

HUSKIES

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Principal's Message

Report cards go home on Friday and we hope that you will find time to read and discuss the report card with your child as effective communication between the home and the school is central to student success.

Each report card should provide parents with a clear sense of where their child is at in their learning, what they are working toward, any interventions they may require, and ways to further support their learning. In addition to this, report cards should make clear the extent to which a student is meeting age/grade expectations.

A next step for you as a family may be to encourage your child to work toward a learning goal to build student ownership. When students know that their parents and school value learning and believe that they can be successful, then they, too, can develop a growth mindset and take risks to deepen their learning.

Should you have any questions or concerns about your child's level of progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. By working together, you are involved as partners in dialogue about your child's progress and the best ways to support and improve learning.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Mark your Calendar

March

- 3 Hot Lunch—Chicken Fingers
- 5 Report Cards Home
- 12 Twins/Dream Job Spirit Day
- 15 K and Out of Catchment Registration starts
- 17 St. Patrick's Day and Hot Lunch—Pizza
- 19 Last Day of School before Spring Break

April

- 6 First Day of School after Spring Break
- 16 Dress as an Animal Day
- 23 Pro D Day—No School

May

- 14 Pro D Day—No School
- 24 Victoria Day

DLES'S DISTRICT

SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

On February 25, our students presented their projects and the following students placed:

Grade 4 Honourable Mention

Haven Wilejto for "What Bit Does the Trick?"

Grade 4 First Place

Lily Davis for "Collapsing Bridges"

Grade 5 Honourable Mention

Coby MacLellan for "Speed Racer"

Grade 6 Third Place

Dylan Stewart for "Ice Ice Baby"

Grade 7 Honourable Mention

Caioni Benoit for "Colour Coded Memory"

Decker Lake students did a fantastic job!!! Of the 13 awards given to students at the west end of the School District, Decker Lake Huskies brought home FIVE! That is impressive! Well Done Huskies!!!

DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2020-2021

Co-chair: Shawna Abietkoff
250-304-8398

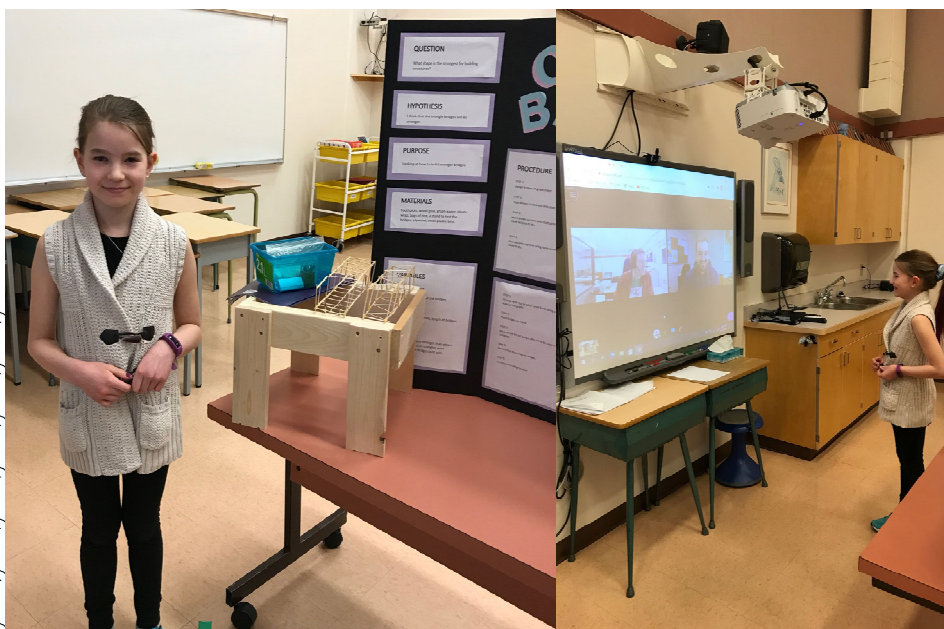
Co-chair: Shawna Belcourt
250-691-1094

Secretary: Amy Dash 250-691-1612

Treasurer: Dallas Matson
250-692-0516

March Babies!

Rylan H., Clayton A.,
Aydrionna M., Jackson M.,
Aleyah C., Silas T.,
Michael H., and Cora C.
Happy Birthday Everyone!!!



Health and Wellness...and Other Business



ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2021



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2 Notice five things that are beautiful in the world outside	3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive	4 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words	5 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day	6 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	7 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels
8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food	9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face	11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	13 Pause to just watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today	14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that need doing
15 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day	16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant	18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	20 Celebrate the International Day of Happiness dayofhappiness.net	21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
22 Walk a different route today and see what you notice	23 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible	27 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers	28 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are
29 Notice what is working today and be thankful that this is so	30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life	"Mindfulness means that we commit fully in each moment to be present" - Jon Kabat-Zinn 			

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/mindful-march

Have you done your **Daily Health Check** in with your child? Is she or he experiencing any of the following new or worsening symptoms?

If yes, please keep your child home.

☐ Fever or chills	☐ Extreme fatigue and tiredness
☐ Loss of sense of smell or taste	☐ Headaches
☐ Difficulty breathing	☐ Body aches
☐ Sore Throat	☐ Nausea or vomiting
☐ Loss of appetite	☐ Diarrhea

Did you know you can go to **www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck** and do your health check online? You can also go to the site and download the convenient **K to 12 Health Check Mobile App** for your phone or tablet. Simplify your morning health checks for your kids before you send them to school!

WHOOPS!!! You're in the wrong lane!

At Decker Lake School we have a **bus lane** exclusively for the use of the busses. To ensure the safety of our students getting on or off the busses, we need the bus lane kept **clear of ALL unauthorized traffic**.

Please pick up and drop off your children at the Parent Parking lot. All of our students are more safe in the playground where they have learned where the safe walking places are. Have your child show you where! And hey! Walking is terrific exercise for all of us!

Please, lets keep ALL our children safe.

UPDATED INFORMATION

Kindergarten, and Grade 1 In-Catchment Registration, and Out-of-Catchment Application!!!

Pre-registration for children who live In-Catchment entering Kindergarten and Gr. 1 in September 2021 will take place **March 15 - 19, 2021**. Students who are presently attending Kindergarten at DLES this year are automatically registered into Gr. 1 for Sept. 2021. Decker Lake Elementary School hours will be from **9:30 AM to 2:00 PM**. Please ensure you bring your child's Birth Certificate and Service BC/Care Card to register. Proof of residence may be required as well.

Also starting on March 15, 2021, if you live Out-Of-Catchment for Decker Lake School and wish to register your child for our school, Outside Catchment Area Applications will be available here. You will need to fill out the application form and we will accept all forms in the order they are received. We will be happy to give you a copy of your filled-out form for your records.

Noteworthy News!

We held our school Science Fair on Friday, February 19. Students from grades 4-7 participated with 35 projects. Our winners were as follows:

- Gr. 4 Experimental

1. Haven Wilejto

2. Lily Davis

3. Charlie Paulsen

3. Brinley Abietkoff
- Gr. 5 Demonstration

1. Miles Nesbit

2. Nathaniel Lindberg
- Gr. 5 Experimental

1. Coby MacLellan

2. Davis Benson

3. Julian Benoit
- Gr. 6 Experimental

1. Dylan Stewart

2. Rhys Griffin and Alexa Bell

3. Destiny Wooldridge
- Gr. 7 Experimental

1. Caiomi Benoit

2. Ava Miller

3. Kayley Traxler

Our school sent 10 projects on the District Science Fair on February 25. They were:

- Caiomi Benoit

Ava Miller

Kayley Traxler

Dylan Stewart

Alexa Bell and Rhys Griffin

Coby MacLellan

Davis Benson

Haven Wilejto

Lily Davis

Charlie Paulsen

Congratulations to the finalists!!!



Students in Grade 7 participated in an Ancient Roman feast. Menu items included deer, steamed vegetables and Roman cheesecake.

Literacy Corner

Come Read With Me is a resource being offered this week. You can find it on FaceBook where you'll find more information and links.

ONE to ONE Literacy (based in Vancouver) and *Literacy in Kamloops* are hosting this FREE series of stand-alone online sessions for parents via Zoom.

Saturday March 6 at 10:30am, and Thursday March 11 at 7:30pm.

Recipe for an active year... Springing into Action!

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes the Big Melt...mud, puddles, baring dirt and roads, and mud...did we mention mud? What kinds of “ingredients” can we imagine for a coming spring? Here are a few suggestions to get this season started!

- ☐ jump in puddles,
- ☐ go hiking and get muddy, or
- ☐ pull out that dusty bike or scooter and go for a ride.

Remember, keep things safe, be kind, have fun, and shake up these ingredients for an active year!

Did you know that your child has a subscription, compliments of the School District, to an on-line math program called **Mathletics**? Mathletics is based on the BC curriculum and provides practice and tutorial support to students. To support our school numeracy goal, have your child practice questions related to **Number Sense**. For your child’s log on information, please contact the school. www.mathletics.com



What makes DLES such a great school?
“Welcoming/friendly staff.”
—Anonymous Staff Member

Please remember to **dress** your children for the **weather**. **Busses** can and do **break** down. Let’s keep our **kids safe**.

Board Biz

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES
School Board Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2021
6:00 pm
Meeting will be held Virtually

Public Attendance Notice:

***Due to current public health and safety requirements, we are requesting that members of the public interested in attending this meeting, contact Tracy Austin at taustin@sd91.bc.ca or 250-567-2284 prior to the meeting.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

April 19, 2021



Superintendent’s Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of Feb. 22nd, 2021

Superintendent Manu Madhok presented his ‘Superintendent’s Report to the Board’ at the February 22, 2021, Board Meeting.

Please go to the link below to view the report:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/817336>

At the Board meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021, the following policy was given first reading:

200.1 – Statement of Guiding Principles for the Board of Education

Please visit <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations> to view the draft policy and regulation. Please click on the “feedback” link located above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The closing date for comments is **March 10, 2021.**

And the last word goes to...

Miss Mason, Mrs. Hiebert, and Mrs. Benoit for helping our students be organized for the **TWO** Science Fairs we’ve had over February. Thank you all very much! Without your hard work efforts, and your outstanding organizational skills, our students wouldn’t be able to participate in our Science Fairs.
A BIG Thank YOU!!!

