

Principal’s Message

Folks outside of the school system often believe that the school year is winding down for us right now but that couldn’t be farther from the truth! The month of May is speckled with district assessments that help measure the growth of students in the key areas of literacy and numeracy. This week, students in grades 3-7 completed a literacy assessment called RAD. Students were expected to read a passage to identify the main idea and supporting details as well as identify reading strategies they employ to build comprehension of the text.

Later in the month, students in grades 1 and 2 will be evaluated on their reading using the assessment tool, PM Benchmarks. Students will read aloud to their teacher who will track accuracy, fluency, self-correction, and comprehension.

The kindergarten students will be assessed in the coming weeks with the EYE (Early Years Evaluation) which measures kindergarten readiness, emergent literacy, numeracy, and physical skills.

At the end of this month, students will complete the Number Sense strand of a numeracy assessment and the grade 3 and 6 learners will write the Spring SNAP.

In conclusion, we are still hard at it and trying to make the most out of our time together before the school breaks for summer. We want all learners to be reading and writing at grade level so we appreciate it when they can come to school well rested and on time. All data sets from the above assessments will be reported on at a school level in the coming months. Please touch base with your child’s teacher if you wish to know the specifics regarding your child’s progress with the district assessments.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen

Did You Know...

If your child misses school...	It will equal...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling (Gr K to 12), that becomes...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly one-and-a-half years missed
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over two-and-a-half years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over FIVE years missed
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly EIGHT years missed

Surprising Data...Right?

It may not seem like much—a day here and there—but over time, it has a real, detrimental effect on your child’s education and on their lives. Your child misses opportunities for building healthy relationships with other students and adults, for learning useful information that makes life easier and better, and for developing valuable skills that will serve your child for the rest of their lives. Each day your child comes to school, he or she learns another small piece about life to add to their personal toolkit from the last time they were at school. Each and every day, DLES offers many affordable and worthwhile opportunities for learning. It’s a GREAT kids’ place to be!

Mark your Calendar

May

- 13 Pro D Day—No School
- 17 Share The Love Day
- 23 Victoria Day—No School
- 26 Dress as Your Future Career Day

June

- 2 School Photo Day
- 7 7-Up Day
- 22 Report Cards go home
- 24 Sports Day

DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2021-2022
Co-chair: Shawna Abietkoff
250-304-8398
Co-chair: Shawna Belcourt
250-691-1094
Secretary: Amy Dash 250-691-1612
Treasurer: Dallas Matson
250-692-0516

Is someone else picking up your child today?
Please call and let us know before 1:45 PM.

May 12 is Moosehide Campaign Day.

Its purpose is to help end violence in families, to help create safe spaces and communities, to encourage healthy masculinity, and to promote cultural sensitivity and anti-racism.

Decker Lake will be recognizing Moosehide Campaign Day with free pins, and if students and staff desire, fasting for this day.

Wearing the pin shows a commitment to honour, respect, and protect women and children in our lives, and to end violence towards them. It is also a tangible connection to Indigenous culture.

Fasting is an important Indigenous practice to deepen our personal commitment to prevent violence in the home.

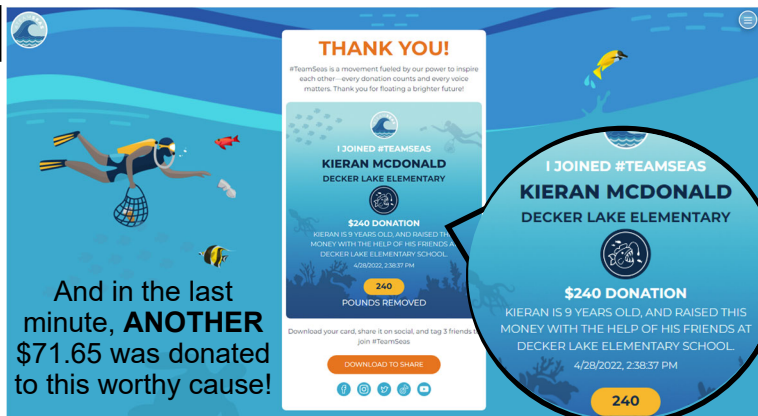
Decker Lake Informs...



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Kikkan Paulson

received a **Gold** in her Speech Arts Performance at this year's Lakes District Festival of the Performing Arts! Well Done!!!



And in the last minute, **ANOTHER** \$71.65 was donated to this worthy cause!

The Legal Stuff...

Did you know that unless our school has a copy of a court order on file or of a legal agreement or of any other legal arrangement, both parents are able to see or visit or take a student at any time? If you're not sure if you've given us a copy of your documents for your student's file at DLES, please call and we will check. We will gladly make a photocopy of your original document for our records.

Commerce Exchanges

Please do not send your child with items to sell on the playground or with money to buy items. We cannot be responsible for missing change or "bad business" exchanges. Please keep your small toys at home.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN AND READY SET LEARN

DATE: MAY 18th 2022
TIME: 1:30-2:30 P. M.
LOCATION: DECKER LAKE ELEMENTARY

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN IS FOR STUDENTS REGISTERED AT DECKER LAKE ELEMENTARY, AND READY SET LEARN IS FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-4 YEARS IN THE DECKER LAKE CATCHMENT AREA.

PLEASE PHONE AND RESERVE A SPOT TODAY AT 250-698-7301.



School Board Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022
6:00 pm

Important Public Attendance Notice:

***With the current Covid-19 concerns, public attendance will be limited to virtual only. Any public wishing to join the meeting will be provided a virtual link.

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.

OUT OF CATCHMENT DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING...

SUNDAY MAY 15, 2022

If you want your child to attend Decker Lake Elementary for next year (2022-2023) and you don't live in the catchment area, be sure to get your child's Out of Catchment Application in before the deadline! Out of Catchment Applications are available at the office.

Wild Goose Chase Fun Run!

May 15th at 10:00am
WL McLeod Elementary

3.5km Run, 8km Run, 5km walk

Open to EVERYONE of all ages!

Lots of draw prizes! Medals for all kids under 8 years old

Must Register On-Line at:

<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=28747&lan=1&cartlevel=1>

(Or go to www.zone4.ca and search "Wild". Email zoe-walk@hotmail.com for questions. **NO DAY OF REGISTRATION THIS YEAR!**)

And the last word goes to:

Our grandmothers.
They are our
history keepers, our
wisdom keepers,
and our fountains
of infinite love.

