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Decker Lake Elementary School

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Principal's Message



Dear Husky Families,

Two more weeks until spring break and we have so many wonderful things happening between now and then.

We have a cultural performance at 9AM on March 18th. Resilient Rhythms will be performing for us. Huskies will enjoy a presentation about rhythms and cultures from around the world.

Learning Updates and Core Competency Goal Setting Reflections are going home today. Please take time to read them over and discuss your child's progress with them. Our teachers are available on Wednesday, March 19th from 2-6 PM to Talk About Learning and to discuss your child's report with you. Please phone the office to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

Our spring concert is on Thursday, March 20th starting at 1PM. Our Huskies are excited about performing for you.

Our annual Indoor Sports Meet is on Friday, March 21st, starting at 1PM. Huskies will gather in their team colours and enjoy a fun afternoon of competition. We encourage all parents and community members to come out and cheer our Huskies on.

With much kindness and gratitude,

Ms. Eleanor Giesbrecht

Principal - DLES



DLES Shares with Parents...

Mark your Calendar

March

- 12 Learning Updates go home 
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17-21 Pre-Registration & Out-of-Catchment Applications
- 19 Talk About Learning Conferences 
- 20 Spring Concert
- 21 Indoor Sports Meet

March 24-April 4 Spring Break—No School

April

- 11 Pro-D Day—
No School
- 14 PAC Meeting 6 pm-8pm
- 17 PAC School Dance

Spring Break

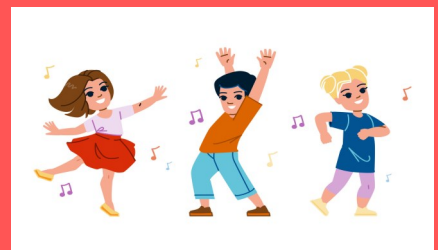
**March 24, 2025 -
April 4, 2025**



PAC School Dance

~~March 14, 2025~~

**Postponed until Thursday,
April 17, 2025**



Wednesday, March 19, 2025

2 pm—6 pm

Talk About Learning Conferences

Please call the office@ 250-698-7301
to set up an appointment with your
child's teacher/ teachers.



SD91
Together we Shine

March	
Irish Heritage Month	A month to celebrate the history and contributions of the Irish people in Canada. According to the 2016 Canadian census, 13.4% of the population claimed partial or full Irish ancestry and approximately 4.6 million Canadians can trace their ancestry back to Ireland. From the very earliest Irish settlers in the 17th and 18th century to today, the Irish have been ever present in the Canadian landscape
March 20 Nowruz	Iranian or Persian New Year. It begins on the spring equinox and marks the beginning of Farvardin, the first month of the Solar Hijri calendar Nowruz mean "New Day" The ceremonies surrounding Nowruz centre on community, family, and deep respect for tradition. Preparations for Nowruz begin about three weeks prior with spring-cleaning, a process called "Khoneh Takooni" which translates as "shaking of the house." In the weeks leading up to the actual day, families also set aside space for a "haft-seen (seven S) table" or a collection of seven items that symbolize a different hope for the New Year. The seven hopes are rebirth, love, health, beauty, patience, prosperity, and sunrise.
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination A United Nations Day of remembrance and action. Observed annually on the day that 69 people lost their lives to the hands of the police in Sharpeville, South Africa, while demonstrating peacefully against apartheid "pass laws" in 1960.
March 31	International Transgender Day of Visibility The day is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of transgender and gender nonconforming people while raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to achieve trans justice.



SPRING CONCERT!!!

March 20, 2025, 1 pm

Please join us for our Spring Concert!! All are welcome!!!

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate.

FOOD DRIVE!!!

March 12-20

We are hosting a Food Drive to support

The Link from March 12th to 20th.

Please bring in non-perishable food items

when you come to enjoy our

Spring Concert May 20th, too!!



A BIG THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to the **DLES PAC** for donating the funds to replace Decker Lake Elementary School's worn out laminator!!! Our new shiny laminator has arrived and is working beautifully!!!

Student Learning Survey 2024/2025

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2025** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 & 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

PAC Posts...

Decker Lake
Elementary
Parent Advisory
Committee

Next meeting Date:

Monday,
April 14, 2025
6 pm—8 pm
@ DLES Library

Reminder!!

PAC's
Honeysuckle
Fundraiser
is due **Monday,**
March 17, 2025

Board Biz...

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91
School Board Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2025
6:00 pm

School Board Office
Vanderhoof, BC

Important Public Attendance Notice:

Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.

Due to limited space and seating availability, please request your seat prior to noon on meeting day if you wish to attend in person.

Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please visit

www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information for the Teams link or you may request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

Contact:
Heather Silver
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
250-567-2284 ext. 9003
hsilver@sd91.bc.ca



Decker Lake Elementary is on Instagram!!!



Our new Instagram account is:

dles_huskies

Our Instagram account is private. Followers will need to given access to join.



Proposed School Calendar

We are currently collecting public feedback regarding the draft 2027-28 school calendar.

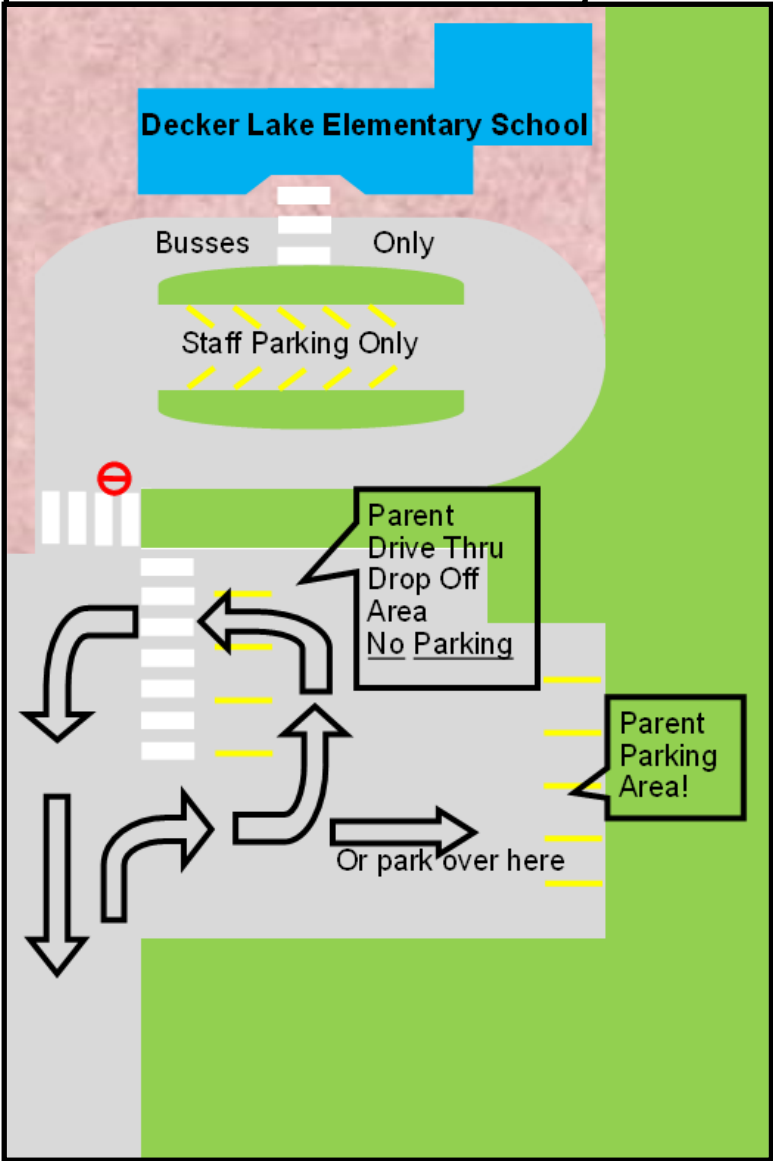
Your feedback will be accepted via email to calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025**. Check out the 'Calendars – Yearly' page at www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar to view the proposed calendars.

Pink Shirt Day Continued from last issue!!!



Attention Parents, Guardians & Caregivers!!!

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.



Grade 3/4 class cooked some shortbread cookies and shared with their kindergarten buddies.



Please see below for important dates and times of our Pre-registration for Kindergarten or Grade 1 and Out-of-Catchment applications!!!



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)
PRE-REGISTRATION FOR PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN OR GRADE 1
AND OUT-OF-CATCHMENT APPLICATIONS

Pre-registration for children who will be entering Kindergarten or children who will be entering Grade 1 at a new SD91 school in September 2025 will take place **March 17 – 21, 2025**, at the times listed below.

NOTE: Students who will be entering Grade 1 in September 2025 and who are presently enrolled in Kindergarten at the same school need **NOT** register.

COMMUNITY	SCHOOL	Pre-Registration Time
Burns Lake & Area	Decker Lake Elementary School	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
	Francois Lake Elementary School	9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm
	Grassy Plains School	9:30 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
	William Konkin Elementary School	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
	* Accepting preschool registrations for September 2025 *	
Fort St. James	David Hoy Elementary	8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Fraser Lake	Mouse Mountain Elementary	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Granisle	Babine Elementary-Secondary School	9:00 am – 11:30 am & 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Vanderhoof	Evelyn Dickson Elementary	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
	Mapes Elementary	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
	Sinkut View Elementary	8:30 am – 3:00 pm
	W.L. McLeod Elementary – English	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
	Ecole W.L. McLeod Elementary – French Immersion	8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Registration Requirements:

- Preschool children must be at least 36 months old by September 2025.
- Kindergarten students must be five (5) years old by December 31, 2025.
- Grade 1 students must be six (6) years old by December 31, 2025.
- 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 Reminders:

*** This process is not the same as school registration. ***
Applications can be submitted starting March 17, 2025. 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 are hoping to attend next school year. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis up to May 15, 2025. 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.
*** Out-of-Catchment applications may be limited at some schools this year due to enrolment considerations. ***

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

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ELEMENTARY

BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL
PROGRAM
FOR KINDERGARTEN TO 6TH
GRADERS

Are you searching for the perfect licensed school-age care on school grounds program that combines fun, learning, and growth? Look no further!

Pre-registration opens on Nov 6th at 9 am! *

7 - 8:30 am / 2:47 - 5:15 pm

Families can apply for an Affordable Child Care Benefit to reduce the monthly fee

- K & 200/month (AM & PM)
- Gr 1-6 - AM only \$ 209
 - PM only \$ 312
 - Before & After \$ 405

AS LOW AS
\$200
PER K CHILD

Contact us now to secure your child's spot

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Decker Lake Elementary

*Pending license approval