DLES will be changing our lunch bell schedule back to a 15 minute lunch. With the weather change, getting dressed with winter gear won't need that extra 5 minutes students have been getting over the winter.

Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for the Spring weather—such as sweaters, raincoats, waterproof boots, and splash-pants. Students learn better if they are warm and dry. Let's keep them that way!

Decker Lake Dispatch...

Parent reminder!

Only school related items can be brought to school.

Knives, lighters, nail clippers, etc.,

MUST stay home.

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.ca and click on "Join our team"! Share with your friends and family!

ST. PATRICKS'S DAY DANCE!!!
TOMORROW, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
TICKETS AT THE DOOR FOR \$4 AND
CONCESSION IS AVAILABLE.
FOR GRADES K TO 4, A PARENT IS
REQUIRED TO STAY.

NO PHONES! PARENTS MUST SIGN
THEIR STUDENT IN AND OUT AND
LEAVE CONTACT INFORMATION IN
CASE OF EMERGENCIES.

Littler siblings are welcome to join,
free, with their parent(s)!

Lakes District Prep Volleyball

Do you want to play Club Volleyball?



Train Hard, Get into better shape,
Become a better volleyballer!



Become
a better
player...

For more information: <https://forms.gle/jKJJomrTb9tcFVV57>

Kellie Haines puppetry workshops

Vancouver-based puppeteer and ventriloquist **Kellie Haines** returns to Burns Lake for a week of puppetry and ventriloquism workshops for teachers, and for children grades 4-7, youth grades 8 and up, and for young children and family member(s). Kellie will be in Burns Lake **March 27th to 31st, 2023**. Workshops will be one to two hours long, depending on ages, and will run for up to five days. Space is limited in each workshop.

'First come, first served', so please pre-register early. For more information on Kellie's workshops, go to:
kelliehaines.com

For more information about the Kellie Haines puppetry workshops or to pre-register, contact:
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DLES PAC Upcoming Date:

St. Patrick's Day Dance: Friday, March 17, 5:30-7:30 PM. See details below!

Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 6:30. All parents welcome!

And the last word goes to:

Mrs. Payne—she works so hard in the background helping organize PAC's hot lunch, the once-per-month school-wide student snack and lunch Friday, helping students learn to cook, and monitoring for families that need a little extra help. She is remarkable, thoughtful and kind. Thank you, Mrs. P!!!