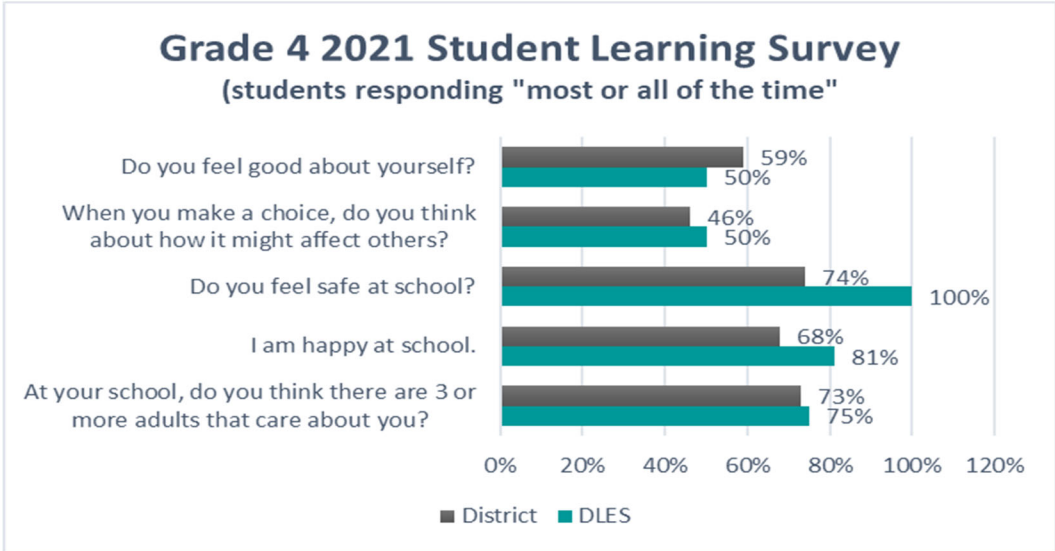


Principal’s Message

Happy 2022! January marks the opening of the annual Student Learning Survey from the Ministry of Education. Formerly known as the Student Satisfaction Survey, this survey probes into a variety of aspects related to school life, such as level of belongingness. Below is a snapshot of last year’s data:



We would like to hear from you, as parents and caregivers. To access the parent version of the provincial survey, go to www.sd91.bc.ca and scroll down to Parents & Students Resources. Open the link, “Satisfaction Survey.” From here, select the Direct Access option for parents where no log on number is required. Simply select SD 91 and then our school’s name. From here, you will have access to the survey which runs from January 3 – April 29.

Students in grades 4 and 7 will access our computer lab at the school to complete the survey. Results from the student survey will be published in the 2022-23 School Plan to Support Student Learning. As regular school attendance continues to support student learning, we thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Please continue to do Daily Health Checks with your kids

To protect our students and staff, please do health checks with your children before sending them to school. If your children don’t have any of the symptoms below, send them to school. If they do, keep them home. If your child shows signs of illness while at school, they will be sent home. Please ensure you have a childcare plan in place every day in case your child must go home.

Mark your Calendar

January

26 Hot Lunch—Hot dogs and yogurt tubes

February

3 Virtual PAC Meeting 6:30

9 Hot Lunch

11 Pro-D Day—No School

21 Family Day—No School

24 Pink Shirt Day

25 District Science Fair

March

4 Report Cards go home

14 Kindergarten Registrations open

18 Last Day before Spring Break



DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	

Not sure about your child’s health? Go here and use this tool:
<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

Decker Lake's Health'n'Safety Info ... it ain't over ... yet.

- Our school will closely monitor daily attendance. **Please call the school if your child's absence is related to illness** (cough, fever/chills, sore throat, loss of smell/taste, difficulty breathing, loss of appetite, extreme fatigue, headache, body aches, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, runny nose). **If our attendance dips beyond a threshold, we will send a notification** to the DLES community to indicate that a public health-determined threshold for a grade or school has been met. The school district, Medical Health Officer, and the Ministry of Education will determine **if we need to implement a functional closure**.
- Children should bring a proper fitting mask to school each day. This mask should sit on the bridge of the nose and not slip down. Three-ply masks are encouraged.
- Public health does not require students or staff to notify our school if they have tested positive for COVID-19, or to notify other staff members at school. **To protect personal privacy, we are unable to provide personal contact information** for the purpose of notifying others of a test result.
- Anyone who has tested positive using a rapid test should **complete the online reporting tool** provided by public health, and provide all school-related information requested.
- All students need to complete the **daily health check** prior to boarding a school bus in the morning or entering the building.
- **Parent Visitors will have limited access to the school.** Parents should drop off and pick up their children outside of the school. Please **phone ahead to make an appointment** prior to entering the building. If approved, visitors must complete the daily health check, wear a mask, sanitize, and sign in and out of the building .
- Staff and students must **stay home** if they are **sick**.
- Parents/Caregivers **must pick up** their **child immediately** if they are notified that their **child is ill**.

Decker Lake's Doings... before the holidays!



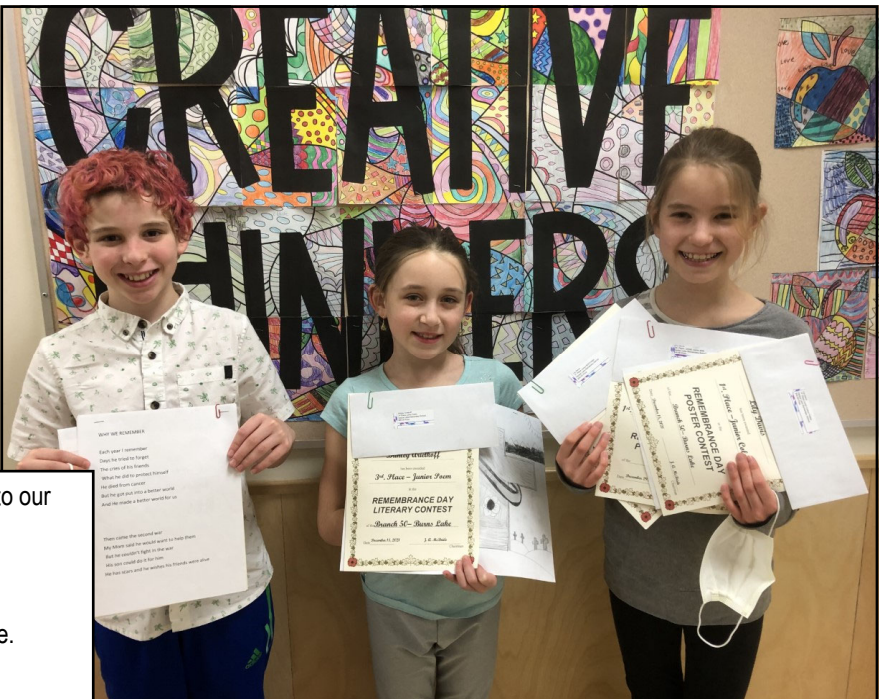
We at Decker Lake are so fortunate we have generous and kind parents who offer us wonderful things... For example, Mrs. Lillian Reed, owner of Cupcakes by Lillian, gave our entire school gifts of 140 cupcakes—one for every student and staff—just before the Winter Break! What an amazing Christmas gift for all of us! (P.S. They were DELICIOUS!)



Team Tallies!

On December 17, the school had Pyjama Day. The participation by everyone in school was amazing! Very close totals for the day were as follows:

	Blue Team: 26 points - 2nd Tie
	Red Team: 26 Points - 2nd Tie
	Green Team: 24 Points - 3rd
	Yellow Team: 29 Points - 1st



Miss Mason's class submitted Remembrance Day items to our local Legion. Three students won!!!

Cooper Lorentz—Jr. Poem—2nd Place
Brinley Abietkoff—Jr. Poem—3rd Place
Lily Davis—Jr. Poster—1st Place AND Regional 1st Place.

Well done!

Decker Lake's Doings... before the holidays ... continued!



Christmas Cards for Seniors

Our intermediate students, Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7, thought about the seniors in our community. To spread a bit of Christmas joy, each class made these lovely cards to give to the seniors. They are such beautiful, thoughtful gifts.



Generosity from our Students' Hearts

Before we all left for our Winter Break over Christmas, our students were incredibly generous to our community. When it came to take the donated food to our local food bank, our students had collectively donated 292 food items to give to our less fortunate folks. Let me repeat that: **292** food items. Our students at Decker Lake Elementary are growing into such amazing human beings!

Every student who made a donation received a raffle ticket for each item they donated and got a chance to have their name drawn for a PAC donated prize basket. Check out our winners for the Food Bank raffle draws!



Decker Lake's Doings...



After consultation with our board office and with our school, Mr. Chris Paulson built a snowshoe path that meanders all over the school property over the Winter Break. All of our classes have since used snowshoes to trek and explore the school grounds from the highway side of the property all the way to the back. Check out Ms. G's class becoming expert snowshoers!

Board Biz



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Superintendent's Report to the Board
Regular Board Meeting of January 17, 2022

Superintendent Manu Madhok presented his 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the January 17, 2022, Board Meeting.

Please go to the link below to view the report:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/825683>

And the last word goes to:
Ms. Eftodie, Mrs. Hiebert, and Mrs. Stevenson for taking an active role in our Health and Safety Committee and keeping us all safe!