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Decker Lake Elementary School

Principal’s Message

Dear Husky Families,

Unfortunately, DLES will be losing a classroom next school year due to low enrollment. DLES will have four divisions next year instead of the current five (K/1, 2/3, 4/5, 6/7). K-3 learners will stay in the primary end of the school and 4-7 learners will stay in the intermediate end. Our office administration hours will be reduced by an hour a day in the fall and we will be reduced to two noon hour supervisors.

Next week we are celebrating *Share the Love* week throughout the district. At DLES we celebrate love, kindness and diversity all year long. We encourage respectful behaviours, foster empathy towards others and celebrate our differences as we work and learn alongside each other every day. Next week, we will celebrate each other and focus on our own uniqueness.

Our next two weeks are busy at DLES for both students and staff. Friday is a Pro-D Day for all district staff. The *Dumpsta Dragons* will be here to perform on May 15th and Jump Rope for Heart is on May 16th. Class pictures and the school panoramic photo will be taken on May 21st at 9 AM and *Axis Theatre* will be here to perform on May 22nd.

Our spring weather has arrived and with it rainy days are expected. Please ensure that your Husky is dressed for the weather. Spirit North started biking with Huskies today... please encourage your Huskies to wear proper footwear for biking every Wednesday.

With much gratitude,

Ms. Eleanor Giesbrecht

Principal - DLES

DLES Shares with Parents...

Mark your Calendar	
<u>May</u>	
9	Pro-D Day—No School
15	“Dumpsta Dragons “ performing
15	Out-of-Catchment Application Due Date!!
16	House Team Colour Day
16	Jump Rope for Heart
19	Victoria Day— No School
21	Class/ Panaroma Photos (Clarke Photography) @ 9am
22	Axis Theatre
28	“Will’s Jams” @ WKE
<u>June</u>	
4	“Kung Jaadee”
11	Art Show
21	National Indigenous Day
24	DLES Sports Meet
25	Grade 7 Dinner
26	Assembly 9:30 am
26	Early dismissal 11:47 am
27	School is out for the summer!!

MAY

No School
Victoria Day
Monday, May 19, 2025

Share the Love
Wear your house team colour!
Friday, May 16, 2025

No School
Pro-D
Friday, May 9, 2025

No School
School is out for the summer!!
Friday, June 27, 2025

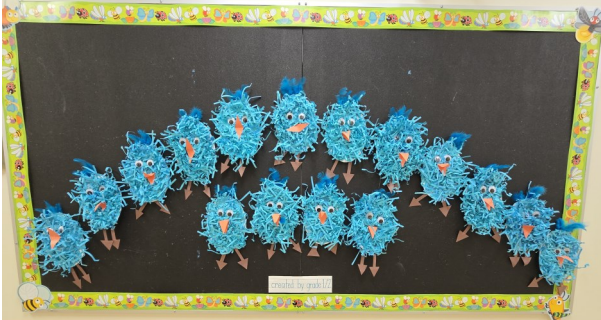
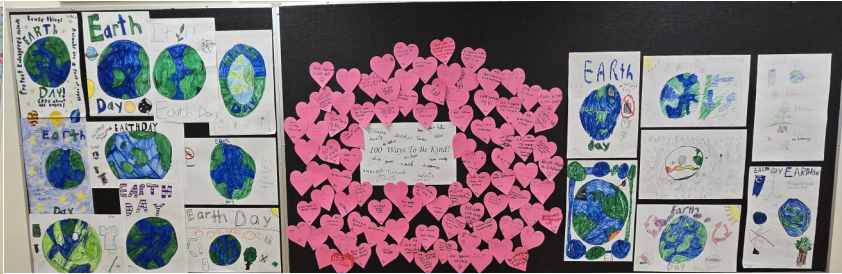
Upcoming Cultural Performances

Thursday May 15th @ 9:30 am—“Dumpsta Dragons”

Thursday, May 22nd @ 1:30 pm—“Where Have All the Buffalo Gone?” (Axis Theatre)

Wednesday, May 28th @ 9:30 am (@WKE) - “Will’s Jams”

Wednesday, June 4th @ 1:30 pm— “Kung Jaadee” – Haida and Squamish Stories and Songs



Art in
our
halls...



DLES Sports Meet

Tuesday, June 24th from 9AM-12PM

Everyone is welcome to come cheer on our Huskies as they enjoy participating in various activities.



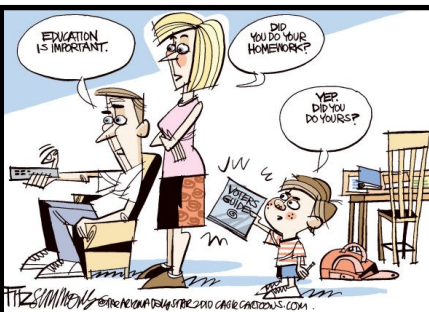
PAC Posts...

Decker Lake

Elementary

Parent Advisory
Committee

Next meeting Date:
Monday,
May 12, 2025
6 pm—8 pm
@ DLES Library



Board Biz...



Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policies are currently open for public feedback
until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025.

Policy 1003.1 – Visitors to Buildings and Sites

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage at www.sd91.bc.ca/policies-and-regulations.



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her Monthly Report at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca.



Draft 2027-28 School Calendar

At its Regular Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025, the SD91 Board of Education passed a motion to collect additional public feedback regarding the draft 2027-28 school calendar

You may view this draft and the District's approved yearly school calendars under the About Us tab at www.sd91.bc.ca.



Decker Lake Elementary is on Instagram!!!

Our new Instagram account is:

dles_huskies

Our Instagram account is private. Followers will need to be given access to join.



A HUGE DLES THANK YOU!!!

goes out to **Mr. Randy Wilson** for donating a dump truck load of sand for our Husky pups to enjoy.

Our Huskies are happy to be building, exploring and creating.



Foundry Burns Lake Presents

SOCCER CAMP 2025

Join UNBC Timberwolves players Morgan & Brityn for a FREE soccer camp with high-energy coaching and valuable skill development.

- **Secondary (Grades 8+):** Friday, May 23rd from 3:15 PM – 7:00 PM
- **Elementary (Grades 5-7):** Saturday, May 24th from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

- ✓ Free for youth grades 5-8+
- ✓ Snacks & meals provided
- ✓ Chances to win prizes
- ✓ Skills development & games
- ✓ Transportation available

REGISTER BY MAY 21st VIA QR CODE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!
SHELBY PAYNE @ (778) 916-4788
FOUNDRY@CSFS.ORG

REGISTER TODAY!



Logos: Timberwolves, 91, Foundry Burns Lake, Curious Burns Lake Family Services



Our in-house magician, **Michael Hull** fascinated the Grade 3/4 class with his card tricks!



DECKER LAKE ELEMENTARY

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

FOR KINDERGARTEN TO 6TH GRADERS

Are you searching for the perfect licensed school-age care on school grounds program that combines fun, learning, and growth? Look no further!

Registration is now open!

7 - 8:30 am / 2:47 - 5:15 pm

- Families can apply for an Affordable Child Care Benefit to reduce the monthly fee
- K \$ 200/month (AM & PM)
- Gr 1 - 6 - AM only \$ 209
 - PM only \$ 312
 - Before & After \$ 405

AS LOW AS **\$200** PER K CHILD

Contact us now to secure your child's spot **250 698 7301** Decker Lake Elementary

...Art in our halls continued.

Friday, May 16, 2025

Help Support

Jump Rope for Heart

and have fun!!!

Some of our staff have volunteered to receive a pie in the face if a minimum of donations are received!!!

Mr. Skinner, Assistant Superintendent (voluntold by Mr. Iker) \$200

Ms. England \$500

Mr. Iker, President of BL Teacher Assoc. \$600

Mr. Williams \$750

Ms. Eftodie \$1000

Mrs. Blair \$1250

Ms. Hiebert \$1300

Mrs. Ahlbrand \$1500

Mrs. Stevenson \$1750

Miss Lee \$1999.99

Ms. Giesbrecht \$2000

Mrs. Paulson \$2001

Support heart health with Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – a fundraiser that will encourage our students to get active, build healthy habits and give back.

Here's why we're participating

1. Money raised by our school helps Heart & Stroke drive important heart and brain research that will save lives, prevent heart disease and stroke and support families living with these conditions.
2. Jump is an inclusive event for all abilities to get kids moving and help them discover new and exciting ways to get active.
3. Students learn the EASY Healthy Habits that they can use to keep their hearts and brains healthy and help reduce their risk of developing heart disease and stroke later in life.
4. Jump gives back! Students can earn thank you gift cards from Indigo, Amazon or Walmart based on their fundraising level as a heartfelt thank you for their hard work.

How does Jump Rope for Heart work?

At school:

- Starting today, we'll be practicing some awesome skipping and heart-pumping activities!
- We'll be learning about Heart & Stroke's Easy Healthy Habits to keep our hearts and brains strong and healthy to help prevent heart disease and stroke
- It all leads up to our Jump Event Day, where we'll celebrate what we've learned and the funds we've raised with fun jump rope stations, games, activities, and more. It's going to be a blast!

At home:

- You can help support lifesaving research by collecting donations from family and friends.
- There is no cost to participate.
- Fundraising starts now until our Jump Event Day
- Jump Rope for Heart uses an online fundraising platform. To register, create a personalized fundraising page for your child using the link below. When you register, you'll also get:
 - Helpful fundraising tips and ideas
 - Information and tools about the EASY Healthy Habits
 - Insights into Heart & Stroke's life-saving work

Our Jump Event Day is:

Friday May 16, 2025

To learn more about Jump Rope for Heart visit jumpropeforheart.ca

Register Now!

[Decker Lake Elementary School - Burns Lake](http://DeckerLakeElementarySchool-BurnsLake)

or visit jumpropeforheart.ca/registration and search for your school

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Our Grade 3/4 class are quite the little gardeners!! Here they are with the sunflowers they grew.

