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Principal's Message

A child's report card can bring feelings of joy, excitement, and pride; it can also cause concern, frustration, and uncertainty in either case, the reporting period marks a new beginning to set goals and reflect on past work habits, achievements, and hardships. Most important, it is a time for you to communicate with your children and determine a path for future academic enrichment and social-emotional growth.

Creating a plan to maximize future academic success is an important part of every child's education. Help your child set realistic and attainable goals for the next reporting period. Outline ways in which these goals can be met. By starting small, your child can experience the feeling of success that will ignite future acts of improvement.

Angela Duckworth, author of "Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance" writes that "A fixed mindset about ability leads to pessimistic explanations of adversity, and that, in turn, leads to both giving up on challenges and avoiding them in the first place. In contrast, a growth mindset leads to optimistic ways of explaining adversity, and that, in turn, leads to perseverance and seeking out new challenges that will ultimately make you even stronger." How we view learning and making mistakes shape our beliefs about intelligence and talent. We can improve our intelligence with effort as the brain is remarkably adaptive. Like a muscle that gets stronger with use, the brain changes itself when you struggle to master a new challenge. By carving aside time every day to practice reading, DLES students can improve their reading skills and become proficient readers.

Thank you for discussing your child's strengths and plans for improvement.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Mark your Calendar

November

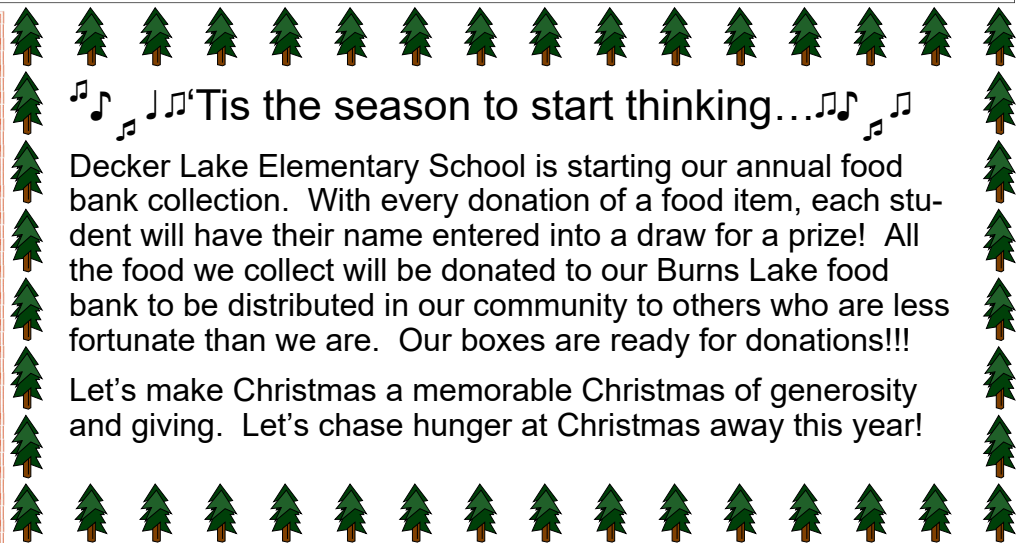
- 25 Poinsettia Order Pick Up
- 25 Report Cards go home
- 29 Purdy's Orders Due

December

- 2 Mom's Pantry Arrives
- 3 Volleyball Tournament at DLES
- 7 Purdy's Hopefully Arrives
- 8 Hot Lunch: Pizza, Ice Cream
- 13 Christmas Hat Day
- 14 Red/Green Day
- 15 Dress as an Elf or Reindeer Day
- 16 Ugly Sweater Day
- 17 PJ Day



REMEMBER: Please do the **Health Check** before sending your child to school!



♪♪♪ 'Tis the season to start thinking...♪♪♪

Decker Lake Elementary School is starting our annual food bank collection. With every donation of a food item, each student will have their name entered into a draw for a prize! All the food we collect will be donated to our Burns Lake food bank to be distributed in our community to others who are less fortunate than we are. Our boxes are ready for donations!!!

Let's make Christmas a memorable Christmas of generosity and giving. Let's chase hunger at Christmas away this year!



Yummy Tandoori!

Decker Lake's Doings...

Covid Reporting

We are still living in COVID-19 times which means we still wash and sanitize our hands, and wear masks.

We want to sincerely thank the parents who have taken the time and courageous steps to inform us when their children have tested positive for COVID-19. Giving us this heads-up allows us to ensure our COVID-19 protocols are still strong and keeping all of us here at the school safe and healthy.

Did you know we have some steps to follow when parents call to let us know when their child is positive for COVID-19? The following is what we have to do.

1. A parent calls to inform us know their child has tested positive (thank you so much for letting us know—we really appreciate this information! Did I say this already? It's true!!!).
2. We let Superintendent Mr. Madhok know your child's name, grade, teacher, and your child's last day of attendance.
3. Mr. Madhok contacts Northern Health to request contact tracing.
4. From there, it is up to Northern Health to complete the contact tracing and to determine if there is a school exposure.
5. Until then, we are bound by the strict confidentiality policy that governs this situation. We **CANNOT** let other parents know unless Northern Health gives us the green light to do so.
6. If your child tests positive, please let Northern Health (NH) know the name of the school your child attends and that the school is available to answer any questions NH may have such as attendance, bus student or not, etc.
7. Lastly, if parents are unhappy about the process, please contact Northern Health and let them know.

These are challenging times but we'll get through so long as we all do our parts. "Be kind, keep calm, and stay safe."

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



On Friday, December 3, 2021, Decker Lake Elementary School will be hosting the annual volleyball tournament. Participants will need to bring a lunch.

Fundraiser Deliveries!!!

Barring any significant delays because of road closures and repairs in the south, we hope to see our orders from Mom's Pantry delivered December 2. Fingers crossed!

Purdy's orders are due November 29, with a delivery, hopefully, on December 7. Toes crossed!

Rain or Shine, Snow or Ice, our students go outside every day, twice a day! And sometimes even more! Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather.



Board Biz

International Travel at Christmas and Your Child

For unvaccinated children under 12 returning to Canada, the following applies:

Children under 12 must complete pre-entry, arrival and Day-8 tests unless you have evidence your child had a positive COVID-19 test taken 14 to 180 days prior to arrival in Canada or your child is under 5 years of age.

For the next 14 days, the children must also:

Not attend school, camp or daycare; not attend large or crowded settings; not take busses; not attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people; avoid all contact with persons with underlying medical conditions, compromised immune systems, and are 65 years or older; stay with their fully vaccinated parent or guardian as much as possible; and wear a mask.

For a current list of all of the Canadian requirements for returning travellers, please visit

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada#children>

Toques for Kids!!!

Decker Lake Elementary will be the recipient of 12 hand knit toques that will go to some of our students. They are made with love by senior volunteers. They have expanded this program from four Northern BC schools in 2019 to 28 Northern BC schools in 2020. Our school will make good use of the 12 toques!!!

Upcoming December Spirit Days:

- Mon. 13—Christmas Hat Day
- Tue. 14—Red/Green Day
- Wed. 15—Elf/Reindeer Dress Up Day
- Thu. 16—Ugly Sweater Day
- Fri. 17—PJ Day

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91
NECHAKO LAKES



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of November 15, 2021

Superintendent Manu Madhok presented his 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the November 15, 2021, Board Meeting.

Please go to the link below to view the report:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/823966>

And the last word goes to:

The Tandoori Pub and Grill who so incredibly and generously provided a delicious lunch of South Asian food for our entire school! We gratefully thank you!