

Principal’s Message

I live by the words of Helen Keller: “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” For the past two years, I have had the pleasure of working at Decker Lake Elementary School and at Francois Lake Elementary since January 2019. I have been so thankful to collaborate with dedicated staff members and supportive parents/caregivers! As you may have heard, I have accepted the new role of District Principal of Early Learning and Childcare but have remained on staff for the start-up of this school year as the district completed the hiring process for a new administrator. I am pleased to announce that Ms. Sollbach has been hired as the new principal of DLES/FLES. Ms. Sollbach has experience as a competent leader and will be joining us from Alberta soon. Under her leadership, the DLES and FLES school communities will continue to value teamwork and communication while fulfilling the goals outlined in the School Plans to Support Student Learning. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Sollbach to two amazing schools! For me, this is not the end, only a different beginning. These two schools will always have a special place in my heart! Thank you, Everyone!

In Kindness,
Mrs. Kelemen

**HOT LUNCH DATE
CHANGE!!!**

Hot lunch for
Wednesday, October
19, has been
RESCHEDULED to
the next day,
Thursday, October 20

Mark your Calendar

October

19 11:47 AM Early Dismissal -
P/T Conferences

20 Shakedown Drill

20 Crazy Hat Day

20 Fresh to You Orders Due

21 Pro-D Day—No School

26 Picture Retakes

28 PAC Movie Night 5:30 PM

31 Hallowe’en

November

10 Remembrance Day
Ceremony

11 Remembrance Day—No
School

24 Crazy Sock Day

25 Pro D Day—No School

Orange Shirt Day

Orange shirts lit up our school,
our gym, and our playground!
Our space was positively
glowing in orange! DLES had
a guest speaker come in for
our assembly and speak to our
students to bring awareness of
the significance of Orange Shirt
Day. DLES offers our sincere
thanks to Herb Charlie for
sharing his words with our
school, and to Rachelle van
Zanten for performing “Little
Spruce.”



Decker Lake Low-Down...

Parent Teacher Conferences— Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Classes will be dismissed at 11:47 AM and busses will take students home starting then.

Please call the school next week to book your appointment with your child's teacher. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress.



Once again the Grade 6/7 class will be hosting a **Spooktacular Halloween Fest** on Monday, October 1st. The event will begin in the gym at 10:45-11:20 for the two primary classes and at 11:25 – 12:00 for Mrs. Lowes and Ms. England's classes. Games and a haunted house await. In addition, there will be a dance for the whole school at 2:15-2:35! Come one come all to the Halloween Ball!

Student Verification Forms— Please Return Them By October 19!!!

Every child at Decker Lake Elementary received their own Student Verification Form early in September.

Please make any changes — **phone numbers, address, emergency contacts, custody, court orders, or alerts**, etc. — directly on each form, sign the bottom of the back page for each child, and send it back to the school as soon as possible. We need a signed form for every child, so please ensure information is correct for each child.

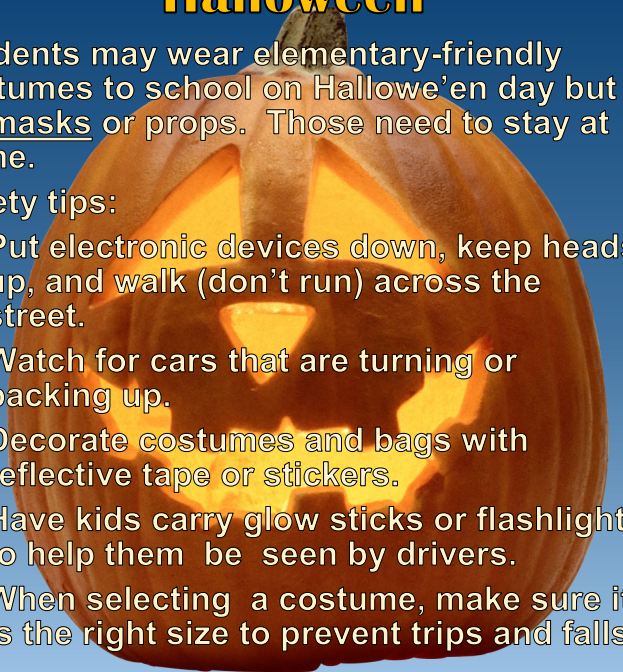
To ensure DLES protects your child properly, please ensure you send a copy of any court orders or other legal documents to the school. We can make copies at the office if needed.

Halloween

Students may wear elementary-friendly costumes to school on Hallowe'en day but no masks or props. Those need to stay at home.

Safety tips:

1. Put electronic devices down, keep heads up, and walk (don't run) across the street.
2. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
3. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers.
4. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them be seen by drivers.
5. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.



Board Biz...

PART-TIME, FULL-TIME & CASUAL

**WE ARE
HIRING**

**SCHOOL
DISTRICT
9!**
NECHAKO
LAKES

ALL POSITIONS:

- BUS DRIVERS
- LEARNING SUPPORT WORKERS
- PERSONAL ATTENDANTS
- ABORIGINAL ADVOCATES
- CERTIFIED TEACHERS
- CUSTODIANS
- SUBSTITUTES

*GREAT WAGES AND
BENEFITS

*NO PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
FOR MANY POSITIONS

*TRAINING PROVIDED

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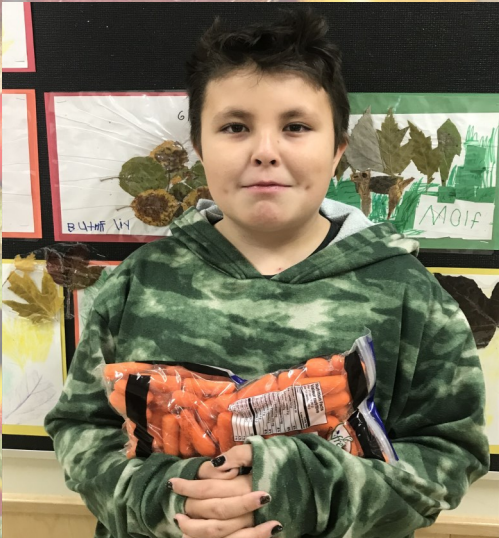
And the last word goes to:

Miss Lee & Ms. Giesbrecht who are the two head teachers at our school! They are always willing to lend a hand whenever possible! And to Mrs. Kelemen, who kept DLES a great place to work and learn during COVID; one of the most difficult times in recent history.
Thank you, Boss.



Decker Lake Dishes-Up...

With thanks to the BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program, our school receives a shipment of fresh fruit/vegetables every month. In September, we received prune plums. This month, we have received baby carrots and pears. Our school receives milk every other week. This program is one of the ways that our school helps our students to increase the access to nutritional food.



Cut here and...



RETURN BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

FRESH TO YOU
ORDER FORM



Good news! Every school got a monetary grant to help feed our students to offset the rising cost of inflation. It's just a little thing we can do from DLES. Here's how this will work:

Every DLES family will be receiving one of the following bundles of food. Please make one (1) choice and return the filled-out form to the school by October 19. Ensure this form has your child(ren)s name(s), your name and best contact number, and your oldest child's teacher's name.

This is the only time you will be able to make a choice. After October 19, 2022, we will be making the choice for you and you'll have to look up some creative cooking recipes 😊

Bundle 1 ☐ 3lb Onions 3lb Carrots 5lb Gala Apples 5lb Pacific Sunset Potatoes	Bundle 2 ☐ 5 lb Carrots 0.5 lb Shallots 1lb Parsnips 5lb Pacific Sunset Potatoes 5lb Red Beets
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DLES' eldest child's name: _____

Parent name: _____

Best contact phone number: _____

DLES' eldest child's teacher's name: _____