



HUSKIES

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Principal's Message

Good news! We are scheduled to have three visits from a District Numeracy teacher, Ms. Roberta Toth. She will be at our school on November 3, 10 and 17 during which time she will be working with staff and students from various grade levels. In some classes, she will demonstrate a math SNAP lesson and in other classes, she is scheduled to co-mark a math assessment.

Math is no longer a list of rules to be memorized but as a way of looking at the world.

Here is a brief list of some of these changes that have taken place since we were young:

- emphasis on the "why" and the "how" (not just on getting the right answer),
- real-world applications,
- incorporation of digital math games,
- new terminology – chunking, partitioning, mental math strategies, etc.

Every Decker Lake Husky has a username and password for an on-line math program called Mathletics. This program follows the BC curriculum and is very comprehensive. Your child is invited to log in at home to practice and learn essential numeracy skills. For log in information, please contact the school.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Mark your Calendar

November

- 1 Daylight Savings Time ends—Set your clocks back one hour
- 4 Hot Lunch—Hot dogs
- 9 **Final Photo Retakes 9 AM**
- 10 Remembrance Day Ceremony 11AM
- 11 **Remembrance Day—No School**
- 12 Newsletters
- 16 Purdy's Orders due
- 18 Hot Lunch—Chili
- 26 Report Cards and Newsletters
- 27 **Pro D Day—No School**

PAC Cookie Dough and Cheesecake Fundraiser will run from November 2 through 20th.

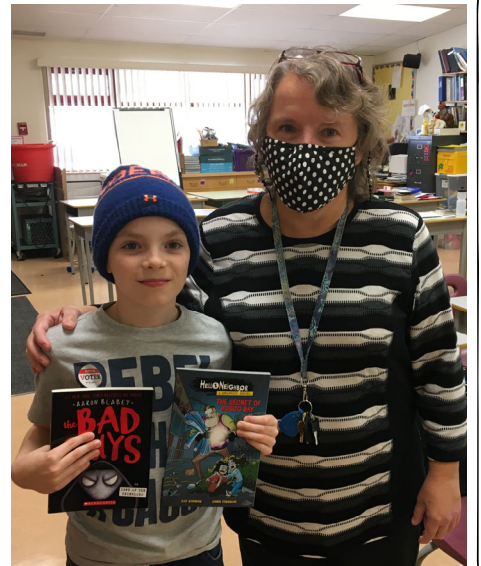
★ Book Fair Winners! ★

The Book Fair was held all last week and books flew off the shelves. We have readers in our school! Thank you to Mrs. Trottier for organizing the fair and everyone else who volunteered their valuable time!

There was a school draw for \$25 of free books for a student. Then...the teacher of the winner got to pick \$25 of free books for the class!

The winners were...Tyson Oldfield and Miss Mason's class!

Congratulations!



Kindness is Key

The Burns Lake and District Chamber of Commerce is looking to designate one deserving local student as the **'SPIRIT of GIVING' Student Ambassador** to be announced on November 23. Each school will submit 3 student names from which a winner will be randomly selected.

Every staff member at DLES can nominate 1 kind, helpful, and selfless Husky and from them, 3 names will be selected and submitted to the Chamber.

On Thursday, October 22, DLES participated in the **Student Vote Election** for the BC Provincial Election. Students in the grade 6 class ran the election and students in the 4/5, 6, and 7 classes participated. The results were:

Anne Marie Sam 21
John Rustad 17

Margo Maley 5
Dan Stuart 3

Jon Rempel 2

So for the Nechako-lakes riding we elected Anne Marie Sam.

Health and Wellness...and Other ~~Business~~ Kindness!

The Grade 4/5 class worked hard last week to support a fellow classmate. The excitement the students had for "Project Pickle Prodigy", the code name for their secret operation, was amazing. The students sorted bottles, collected donations, and made cards to show their support. The gift was much appreciated by the recipient who, in turn, shared some of the goodies with the class. The students learned that volunteering time and money makes everyone feel good about themselves. Way to Go, Grade 4s and 5s!!!



Decker Huskies enjoying one of the season's first snowy days!



2020/2021 Board Meeting Dates and Locations 6:00 pm

***Meeting locations may change pending public health guidelines specific to COVID-19

Date	Location
November 16, 2020	Integrus Community Theatre Nechako Valley Secondary School
December 7, 2020	Integrus Community Theatre Nechako Valley Secondary School
January 18, 2021	Video Conference
February 22, 2021	Integrus Community Theatre Nechako Valley Secondary School
March 15, 2021	Integrus Community Theatre Nechako Valley Secondary School
April 19, 2021	Integrus Community Theatre Nechako Valley Secondary School
May 17, 2021	Integrus Community Theatre Nechako Valley Secondary School
June 14, 2021	Muriel Mould Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Video Conference Locations:

Vanderhoof	School Board Office – Board Room
Fort St. James	Fort St. James Secondary School – Video Conference Room
Fraser Lake	Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary School – Video Conference Room
Burns Lake	Muriel Mould Neighbourhood Learning Centre – Meeting Room



Halloween!!!

Mrs. Benoit's class is hosting a school-wide Halloween party in the gym tomorrow! Please wear your costumes, but leave your props and masks at home. Due to COVID-19, sadly, homemade treats must stay home, too.

Have a good, fun, safe Halloween on Saturday!



Superintendent's Report to the Board Regular Board Meeting of Oct. 19th, 2020

Superintendent Manu Madhok presented his 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the October 19, 2020, Board Meeting.

Please click on the link below to view the report:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/813149>

Please ensure you have paid up for your student's Halloween spaghetti lunch fundraiser if they ordered last week.

Final Photo Retakes...

Monday, November 9, 2020

And the last word goes to:

YOU!

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you looking for part-time/full-time employment? Our school district is looking to hire! We need more people on the casual list for Learning Support Workers and Personal Attendants. The minimum qualifications are a grade 12 diploma and a favourable Criminal Records review.

To apply for casual employment with the school district, you would need to email:

- a cover letter outlining interest, and
- an updated resumé to cupejobs@sd91.bc.ca

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our team, please send a cover page and resumé. For questions, please contact Barb McLean, HR Manager, bmclean@sd91.bc.ca.