

NEWS

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Decker Lake Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Report cards went home last Friday, March 4, 2022. This is a time when parents/caregivers get an overall glimpse into how their child is doing in the current school year. Think of the report card as a window into the classroom. This isn't a view that you want to ignore – so please look in the window and take time to understand who your child is in the classroom and how you can best support them in their schooling.

One area of concern is poor student attendance. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school year, or about 19 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance. While our school tracks daily student attendance, we wrestle with ways that we can help students improve their attendance rates. Sometimes we phone the family to see how they are doing, or we mail out the school newsletters so families can stay connected to the school. While these gestures hopefully show that we care about your child and miss them, they don't yield big gains in attendance rates. What can we do as a school to promote good attendance? In what ways can we support families of children with chronic absenteeism? These are questions that we wrestle with, and we wish we had all the answers because attendance matters. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

While some students are not fans of report card time, the core purpose of report cards is to help students improve and grow. Please read over the comments your child's teacher has taken the time to write and make a special note of the attendance label at the top of the report card. Thank you for your on-going dedication to your child's success at school.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal

**This is the Last Newsletter
for March!!!**

Mark your Calendar

March

- 13 **Spring Time Change**
- 14 Kindergarten Registrations and Out of Catchment Applications open
- 17 St. Patrick's Day—Wear Green
- 18 Gr. 4/5 Omineca Ski Trip
- 18 PJ Day
- 18 Last Day before Spring Break

Spring Break Mar. 21—Apr. 1

April

- 4 First Day back to School
- 12 PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
- 14 Indoor Silent Sports Day PM
- 15 Easter Friday—No School
- 18 Easter Monday—No School

Please remember to sign and send your child's report card envelope back to school!

Out-Of-Catchment and Kindergarten Registration!

Starting Monday, March 14, 2022, **Decker Lake Elementary** will be accepting registration applications during the following hours:

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM,
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM



Out of Catchment Application Announcement

Registration for Kindergarten students and for out-of-catchment applications begins this coming Monday, March 14th. Burns Lake parents, please note that for the coming 2022–23 school year,

Out-of-catchment applications are not being accepted for Francois Lake Elementary School.

Parents wishing to have their child attend a school out of their home catchment area must complete the application form at the school they are hoping to attend next school year. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis up to May 15, 2022. It is recommended that parents & guardians also register their students at their home school to ensure space if their application is not accepted.

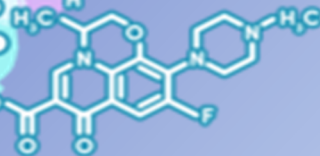
DLES still has some Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) to be distributed. One test per student, at this time.

Pink Shirt Day was acknowledged and participated in with most DLES students. This is just a quick pic of students who answered the photo op call!



Decker Lake CELEBRATES!!!

SCIENCE



SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS 2022

Grade 7 2nd Place tie: Dylan Stewart (DLES): *Let It Melt*, and Rhys Griffin and Alexa Bell (DLES): *Yay or Neigh*

Grade 6 3rd Place tie: Coby MacLellan (DLES): *Grow, Grow, Grow*

Grade 5 Honourable Mention: Lily Davis (DLES): *Foil the Spoil*

Back row:

Dylan Stewart
Coby MacLellan
Lily Davis

Front row:

Alexa Bell
Rhys Griffin

FUTURE
NOBEL PRIZE
WINNERS!



Community Connections...

Movie Night at the BEACON

March 19, and March 20, 2022, at 2:00 PM

"Encanto"

March 26, 2022, at 2:00 PM

"Sing 2"

Free Ticket and Free Small Combo! #
Sponsored by CSFS Early Years Program

FREE Glee Club Class

Little Jammerz will be running a free online Glee Club Class for students that love to sing and perform in Grades 1-5. Students will learn to sing & perform pop songs with cool dance moves. We focus on pitch, breathing, and performing techniques. The class is taught online using Zoom. To sign up, go to littlejammerz.com/mar30 or scan the QR code. info@littlejammersz.com

DATE: Wednesday March 30th, 2022
TIME: 5PM-5:30PM



DRAFT 2024/2025 School Calendar

At the February Board meeting, the Board of Education released two options for the 2024/2025 School Calendar for public consultation.

Please go to the link below to view the two options and provide feedback:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/school-calendar>

Please send your feedback by
Monday, March 14th at noon.

And the last words go to:

Ms. Menzel, Mrs. Payne, Miss Woode, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Coulson and Ms. Hushard, who during a week of many illness-related staff absences, filled gaps, covered responsibilities, and did a **monumental** job to keep our school safe and welcoming for our school community!