

Principal’s Message

It is hard to believe it is already April! I hope that all students and families had a wonderful Spring Break and Easter holiday. April brings us a time of hope and renewal as well as wishes for a warm summer. It also brings us the opportunity to go and enjoy the wonders of nature and spring with our families. It is a perfect time to discuss animal and plant life cycles, explore rivers and streams to discuss the importance of water and fish or plant a garden or flowers. Exploring nature in our also gives families the opportunity to discuss ecosystems in our region and learn about the plants and animals that live in various ecosystems.

April is also a funny month of unpredictable weather. It is important to check the weather daily to ensure that students are dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. Please ensure that your children pack a jacket or sweater, depending on the weather.

We are now in the home stretch for assessments and learning. It is a busy time for year-end assessments, final projects, and regular assignments. Attendance is critical for student learning as we are teaching important concepts in all subject areas. Although the weather is nicer, it is important to maintain the focus on nightly reading at home and reviewing key concepts for assessments. Students will also be undergoing several district assessments in the next month for literacy, numeracy, and all other subject areas. I wish all students well as they take these assessments. It is important to maintain communication with teachers about ways to support your students in their learning.

If you are looking for strategies for supporting learning with your student (s), please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or your student’s teacher(s).

Regards,
Ms. Sollbach

Mark your Calendar!

April

- 26 Hot lunch—Grilled cheese
- 21 80’s Day Team Points!
- 21 Earth Day Assembly
- 21 Student School-Wide Free Lunch

28 Pro-D Day No School

May

- 5 PAC Movie Night TBD PM
- 6 PAC Meeting 6:15 PM
- 9 National Teacher Appreciation day
- 10 Burns Lake Support Staff Appreciation Assembly
- 11 Jump Rope for Heart
- 12 Pro-D Day No School
- 16 School Photo Day TBD AM
- 19 Plaid and Polka Dot Day Team Points!
- 22 Victoria Day No School
- 24 PAC Appreciation Tea

Photos of kids in this publication are from Silent Sports Day! Enjoy!



Decker Lake Shares...



Jump Rope for Heart will take place May 11!

Watch for your package coming home with your child!



Do **YOU** need childcare? Check this out:

Child Care Survey

Open to all parents/caregivers who reside within SD 91 boundaries

TELL US YOUR CHILD CARE NEEDS (INFANT TO 12 YEARS)

SURVEY WINDOW: APR 11-MAY 11

To complete the 5-minute survey, go to:
<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/837021>

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91
NECHAKO LAKES

Why Can't I Skip My Twenty Minutes of Reading Tonight?

(Source unknown)

Let's figure it out - mathematically!

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week;

Student B reads only 4 minutes a night. .. or not at all!

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.

Student A reads 20 min. x 5 times a week = 100 mins./week

Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 minutes

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month.

Student A reads 400 minutes a month.

Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/school year (if they don't read over Winter and Spring Break)

Student A reads 3600 min. in a school year.

Student B reads 720 min. in a school year.

Student A practices reading for the equivalent of ten whole school days a year.

Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

By the end of 6th grade if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits,

Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days

Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened considerably and so, undoubtedly, will school performance.

How do you think Student B will feel about him/herself as a student?

Some questions to ponder:

Which student would you expect to read better?

Which student would you expect to know more?

Which student would you expect to write better?

Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?

Which student would you expect to be more successful in school.. .. and in life?



Decker Lake Connects...



Do you know a student who would like a summer job? SD91 has a Student Groundskeeper posting available—just for students! It's an opportunity to make a few dollars over the summer! Check out the Jobs link on SD91.

School Wide Photo Day
May 16, 2023

Will take place in the morning, hopefully by 9 AM.

DLES PAC Posts...

DLES PAC Upcoming Date:

Movie Night:

Friday, May 5

Meeting: Friday,

May 5, 6:15

PM. All parents welcome!

Hey! Come work for us! We have fantastic benefits, fair wages, and great work hours! Up for grabs are custodial jobs, in-class aides, admin assistant roles, maintenance roles, bus driving roles, and more! Check out www.sd91.ca and click on "Join our team"! Share with your friends and family! If not for this school year, then maybe for next.

"I've worked for SD91 for more than 14 years; first as a Casual, and now in a permanent role. I've worked in many different jobs and THIS is the best place to work!"

- Mrs. Vossen



Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for the Spring weather—such as sweaters, raincoats, waterproof boots, and splash-pants. Students learn better if they are warm and dry. Let's keep them that way!

Board Biz...



School Board Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2023
6:00 pm

FSJSS Small Gym
Fort St. James, BC

Important Public Attendance Notice:

Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.

Due to limited space and seating availability, please reserve your seat prior to noon on meeting day if you wish to attend in person.

Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

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1. Draft Policy 505.1—Student Records & Access to Student Records by Parents or Students open for public feedback and up for 3rd reading/adoption on April 17, 2023
2. Current 2022-2023 school calendar—April's Pro-D Day is on April 28th
3. Updated school calendars for 2023-24 and 2024-25—National Day for Truth & Reconciliation is recognized as an official stat holiday in BC
4. Draft 2025-26 school calendar—open for public feedback until noon on May 5, 2023
5. Notice of public board meeting for April 17, 2023 in Fort St. James

Mrs. Payne—she *And the last word goes to:* works so hard in the background helping organize PAC's hot lunch, the once -per-month school-wide student snack and lunch Friday, helping students learn to cook, and monitoring for families that need a little extra help. She is remarkable, thoughtful and kind. Thank you, Mrs. P!!!