



DLES

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Principal's Message



Warm Winter Greetings! I trust that you and your loved ones found creative opportunities to create happy memories this holiday season. My husband and I have two dogs, Jack and Tucker, and I'm pretty sure our dogs loved the fact that I was home 99% of the time during the Winter Break! Although I love my time at home, I am ready to get back into a routine and I hope that your child is as well. Early bedtimes will help us perform our best during the day. 😊

As we gear up for a solid term of learning, let us remember the importance of a growth mindset. Students need to be able to accept feedback from others as they improve. Our job is to provide learning activities that make their brain stretch. When we apply the Goldilocks Principle, the work should be a stretch (not too easy but not too hard – just right). Let's do our best every day, take risks, and learn from our mistakes. Cheers to a successful second term at Decker Lake Elementary School.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen

Mark your Calendar

January

- 4 First Day back to School**
- 11-29 SQX Dance Program
Wednesdays and
Thursdays
- 19 PAC Meeting at 6 PM

February

- 15 Family Day—No School**
- 16-19? TBA School Science Fair
- 24 Pink Shirt Day
- 25 District Science Fair
- 26 Pro D Day– No School**

March

- 5 Report Cards Home
- 19 Last Day of School before
Spring Break**

What makes DLES such a great school?

"Great teamwork and support from the staff."
—Anonymous Staff Member

Christmas Presentations

This year, because of COVID-19, we had to do things differently for our families and students. We weren't allowed to hold an assembly to showcase our students' amazing performances. But, what we did do was allow our students to show all our parents what Christmas means and meant to them...through video recordings! Once our school staff teams worked out the bugs and figured out which hoops to jump through AND with the help of a technologically savvy student (no names mentioned, right Zane?), the Christmas concert videos have been uploaded to the video gallery on our school website.

Take a few minutes to check out what our amazing students managed to pull together for all of our enjoyment.

<http://decker.sd91.bc.ca/>

Please note, there is NO "www" in front of the address—it'll show up as a non-existent address if you key them in. Just key it as you see it above.

Raising Money for a Great Cause

Over the Winter Break, one of our Grade 7 students lost his home to a house fire. They've lost everything. Our kind and thoughtful Grade 7s have decided they are doing a hot lunch fund raiser for January. There will be three hot lunches available for January. Watch for your student's menu!

DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2020-2021

- Co-chair:** Shawna Abietkoff
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Have you done your **Daily Health Check** in with your student? Is she or he experiencing any of the following new or worsening symptoms?
If yes, please keep your child home.

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| ☐ 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 |



ACTION CALENDAR: HAPPIER JANUARY 2021



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony" - Gandhi

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for in life and why

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

7 Learn something new and share it with others

1 Find three good things to look forward to this year

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help to brighten their day

11 Switch off all your tech 2 hours before bedtime

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

13 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

14 Take a different route today and see what you notice

15 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

16 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

17 Contribute positively to a good cause or your community

18 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

19 Get back in contact with an old friend you miss

20 Go to bed in good time and give yourself time to recharge

21 Take a small step towards an important goal

22 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

23 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

24 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

29 Use one of your personal strengths in a new way

30 Count how many people you can smile at today

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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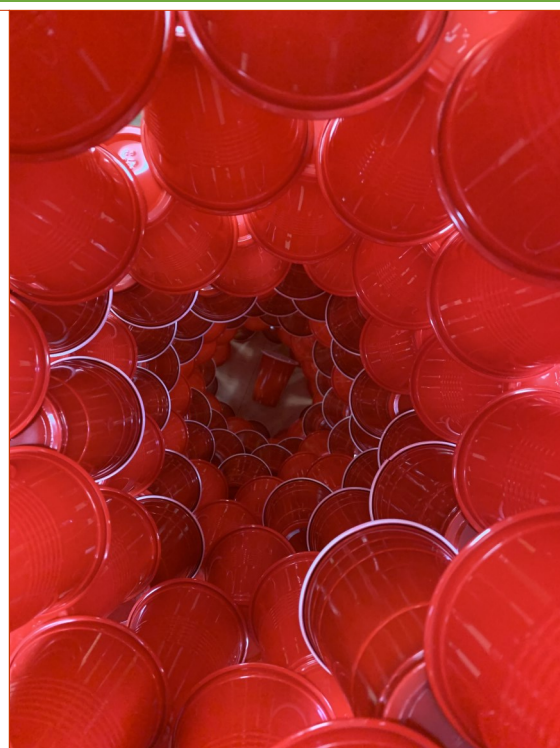
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Look at What They Built!

The Grade 1/2 Class had some time on Tuesday to construct a plastic cup tower. Students learned, through building, how to stack cups higher than themselves (left), and they got to see the really cool pattern created looking down into the middle of the circular tower (right).

No matter how tall a tower of cups get, the best part is STILL watching them come crashing down!



School Board Meeting Results

At the Board meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020, the following Policy and Regulations were given first and second readings:

605.1 – Student Assessment and Evaluation

Please visit <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/policies-and-regulations> to view the draft policies and regulations. Please click on the "feedback" link located above the list of policies to send your comments via email. The **closing date for comments is January 13, 2021.**

Upcoming Board Meetings:

January 18, 2021, and February 22, 2021

And the last word goes to: Fun in the snow!

