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# Decker Lake Elementary School

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## Principal's Message

On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank all the parents/caregivers that gave of their time to attend a Parent/Teacher conference on October 19th! Our school saw a steady stream of visitors on this day which was great to see after a two-year hiatus from in-person parent/teacher interviews! I trust that you found your appointment to be worth your time and that you felt welcome at our school! Our first term report cards are not scheduled to go home until December 14th so please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns before report card season. Research shows that positive connections between parents and teachers improve children's academic achievement, social competencies, and emotional well-being. By working together, we can support your child! Thank you for all your time and support!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Kelemen

### Mark your Calendar

#### October

28 PAC Movie Night 5:30 PM

31 Hallowe'en

#### November

10 Remembrance Day  
Ceremony 11 AM

11 Remembrance Day—No  
School

22-23 Book Fair

24 Crazy Sock Day

25 Pro D Day—No School

#### December

2 Volleyball Tournament

14 Report Cards go home

15 Christmas Concert 1 PM

16 PJ Day

## Movie Night at DLES!!!

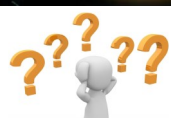


### Friday, October 28th!!!

- ★ Doors open at 5:30 PM. Movie starts at 6:00 PM.
- ★ Admission by donation.
- ★ 2 Raffle Baskets!!
- ★ Concession open: Hot dogs, popcorn, chips candy bags, water. No outside food, please.
- ★ Parents/Guardians must stay with their children.

## Halloween

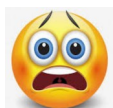
Once again the Grade 6/7 class will be hosting a **Spooktacular Halloween Fest** on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The event will begin in the gym at 10:45-11:20 for the two primary classes and at 11:25-12:00 for Mrs. Lowes and Ms. England's classes. Games and a haunted house await. In addition, there will be a dance for the whole school at 2:15-2:35! Come one come all to the Halloween Ball!



Taking your child after school?  
Does your child usually ride the  
bus??? Please let the office know

by 1:30 PM—long before busses come!

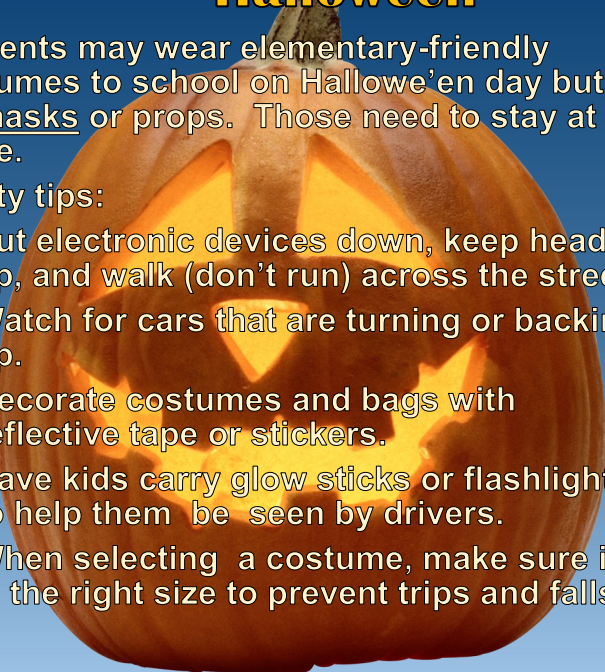
Missing children are a serious concern.



Students may wear elementary-friendly costumes to school on Hallowe'en day but no masks or props. Those need to stay at home.

Safety tips:

1. Put electronic devices down, keep heads up, and walk (don't run) across the street.
2. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
3. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers.
4. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them be seen by drivers.
5. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.





## Decker Lake Reflects...



On Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 11 AM in the gym, the staff and students will be attending our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us. Please arrive 10 minutes before to be seated.

DLES observes Remembrance Day the day before to teach our students about the people who gave their lives in war and how to remember, respect and honour those sacrifices. Because of those sacrifices made then, we are free to live as we do today.

November 11 at 11 AM is observed internationally, sometimes with names other than Remembrance Day such as Veterans Day in the USA, or Armistice Day in France.

We are reminding students, staff and visitors to please remain seated, remove their hats, to turn off and leave cell phones alone, and remain respectfully quiet, for the entire assembly.



## Decker Lake PAC Post...



For all new and returning parents, if you have not signed up to the DLES Facebook parent page, please reach out to a PAC member or other parents who may be on it. It's a great way to stay in the loop with what's happening at school. Also, PAC meetings are a great way to know what's happening and meet other parents. Come on out and join the conversations.

### DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2022-2023

**Co-chair:** Shawna Abietkoff

**Co-chair:** Nikki Shumka

**Secretary:** Amy Dash

**Treasurer:** Dallas Matson

### Poinsettia Fundraiser is coming soon!!!

PAC is raising funds for an Outdoor Classroom for Decker Lake!



Watch for the paper order forms coming out and this year there will be an option for online ordering as well.

Orders will be due by November 9th!

Pick up will be November 23rd!!!



## Decker Lake Dispatch...

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT!!!

Yup! It's really happening this year! Mark it on your calendars!!!

DLES's Christmas Concert **will** take place

Thursday, December 15, 2022, from 1 PM to 2 PM!

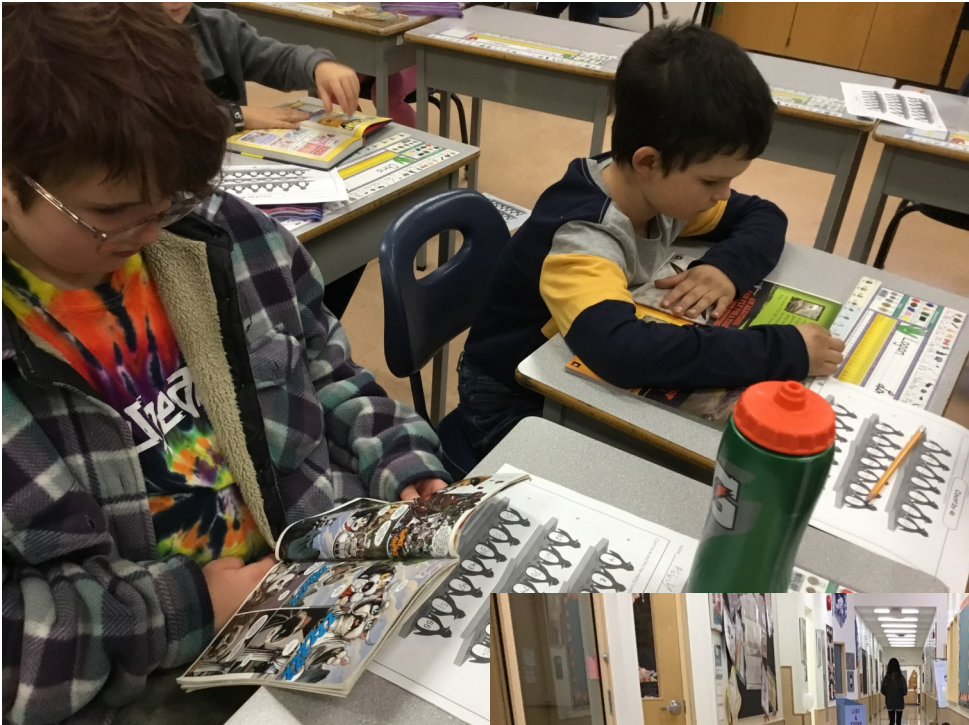
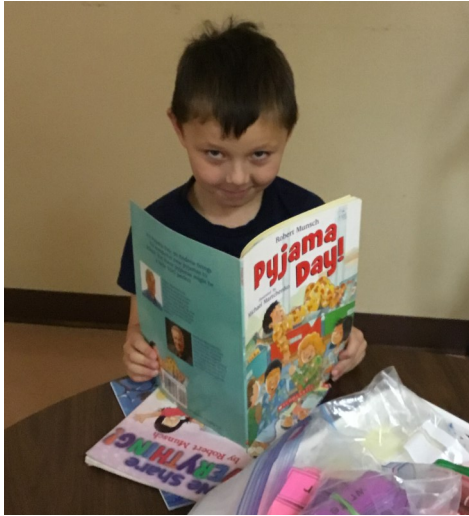
See you there!



Decker Lake Delivers...

**Decker Lake Drops Everything and Reads...**

On October 25, 2022, all DLES Huskies dropped everything and picked up a book to read for a full 15 minutes! It was a great time to remember that books are amazing windows into other worlds where readers see in their minds adventures and experiences that they may never see in real-life!!! The Huskies were sent on in-school imagination-field-trips to everywhere!



**Book Fair!**

Speaking of books, the Book Fair is coming November 22 and 23! Here's a chance to get some early shopping done and give gifts of amazing adventures and experiences! What a fabulous way to grow our kids' minds!

**Lunch Bell Change**  
**Starting on Tuesday, November 1st, students will have an additional 5 minutes to eat and get ready to lay outside. Students will have from 12:00 to 12:20 to eat and from 12:20 to 12:45 to play outside.**



Decker Lake Dispatch...

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**Fantastic News!!!**

Rachelle van Zanten, Community Project Leader for Spirit North Program, applied for and received a generous grant to purchase skis for Decker Lake Elementary! Check out the quote from the response letter below:

**“Re: Spirit North Program Ski Purchase – Decker Lake Elementary – Wet’suwet’en Program**

Burns Lake Community Forest would like to thank you for your donation request. Comfor Management Services Ltd./Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd. Board of Directors has reviewed your donation request to support the Spirit North Ski Purchase Program. On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to inform you that the Board has approved your request in the amount of \$2,595.60.”

**Thank you Rachelle and Chris** for making this happen for our community!!!

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Just an FYI...

School or bus service may be interrupted due to an unforeseen circumstance such as power outages, poor weather, and road closures. In addition, and as you might be aware, many school districts in BC are experiencing staff shortages and SD91 is no exception. Currently we are in need of spare bus drivers, Learning Support Workers, and certified teachers. With this in mind, we ask that you ensure you have a back-up plan in place for childcare and transportation in the event that service or school is interrupted.

This plan will also be important if your child needs to go home during the day due to illness. Although these situations can be inconvenient, ensuring that a plan is in place for each child (as well as having your most up-to-date contact information at the school) will help these days go as smooth as possible.

Please ensure you have a plan in place in case your child needs to stay at home or needs to go home, and please ensure your contact information is correct and current.

We'll be happy to confirm our information if you contact us!!!

TEAM  
TALLIES

Crazy  
Hat Day  
Blue: 16  
Red: 16  
Green:  
20  
Yellow:  
15

COVID-19 isn't done with us yet, not until the Leading Lady sings! So, if you're not sure if that sore throat that your child has is COVID or not, please **test** for it. If you've run out of Covid tests, we have lots here at the school, **free** for the taking. We will be happy to hand them out to adults!



PART-TIME, FULL-TIME & CASUAL

**WE ARE  
HIRING**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91**  
NECHAKO LAKES

**ALL POSITIONS:**

- BUS DRIVERS
- LEARNING SUPPORT WORKERS
- PERSONAL ATTENDANTS
- ABORIGINAL ADVOCATES
- CERTIFIED TEACHERS
- CUSTODIANS
- SUBSTITUTES

**\*GREAT WAGES AND BENEFITS**

**\*NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR MANY POSITIONS**

**\*TRAINING PROVIDED**

**For more information:**

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[Teacher Hiring](#)

Mike Skinner-[mskinner@sd91.bc.ca](mailto:mskinner@sd91.bc.ca)

**Current Postings**

[WWW.SD91.BC.CA/APPS/PAGES/EMPLOYMENT](http://WWW.SD91.BC.CA/APPS/PAGES/EMPLOYMENT)

A day in the school forest!



PAC Meeting  
November 24  
at 6:30 PM  
DLES Library

Follow DLES  
on Instagram  
#deckerlake  
huskies

Want to be at **home with your kids** after school? How about during holidays? **Need money?** What about taking a position here, at **Decker Lake Elementary School**? We're looking for a Relief Learning Support Worker, and we have two openings for Noon-hour Supervisor! Imagine this...take a position, get off at the same time as your kids, and bring in a few dollars! It's a great place to work! Come join us!

Board Biz ...

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91**

**Superintendent's Report to the Board**  
Regular Board Meeting

Superintendent Karla Mitchell presented the 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the October 24, 2022, Board Meeting.

Please go to <https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/news-from-board-meetings> to view the report.

*And the last word goes to:*

Mrs. Benoit and her Grade 6 and 7 students for planning to host the school-wide Hallowe'en Carnival and Dance! Kudos, Mrs. Benoit and Gr 6-7s!!!