

Principal's Message

I am pleased to announce that we have a new member of the teaching staff: Mr. Jordan Williams. Mr. Williams has been hired by the district to teach Carrier Language & Culture to our students every Friday.

Mr. Williams resides on Lake Babine Nation and is a long-time resident of our community. With blessings extended from our Wet'suwet'en Chief and Nation, please join me in welcoming Mr. Williams to our school. Although the Wet'suwet'en and Nat'oot'en dialects have some similarities, we will enhance the culture, language, and traditions programming by extending invitations to Wet'suwet'en elders and budding language expert, Danielle Wall. By working together, we hope to build the level of connectedness and self-identity for all learners. Mesiyh.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Mark your Calendar

October

- 5 PAC Meeting 6 PM
- 8 Hot Lunch Orders Due
- 11 Thanksgiving—**No**

School

- 13 Lockdown Drill with RCMP
- 13 Hot Lunch
- 20 Parent/Teacher Interviews
—Dismissal at 11:47 AM
- 21 Mom's Pantry Fundraiser Due
- 22 Pro-D Day—**No School**
- 26 Drop Everything and Read Day (DEAR)
- 27 Hot Lunch

November

- 2 Photo Retakes and Class Photos
- 7 Daylight Savings Ends—Clocks Fall back

Parent Teacher Conferences!!!

On October 20, students will be dismissed from school at 11:47 in the morning to make room for you, our parents, to meet with your child's teacher.

Each meeting will be 10 minutes long with in-person visits starting from 12:45 PM and phone visits occurring in the evening slots.

Parents/Caregivers need to phone the school office to book a time to meet with their child's teacher - **250-698-7301**.

All **visitors** to our school need to **complete a health check** before entering, **sanitize hands**, **wear a mask**, and **sign in/out**. To minimize crowding, we encourage you to book multiple appointments back-to- back if you have more than one child here at Decker Lake Elementary and to be on time.

Welcome back to Decker Lake Elementary Staff!!!

Decker Lake Staff 21-22

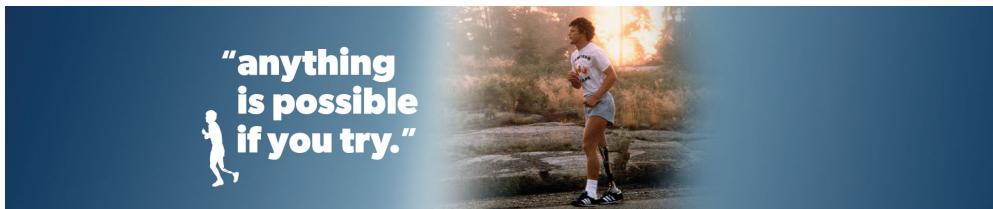
Mrs. Kelemen - Principal
Mrs. Hiebert - Gr 4/5
Mrs. Payne - AEA
Ms. Woode - LSW
Mrs. Blair - PAA
Ms. Vanderwijk - PAA
Mrs. Giesbrecht - Gr 1/2
Ms. England - Gr 2/3
Mrs. Vossen - Admin. Assist.
Mrs. Stevenson - PAA
Ms. Mason - Gr 5/6
Mrs. Benoit - Gr 7
Mrs. Trottier - Librarian
Miss Lee - Resource Teacher
Ms. Menzel - LSW
Ms. Hainstock - Custodian
Ms. Hushard - LSW
Ms. Eftodie - Custodian
Mrs. Shelford-Schneider - Gr K

DLES students have done it again!!! With organizational help from Mrs. Wall, **\$774.65** was raised for our Annual Terry Fox Run. Well done!

Miss Mason's class raised the most money for this incredibly worthwhile endeavour, while Mrs. Hiebert's class raised the second highest amount. It was wonderful to see some parents and grand-parents encouraging our amazing Decker Lake Huskies participants!

On Friday, Sept. 24th, we attended an online **Aboriginal Education Conference** which was held in the library and the big staffroom. It was well attended by all our staff. The theme of this event was reclamation and restoration. Keynote speakers were Kevin Lamoureux and Richard Van Camp, both excellent and enthusiastic speakers. During one of the sessions, our staff participated in Danielle Wall's, a local First Nations knowledge holder, Wet'suwet'en Language Lessons. We thank our organizer Leona Prince, District Principal, and our Wet'suwet'en Nation for sharing important knowledge with us!

Visitors: Please remember to call ahead for an appointment (250-698-7301), do the Daily Health Check before arriving, wear a mask, sanitize, and sign in with contact information on arrival and out when leaving.



PAC Meeting...

On Tuesday, October 5, 2021, Decker Lake Elementary's first PAC meeting of this school year will take place at 6:00 PM. Please be sure to do your health check before you arrive, wear a mask, sanitize, and sign-in when you arrive.
Come check out what's happening!

BELLS:

8:50 Warning
8:54 School Start
10:30 Recess 15 mins
12:00 Lunch 45 mins
2:47 Home Time

Keeping in the loop at DLES is simple!!!

Check out the school's Instagram! Follow: [deckerlakehuskies](#) to stay connected!

Orange Shirt Day...!

DLES was bright with orange shirts worn by nearly every person here on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Our students and staff honoured and remembered our first Truth and Reconciliation Day, wholeheartedly.





Lockdown Drill

On Wednesday, October 13, at 10:10 AM, Decker Lake will be having a Lockdown Drill. The RCMP will be helping us during the drill. So if your child(ren) come home excitedly to tell you all about how DLES had police at the school, this will be the really cool and exciting reason why!

Student Verification Forms have been sent home!!!

Please make any changes, such as phone numbers, address, emergency contacts, custody, court orders, or alerts, directly on the form. Please sign the bottom of back page for each child, and send it back to the school as soon as possible.

Kindergarten Parents: Please take a moment to fill out the online **CHEQ** questionnaire sheet with your personal password that was sent home. The information from the CHEQ helps strengthen programs and services for families.



Decker Lake's **Hot Lunch Program** is solely run by parent volunteers. The program plays a large part in our school, it helps with classroom needs, field trips and events—more importantly provides hot lunch every other week for those who order. Mrs. Dallas Matson, Hot Lunch Coordinator, **needs volunteers**. One Wednesday a month, from 10:00 - 12:15 is all they ask for. Please call 250-696-3133 for more details.

Hot lunch starts October 13th. Menus go home October 4th!

On Sept. 22, the students received a **Mom's Pantry** catalogue and order sheet. These are **due** back at the school no later than **Thurs. Oct. 21**.



These orders are scheduled to arrive Thurs. Dec. 2 in the afternoon. Online orders are welcome! For more info call Brenda, 250-698-7301

Board Biz

A message from Manu Madhok, SD91 Superintendent, [edited to fit]:

"I am pleased to announce October will again be declared Foster Family Month in BC. This marks the 31st year of celebrating the caregivers who have stepped up time and time again when they are needed most. As a caregiver, they have accepted a vital role in the lives of the children they care for and an important role in [the communities] where they live.

"I wish to express my gratitude for the time, love, and energy that these foster families have given to the young people in [BC]. Every day these incredible caregivers work hard to ensure that the young people in their care are provided [a safe, healthy] home, and are cared for and nurtured in times of personal and global uncertainty. Their dedication to improving the lives of some of our province's most vulnerable children and youth is recognized and honoured as an integral part of the young person's journey.

"Please join me in celebrating October as Foster Family Month to show those in your school district how important the role of a foster caregiver is. I encourage you to celebrate foster families for the selfless work they do for the children, youth, and families of [BC].

"On behalf of the Government of [BC], thank you for [recognizing] extended family and foster caregivers.

"Mitzi Dean
Minister of Children and Family Development"



Burns Lake Minor Hockey Registration

Burns Lake Minor Hockey wants to welcome you to the ice this year!

To register, please contact our registrar Camilla Erickson by email at | blmhareg@gmail.com

Cost to register:

Ages 9 to 17: \$225

Ages 5 to 8: \$100

We have lots of free second-hand hockey gear left over from our hockey swap that is still available. If you are interested in getting some gear, please contact: presidentblmh@gmail.com



We are excited to offer the Vancouver Canucks first shift program.

This program is designed for kids who have never played hockey before. We want to get you out on the ice in a fun and comfortable environment. For just \$229 this program includes:

- Head to toe equipment including skates
- Personalized equipment fitting and education
- 6 On-Ice sessions
- Special experiences offered by the Canucks

Register for this awesome program at www.firstshift.ca

An Employment Opportunity!

Decker Lake Elementary is seeking an individual to help with noon hour supervision daily from 12:00 to 12:45. If you have a spot of time in your day and would like to join our team, check out www.SD91.bc.ca and look under Employment for the "How To."



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of September 20, 2021

Superintendent Manu Madhok presented his 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the September 20, 2021, Board Meeting.

Please go to the link below to view the report:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/822120>

And the last word goes to:

Our Foster Families who are so important to our communities. Thank you!