

Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year! Things are busy at Decker Lake Elementary as we wrap up the 2022-2023 school year! Although the perception may be that we are winding down, it does feel like we are winding up as we prepare for the final activities that will be taking place such as Sports Day, our Year End Celebration on June 28th at 1 PM and of course the last day of school (1/2 day) with dismissal at 11:47.

Students will be participating in Sports Day on Monday June 26th in the morning. On that day, students will receive a juice box, hotdog and granola bar for lunch. Students can also choose some fruit from the fruit baskets. Parents can choose to send additional snacks if they feel their children will need them.

This time of year is also filled with happiness and sadness for students and staff. We are sad to see our grade 7 students move on to LDSS, although we share their joy about moving to the next stage of their educational journey. The staff and students of Decker Lake wish them all the best as they move on. We hope that you can attend the year end celebration to send these students off to LDSS.

We are also sad to announce that Mrs. Vossen has accepted a position at Francois Lake Elementary School as an Administrative Assistant for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. Our staff has appreciated her dedication of the last three years in her role, as well as her attention to detail about processes, financial accounting for our school and managing the day-to-day operation of the office. We wish her well at Francois Lake Elementary School. We will be recognizing Mrs. Vossen at our year-end celebration, and we hope that you can be here and wish her well in her new position in person on that afternoon, or any time before she leaves.

Although we are sad to say goodbye for the summer, we are looking forward to seeing everybody again on Tuesday, September 5th for the first day of school! Please remember that this will be a half day.

The staff and administration at Decker Lake School wish all families a safe, restful, and happy summer! See you in September!

Regards,
Ms. Sollbach

DLES Shares with Parents...

Mark your Calendar!

- 23 Beach Day **Team Points!**
- 23 Gr 6-7 Night at the School
- 26 Sports Day AM Only
- 27 Report Cards Go Home
- 27 Gr 7 Grad Dinner 6PM
- 28 Year End Ceremony 1 PM
- 28 Gr 1-2 Field Trip AM
- 29 Last Day of Classes—
Dismissal at 11:47
- 30 Summer Break Starts! **No School until September 5 2023!**
- September
- 5 First Day of School—
Dismissal at 11:47 AM

BEST NEWS EVER!!!

DLES is providing MOST of the school supplies for all DLES students for next year!!! WaHOOOOO!!!!

There are a couple of conditions attached to this generous school supply offering:

1. It is ONLY for the 2023-2024 year. All school supply items have already been purchased and are currently stashed at the school for the students next year.
2. Parents MAY be required to pay for some items if DLES is short items. If so, it will be class specific items. Fortunately, it will be a small expense (if needed) compared to the large expense of a whole year’s supply!
3. We cannot emphasize enough that school supplies purchased by DLES for 2023-2024 year is a **ONE-TIME ONLY** event. It will not happen again. We just happened to be incredibly lucky to be able to help our school families out for the 2023-2024 year.

We are so pleased, excited and happy we can do this one time helping hand for our families. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

CONGRATULATIONS

Gr 7s!



Our grade 7s are leaving our school and will be stepping up to grade 8 in the fall. They are as ready as they can be for their next endeavours! Congratulations Grade 7s!!!

Decker Lake is a Part of Our Community...June 21, National Indigenous Peoples Festivities!



Decker Lake Learned MORE about our community... Lahal! Ask your kids about it!



...and of course, Bannock!



Decker Lake Informs...

SPORTS DAY—THE “FUNNEST DAY OF THE YEAR”!

When: Monday, June 26, 2023

What time: 9 AM sharp

How long: Morning only

Who's invited: Parents, guardians, families, and of course DLES students—in their team colours!

What to wear and what to bring: Team colours (your student can ask his or her teacher if they've forgotten), hats, sunscreen, long-sleeved shirt (for sun protection), running shoes (no sandals or flip-flops), water bottle (please put a name on it!), and a feisty “win-for-my-team” spirit!

Year-end Assembly

On the schedule will be awards, acknowledgments, performances, and milestone celebrations.

Starts at **1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.**

Who's invited: Parents, guardians, families, and of course DLES students.

Please remember **cell phones** must be put on **silent**—if you're not sure how to do this, ask your child—they are amazingly technologically proficient.

Please remember to ensure your **student** has all their **stuff** and takes it all **home**.

Please remember to check in at the **office** if you're **taking** your **child** after the ceremony—please let us know! It's really very stressful if children go missing and we're not informed. (Grey hair!!!)

Fundraising for DLES TEAM TREES!

The following remarkable students have been raising funds to help replant forests in our country!

Brinley Abietkoff
Lacey Downie
Kieran McDonald
Coby MacLellan
Miles Nesbitt
Nate Pelletier
Shea Woodgate

To date, they have raised a PHENOMENAL \$536.60!

Today, they donated the funds to One Tree Planted: <https://onetreeplanted.org>.

Kudos to these amazing kids!!!



Thursday, June 29, is a Half-Day!

Dismissal is at 11:47 AM, and busses will be available to take your children to their regular stop.

Have an amazing summer!



Decker Lake Wants YOU...

School District 91 and DLES have opportunities available in September well-worth checking into! Try considering a career change or a location change and spend more **awesome** time with your kids while investing in their futures. Your schedule could be aligned with your kids which means they'd be in class on time, at school every day, and they'd benefit from your commitment to your job. There are some opportunities available now for a September start, and there should be more after the first week of school. Check out “Join Our Team” on SD91.bc.ca. Just a little thing to think about...!

Lost and Found

"Whatever happened to my kid's lovely shirt?" "I wonder where my kid's shoes are?" "Hey! Kiddo, where's your back pack?"

Want to be in the know where stuff might be? Come check out Decker Lake's Lost and Found!

Decker Lake Needs to Remind...

REMINDER!

Parents need to slow down in the school driveway. This is a school zone.

Next year...

Considering the cost of fuel, it might be worth looking into bussing your children in school.

Have you moved? Are you new to the Decker Lake Elementary community? Bussing is available to students at our school.

If you would like your child to ride the school bus, call Mr. Wiebe at the bus garage, at 250-692-3130.

REMINDER!

Please call by **2:00 PM** if you will be changing your child's after-school -to-home arrangements.

REMINDER!

Parents must drop off and pick up their children in the parent parking lot, only.

The bus lane needs to be kept clear of all vehicles at all times.

Only SD school busses and emergency vehicles, permitted.

Community Connections...



Journey through time
MAGIC SHOW
JULY 12 AT 2:00PM
Burns Lake Public Library
Burns Lake Public Library MPR
Doors open 30 min before show.
Show starts at 2pm
Phone: 250-692-3192 for more information

PAC Posts...

PAC is hosting free hot dogs and freezies for students at Sports Day!

DLES PAC Updates:
Feel like you're missing out?

DLES PAC now has Instagram! Check out **deckerlakepac @Instagram!** It'll have the same info as FB!

DLES PAC EXEC. 2022-2023

Co-chairs:

Shawna Abietkoff
Nikki Shumka

Secretary:

Amy Dash

Treasurer:

Dallas Matson



School Board Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2023
6:00 pm

Muriel Mould Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Burns Lake, BC

Important Public Attendance Notice:

We are at capacity for in-house attendance at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on June 26, 2023.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

Contact:

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Ootsa Lake Bible Camp 2023!

For more info

or

to register online, go to:

www.ootsalakebiblecamp.com



And the last word goes to:

The Decker Lake Elementary community. You have made my three years at DLES the most welcoming and lovely place to be. I will miss you all (maybe more than I thought!). This was an incredibly difficult decision to make—the window by my desk, my kids, my coworkers, my wonderful parents and families—but my next job at FLES is much closer to my home and critters—only 4 km. Again, **THANK YOU** Decker Lake Elementary community. You are very hard to leave.

Much love,
Mrs. Vossen