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Principal's Message

Dear Husky families,

Happy November!

We are now into cooler months which means our Huskies need warmer clothes, especially in the morning. A warm coat, a hat and a pair of gloves or mittens will keep your child warm during periods of time outside in cooler weather. If you need support with clothing for your child, please let us know in the office and we may be able to assist you.

Thank you to parents /guardians who were able to come to our Talk About Learning time on October 22nd. It was wonderful to see so many of you attend. We care about our Huskies and their learning journey. If there is anything you need to support your child at home, please let us know.

We will have a Remembrance Day assembly on Monday, November 10th @ 10:50 AM to honour the men and women who fought for our freedom. Community members are welcome to attend.

Doris Munger will be here during the week of November 24th. Doris is a drummer and storyteller and will work with individual classes during her residency.

If you are planning to be a volunteer at our school in any way this year, you will require a Criminal Record Check. Please drop by our school office for more information.

Wishing all our Husky families a safe and wonderful month ahead. We are grateful to have you as members of our school community, and we hope you feel welcome.

With much gratitude,

Ms. Giesbrecht

Principal - DLES

DLES Shares with Parents...

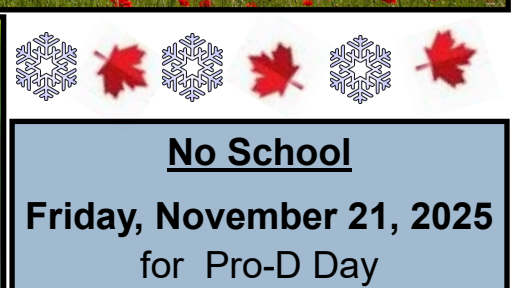
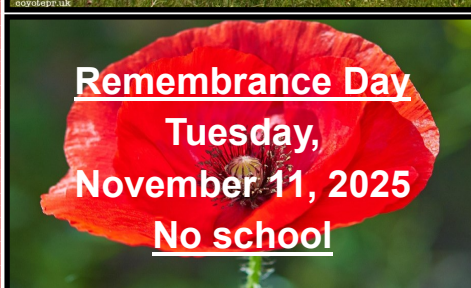
Mark your Calendar

November

- 7 Cozy Winter Poinsettia Order Due
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
10:50 am
- 11 Remembrance Day—**No School**
- 14 PAC School Dance
6 pm—8 pm
- 20 Purdy Orders Due
- 21 Pro-D—**No School**
- 28 Hat Day
- 28 Scoops Gourmet Cookie Dough
Orders Due

December

- 4 Learning Updates & Competency
Reflections go home
- 15 PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- 18 Christmas Concert 1 pm
- 19 PJ Day
- 22-January 2 Winter Break—**No
School**





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.



Remembrance Day Assembly

Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 10:50 am

Community is welcome to attend.



**School District # 91 is currently refreshing
their Strategic Plan and is looking for your
input!!**

Please visit the school district website, watch the
PowerPoint and complete the parent survey.

Resources:

[PowerPoint for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers](#)
[Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Survey Link](#) or QR Code



PAC Post...

Decker Lake Elementary

Parent Advisory Committee

Next meeting date:
Monday, December 15, 2025
@ 6:30 pm
in the DLES Library

facebook

DLES PAC would
love for you to look
us up & join us on
Facebook!

**“Decker Lake
Elementary School
Parent Group”**



DLES PAC
School Dance!!!

Friday,
November 14, 2025
Location: DLES Gym
6 pm—8 pm.

Decker Lake Happenings...

We had the pleasure of having The Guardians of Lake Babine here this week. The Guardians monitor the territory around Babine Lake and are working to help increase our local moose population. They brought several pelts with them to share with our Huskies. Huskies asked lots of great questions and at the end of the presentation, Huskies were allowed to touch the pelts!!!



Spirit North is here every Wednesday to do outdoor activities with all of our students!!



"Oh the weather outside is frightful..."
Inclement weather necessitates our Huskies to come prepared!
Please send your child with proper gear to get them through the day!
(Hats, mitts, gloves, coats, snow-pants.)





Feeding Futures – Nechako Lakes: November Update

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we roll into November, *Feeding Futures* – Nechako Lakes is excited to share the growing amount of locally produced food being used in school food programs. What is more exciting is there are multiple organizations throughout Northern BC working on projects to improve the food system.

Last week, School District 91 staff attended the *Northern Harvest: Seeing Sustainable Futures Through Food and Collaboration* in Prince George. Presentations from keynotes highlighted the unique opportunities that exist in Northern BC. Projects currently happening throughout Northern BC, including three with School District 91, showed innovation from many groups working to improve the food system. It was an exciting few days of celebrating the Northern food system, with energy developed for the various projects unfolding in the year ahead!



In Focus - Feeding Futures Guiding Principle

Feeding Futures has five guiding principles. Each newsletter will focus on one. The focus this time is:

"Programs support BC foods to grow local communities, economies and food system resilience."

- Babine Elementary-Secondary School had a successful growing season with new garden beds funded by an *Imagine Grant* and *Whole Kids* grant. Potatoes and carrots have been harvested, and are being used in the daily lunch program.



- Decker Lake is getting ready to use a new hydroponic growing wall to grow lettuce, kale and herbs. This is part of funding from a *Farm2Cafeteria Canada* grant.
- Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary School and Mouse Mountain started purchasing beef from Copper T Ranch. The locally raised beef and sausages have been used in various meals since September, and will continue with more beef being bought this month.
- In September, Nechako Valley Secondary School made a harvest soup for lunch. This soup featured local, seasonal produce of squash, carrots and potatoes from Felicity and Borno farms.
- The beef being served for lunch at WL McLeod, Evelyn Dickson and Sinkut View comes from a kindly donated 4H cow. Thank you!



- The school meal worker at Fort St James Secondary School made 300 meatballs using lovely Reimer Ranch beef and served it as sweet&sour meatballs with chow mein noodles. The meal was a hit with the students!

Other Items

- Schools are always looking for new recipes and meal ideas. If you have one, please share.

Did you know? The school district is working with local food producers and processors such as: Bakkerij Lobelle, Reimer's Ranch, Brophy Ranch, Speckled Sow, Copper T Ranch, Felicity Farms, and Borno Farms. Conversations are ongoing to start working with more local producers as connections are made.

Comments heard throughout the school district:

"I wish a program like this existed when I was in school. It is so important to have food to be ready to learn."

"Mr. K can I PLEASEEEEEEE have a carrot out of the garden?!"

"The students are loving the food, it just flies."

Kind regards,

Robyn Turner-Klopper, RD

Food Programs Manager, School District 91 – Nechako Lakes



School Board Meeting Monday, November 17, 2025 6:30 pm

School Board Office
Vanderhoof, 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 request your seat in advance 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 visit www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information for the Teams link.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes.

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Let's Grow Together!!!

Decker Lake is getting ready to use a new hydroponic growing wall to grow lettuce, kale and herbs. This is part of the funding from a **Farm2Cafeteria Canada** grant.

Culinary Herbs



Board Biz...



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca or on our [Board of Education Updates](#) page.



Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback **until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025.**

[Policy 202.2 – Staff Conflict of Interest](#)

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.

Nechako Lakes seeks YOUR Input, Burns Lake community members!



As we near the end of 2025, it is time to update our Strategic Education Plan.

We hope to hear diverse voices and opinions from a wide scope of Rightsholders, stakeholders, community members and partners. Your input will help inform our updated Strategic Education Plan that will guide our work into the 2030's!

Please join us for our in-person community engagement session on **Wednesday, November 5 – 4:00 p.m.** in the Learning Commons (library) at LDSS. This session will consist of small group / round-table conversations so every voice can be heard.

We will also hold virtual sessions on **November 19 (3:00 p.m.)** and **November 25 (6:00 p.m.)** for those who are unable to attend in person.

Please visit our [Strategic Education Plan webpage](#) for online meeting links and more information.

Medication Forms

Has your child developed a new condition such as:

- Asthma
- Allergies

Or **any other condition that requires a medication?** Please contact the school office and we will help you with documentation.

Decker Lake Wants YOU...

School District 91 and DLES have opportunities available well-worth checking into! Try considering a career change or a location change and spend more **awesome** time with your kids while investing in their futures. Your schedule could be aligned with your kids which means they'd be in class on time, at school every day, and they'd benefit from your commitment to your job. Check out "Join Our Team" on SD91.bc.ca. Just a little thing to think about...!

CURRENT FUNDRAISING!!!

If you need an order form, please contact the office @ 250-698-7301.

Cozy winter fundraiser

Grown with farm fresh goodness

Decorations & Mixes

May vary from plant to plant.

We have a variety of plant mixes, tins, & ornaments!

6.5" Poinsettia

Our signature holiday floral! Treat yourself to a velvet red or ivory white poinsettia (15" tall).

\$15

Indoor Planter

Toasty fireside nook! 4 lush plant mixes snugly tucked into a charming holiday tin.

\$38

Holiday Wreath

Cozy woody greeting! Crafted from fresh noble, cedar & juniper, wrapped in elegance.

\$38

Greenery Arrangement

Regal flora elegance! Misted in woodland berries, frosty pinecones & grand crimson bow.

\$50

Hanging Bough

Enchanted woodland grove! Heritage burlap bag stuffed with greenery & illex berry sprigs.

\$36

Table Top Trio

Delightful gift bundle! A charming trio of gaultheria, mini cypress, & frosty fern.

\$25

DLES PAC Fundraisers:

Cozy Winter Fundraiser
Due November 7, 2025

Scoops Gourmet Cookie Dough & Cheesecake
Due November 28, 2025

DLES Fundraiser, run by Mrs. Cathy Blair:

Purdys Winter Fundraiser
Due November 20, 2025

Decker Lake Elementary School PAC



Cookie Dough - \$27

- 2.7 lb Pail – 44 cookies
- Can be stored frozen or refrigerated
- A variety of flavours to choose from
- Quick and delicious snack
- Bake with your family!

Cheesecake - \$28

- 2lb Gourmet Cheesecake
- 14 individually sliced pieces
- 2 Delicious flavours to choose from
- Last minute dessert for birthday, office, or other special event.

All cookie dough contains Milk, Wheat, Soy, Egg *Macadamia Nut May contain Tree nuts, Sulphites—PEANUT FREE.
All cheesecakes contain Milk, Wheat, and Eggs. May contain Tree Nuts, Sulphites, and Soy. PEANUT FREE

Thank you for your participation and support!



FUNDRAISING

— WINTER 2025 —

