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Admin. Assistant ~ Mrs. J. Vossen

Decker Lake Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Every day, Burns Lake and area schools are experiencing a staff shortage due to illnesses and few replacements. In response, the school district is looking for individuals to join our team! If you like children and are a team-player, the school district is looking for individuals to fill a variety of positions on a **casual** and/or full-time basis.

The school district has employment opportunities in several job categories some of which are (but not limited to):

- **Learning Support Worker (LSW),**
- Personal Attendant – Autism,
- Administrative Assistant (AA),
- **Custodians,**
- Personal Care Attendant,
- Ab Ed Worker, and
- Home-School Coordinator.

If you have **one day/week** or more to offer and would like to help in one or more schools, please contact the school district for more details on the hiring process. You can check out the details on-line by going to www.sd91.bc.ca or please feel free to contact Barb McLean, HR Manager.

If you have any general questions or want a nudge, please contact me anytime. I would love to support new applicants in this journey. Thanks for your consideration.

Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

Message from the Secretary...



I just read Mrs. Kelemen's note above and wanted to share *my* story. I worked as a Casual LSW and a Casual AA for years, by *choice*. I had many, many opportunities to apply for and get a full-time job if I wanted. I chose not to until five years ago. My thoughts on this career choice? Best job ever. I mean **BEST JOB EVER!** So, if you'd like a bit of flexibility to try out a new role or two, or even three, being a Casual for School District 91 is a fantastic way to discover what you love best about making meaningful contributions and connections with people of all ages. Give it a try. You may surprise yourself.

Mrs. Vossen

What makes DLES such a great school?

"Awesome school culture. Older students support the younger students."

—Anonymous Staff Member

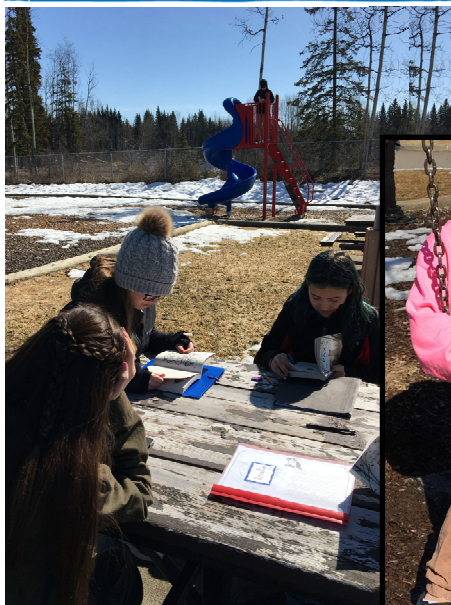
DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2020-2021

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Mark your Calendar

April

- 16 Dress as an Animal Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Pro D Day—No School
- 28 Hot Lunch—Grilled cheese, ice cream
- 29 Newsletter

May

- 11 PAC Flowers Arrive
- 12 Hot Lunch
- 13 Newsletter
- 14 Pro D Day—No School
- 21 Cos-Play Day
- 24 Victoria Day—No School
- 26 Hot Lunch



Spring is on its way!

And with the change in season, we are feeling more warmth, seeing more sun, little bits of greening here and there, and classrooms of restless children...fancy that! This winter, Mrs. Kelemen adjusted the lunch-eating time from 15 minutes to 20 minutes during the coldest part of the year. This spring, she is considering reverting back to 15 minutes to allow our students more time outside. So if your child returns home with a half-eaten lunch, it's likely they were being social during eating time!

Other **AMAZING** News!



Science Fair Cont.



Zoom camera!

This year all students could participate in the virtual Central Interior Science Fair. Dylan Stewart, Grade 6, entered his project "Ice Ice Baby" by submitting an essay and a video before Spring Break. His submission was chosen, so last Thursday he presented his project over Zoom from home. Awards have not yet been given, but we are proud of the extra effort Dylan put into this. Congratulations Dylan!

Recipe for an active year...embrace early Spring !

Melt and mud and dry spots are popping up everywhere—on pavement, on lawns, and on places where snow didn't get packed. We are seeing pussy-willows and early Spring flowers! Last time, we suggested a scavenger hunt, kicking a ball around, and walking after dinner doing our part in our community. It's starting to warm up and here are a few more "ingredients" to explore for an early spring!

- ☐ go find morel mushrooms with your parents or grandparents,
- ☐ go find the perfect pussy-willow stick, or
- ☐ head back to the playgrounds!

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

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TIME IS NOW!

In-Catchment Registration, and Out-of-Catchment Application!!!

If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten next year and wish for your child to attend Decker Lake Elementary School, we recommend you call 250-698-7301 to book an appointment as soon as possible to register your In Catchment child or request an application for your Out of Catchment child.

Please ensure you bring your child's Birth Certificate and Service BC/Care Card to register or apply. Proof of residence may be required.

Board Biz

2021 Honouring Diversity Speaker Series

Welcomes

DR. LEYTON SCHNELLERT

April 20, 2021
5 pm
Microsoft TEAMS

Please come and join our parent and student panelists for this dialogue with Dr. Schnellert who will engage us with central ideas from middle years philosophy connecting research regarding young adolescent development, teaching and curriculum.

Please send questions to info@sd91.bc.ca. You can register and access recordings at www.honouringdiversity8.com



School Board Meeting

Monday, April 19, 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:

May 17, 2021

June 14, 2021

And the last word goes to:

Earth Day is coming up next week! There is a small collection of books that may be of interest, as well as a special Earth Day edition of National Geographic Kids that is available to students at school and home. To see the home version, go to www.sd91.bc.ca and scroll down to Parent & Student Resources. Click Resources for Students and scroll down to BC Digital Classroom. Click National Geographic Kids and in search box, type Earth Day. Enjoy!

