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Principal's Message

What does it mean to be a scientist? A quick search on Google revealed that a scientist is someone who systematically gathers and uses research and evidence, to make hypotheses and test them, to gain and share understanding and knowledge. Based on this definition, it is reasonable to say that we have a school full of scientists!

Many of the intermediate students (and their teachers) have been fully immersed in the scientific process since the start of January! The students have decided upon their question, tested their hypotheses, collected, and analyzed data. This week they are making the finishing touches on their presentation board in time for our school science fair on February 19th!

Our school community should be proud of these budding scientists! In addition to this, we want to acknowledge and thank their teachers for their unrelenting support, guidance, and patience! Thank you, Staff, for all your help with this year's school science fair!

Decker Lake WORKS.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Mark your Calendar

February

19 School Science Fair & Gr 3/4
Kager Lake Trip

24 Pink Shirt Day & District
Science Fair

25 District Science Fair

26 Pro D Day- No School

March

5 Report Cards Home

12 Twins Day

15 K and Out of Catchment
Registration starts

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

Why do we wear a pink shirt on **Pink Shirt Day**? It's Canadian.

"David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.' So Mr. Shepherd and some others headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out messages to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again."

GLOBE & MAIL
Nova Scotia, 2007

Today, the world wears pink on Pink Shirt Day to support diversity and make a stand against bullying.



Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Out of Catchment Registration!!!

Pre-registration for children 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**.

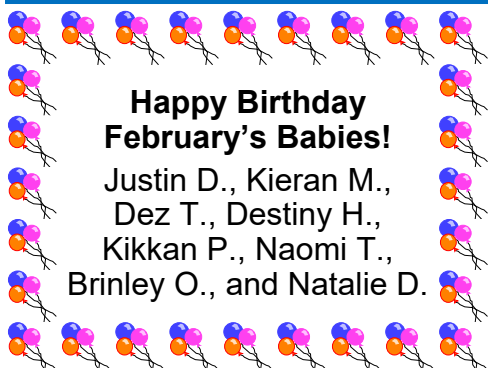
DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2020-2021

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Happy Birthday February's Babies!

Justin D., Kieran M.,
Dez T., Destiny H.,
Kikkan P., Naomi T.,
Brinley O., and Natalie D.



School Board Meeting

Monday, February 22, 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.

What makes DLES such a great school?

"Terrific community of staff, students, and parents."
—Anonymous Staff Member

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

The three most important qualities a scientist can have are curiosity, open-mindedness and scepticism.

Health and Wellness...and ~~Other Business~~ *Happiness! Kindness!*

We're only a "few" days behind...are you up for the challenge?

ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else	4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends	5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour
8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business	14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you
15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them
22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain

"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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
- ☐ Loss of sense of smell or taste
- ☐ Difficulty breathing
- ☐ Sore Throat
- ☐ Loss of appetite

- ☐ Extreme fatigue and tiredness
- ☐ Headaches
- ☐ Body aches
- ☐ Nausea or vomiting
- ☐ Diarrhea

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COVID-19 EDITION

February 16, 2021



New App Simplifies Students' Daily Health Check

Thanks to a new app, it's easier than ever for your students or their parents to complete their daily health check each morning.

Developed in partnership with Public Health and the BC Centre for Disease Control, and a group of students, the [K-12 daily health check website](#) and [mobile app](#) help students and families make the best decisions on whether to attend school, stay home, or take other measures. Questions and answers are easy to understand and are based on current health guidelines. All content is written with the K-12 age group in mind.

As indicated in the [Provincial COVID-19 Health Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#), parents and caregivers should assess their children daily for illness before sending them to school. Please share the information about the new K-12 Health Check App with your students and families to make this process easier.

Go to
www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck
 and download the K to 12 Health Check Mobile App.

Recipe for an active year... More Ideas

So far we've reviewed some ingredients for an active year which includes the following: building a snowman or snow fort, skiing—all types, making snow angels, winter hike, tobogganing, and shoveling. We're adding a few more ideas for you to try out. Keep mixing it up to stay grooving! We'll have more "ingredients" next time!

- ☐ road or ice hockey
- ☐ snowshoeing
- ☐ ice skating

And the last word goes to:

Mrs. Benoit's Grade 7s

Today, Zander's family received the funds the Gr 7s raised! They are today's Heros!

