



**HS
NEWS**

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Coming Up

Feb 10-14 ~ Colouring Contest
Feb 12 ~ Grilled Cheese/Carrots
Feb 13 ~ DLES Science Fair
Feb 14 ~ Meat Orders Due
Feb 14 ~ Burgers/Ice Cream
Feb 18 ~ Purdys Easter Fundraiser
Information Sent Home
Feb 18 ~ March Friday Lunch Or-
ders Distributed Today
Feb 19 ~ Chicken Caesar Wrap/
Cookie
Feb 20 ~ Clara Clark Bedding
Fundraiser Due
Feb 21 ~ Fake An Injury Day
Feb 21 ~ Burgers/ Ice Cream
Feb 24 ~ March Hot Lunch Forms
Distributed
Feb 25 ~ PAC meeting
Feb 26 ~ Taco Salad/Doughnut
March 3 ~ Meat Orders Arrive
March 4 ~ Hot Dog/Cucumbers &
Dip
March 6 ~ School Colours Day
March 6 ~ Pizza Pop/Ice Cream

Mark your Calendar

Feb 17 Family Day

Feb 28 Pro D Day

Mar 23—Apr 3 Spring Break

April 10 Good Friday

April 13 Easter Monday

Apr 24 Pro D Day

May 15 Pro D Day

May 18 Victoria Day

June 25 Students leave at
noon

Principal's Message

As winter and spring argue over which season we're in, Decker Lake is adding another level to our WORKS

Theme. This month, we will be spending some time on Ownership – increasing our ability to 'own' our actions and reactions and understand that we create the conditions for a positive experience ourselves. This important mindset helps us focus on such skills as taking initiative, problem solving, decision making and assuming responsibility – all very important for success in today's world.

We're now in basketball season and our girls and boys are practicing for their respective tournaments. Be sure to come watch when they play. Hundred's day was a rousing success thanks to Mrs S and Mrs G and the contributions of their students. Nice to see so much excitement over numbers!

This morning, we initiated a Shelter in Place procedure when two moose were reported in the property adjacent to ours while students were outside on the playground. Shelter in place brings all students inside the building in response to an environmental threat in the vicinity of the school. The moose moved on by 9:00 am and the alert was lifted at that time.

DLES PAC EXECUTIVE 2019-2020

**Co-chair: Shawna Abi-
etkoff**
250-304-8398

**Co-chair: Shawna
Belcourt**
250-691-1094

**Secretary: Katie Lam-
bert**
250-251-0521

**Treasurer: Dallas Mat-
son**
250-692-0516

**Hot Lunch: Dallas Mat-
son**
250-692-0516

PAC

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 25

6:30 p.m.

Room 123

**Headlice have
been identified
in our school.
Please make
weekly checks
part of your
routine.**

*Just a
quick
reminder!*



**DLES PAC MOVIE
NIGHT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30
MOVIE STARTS AT 7:00
ADMISSION BY DONA-
TION
RAFFLE BASKETS
CONCESSION AVAILA-
BLE
HOTDOGS, POPCORN,
CHIPS, CANDY BAGS,
WATER
NO OUTSIDE FOOD
NO DROP-OFFS**

**PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN
DURING THE MOVIE
DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED
AND THOSE INVOLVED MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE.**



2019/20 Board Meeting

Dates and Locations

All meetings begin at 6:00 pm

Date	Location
Feb. 24, 2020	School Board Office
Mar. 16, 2020	School Board Office
April 20, 2020	School Board Office
May 25, 2020	School Board Office
June 15, 2020	Muriel Mould Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Video Conference Locations:	
Vanderhoof School Board Office – Board Room	
Fort St. James Fort St. James Secondary School – Video Conference Room	
Fraser Lake Fraser Lake Elementary-Secundary School – Video Conference Room	
Burns Lake Muriel Mould Neighbourhood Learning Centre – Meeting Room	



**Canada's Ballet Jorgen
Presents
'Anne of Green Gables' The Ballet
Friday, February 28 , 2020
7:30 pm
LDSS MPR**

ARTS 4 YOUTH PROGRAM

DRAW FOR ANNE OF GREEN GABLES BALLET TICKETS

Please enter your name into the draw if you would like to attend this event through the **Arts 4 Youth Program**. **The draw will be made on Wednesday, February 19.** Two tickets will be made available for each winner so that a parent may attend with the winner. Please return this form to the office by noon on Wednesday, February 19 if you would like to have your name entered into the draw. Winners will be asked to complete a short 'evaluation' form.

Student Name : _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number : _____



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent, Manu Madhok, presented his 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the

January 20, 2020, Board meeting.

Please use the link below to view the report:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/808263>

ANNOUNCEMENT

**FRIDAY LUNCHES
WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER
THE END OF MARCH**

WELCOME TO OUR SCIENCE FAIR

The Annual Decker Lake Science Fair will be held on **Thursday, February 13, 2020**. Judging of the projects is from 9am – 12pm (noon). The Science Fair is not open to the public during judging.

Parents, Grandparents, and family friends are **invited to come view the projects from 12:45 pm – 2 pm**. Awards will be presented at 2 pm.



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED - *submitted by Donna Benson, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent*

I am asking for your assistance in helping us find host families for UBC student teachers – this 3 week program helps us recruit teachers to our area. Your responsibility when hosting these teachers is minimal, they need a nice warm/clean place to sleep and meals! There is a \$500 reimbursement (to help cover expenses) for each family that becomes a host.

We have two sets of teachers coming to our district – the secondary teachers will be coming April 27, 2020 to May 15, 2020. The Elementary/Middle Years teachers will be here on June 8, 2020 to June 26, 2020.

If anyone is interested, please contact Donna Benson at 250 692 7782. Please be sure to let me know if there are any restrictions when taking in the teachers (such as animals in the home, dietary etc.).

This opportunity is a great way to sell our northern way of life and show people what our towns and school district have to offer.

Note: We are still in the beginning stages of organizing their stay so details will be given to host families closer to their arrival date.



School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) is seeking applications for the following positions:

- Learning Support Workers (qualified/non-qualified)
- Strong Start Facilitator
- Relief Journeyman Electrician
- Relief School Concession Worker
- Relief Personal Attendant-Autism
- Relief Custodian-District Spare
- Casual Custodians
- Casual Bus Drivers
- Casual Learning Support Workers (qualified/non-qualified)



For an application, go to the Employment section ([Joining our Support Staff](#)) of www.sd91.bc.ca and complete a General Application Form. Email the completed form, a cover letter and resume (in PDF format) to cupejobs@sd91.bc.ca.

Check out our [Support Staff Vacancies \(External\)](#)!

For more information on the positions, see [CUPE Job Descriptions](#) located under Employment Information.

February 10, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are writing to give you updated information on the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), a new virus causing respiratory illness. Families may be concerned about the risk to their families. The highest number of infections continue to be reported from Hubei Province, China. There have been a small number of cases of 2019-nCoV in B.C. which are being very closely managed. The risk to British Columbians remains low.

Our knowledge of this virus continues to grow and we are using new information to adjust our public health recommendations. We are now aware of early evidence that this virus can cause a range of mild to severe symptoms, and it is possible that people will not recognize symptoms that are mild. During this time, they can reduce the chance of spread by limiting contact with others.

Therefore, we now recommend that:

- Students or staff returning from **Hubei Province, China** consider staying home for 14 days after they have left Hubei. They should monitor themselves daily for symptoms like fever or cough. Parents should assist children as needed. Those who develop symptoms should stay home and call their health-care provider or 8-1-1 to discuss any need for testing and follow up.
- Students or staff who have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with 2019-nCoV consider staying home for 14 days after their last encounter. Individuals should monitor themselves daily for symptoms like fever and cough. Parents should assist children as needed. Those who develop symptoms should stay home and call their health-care provider or 8-1-1 to discuss any need for testing and follow up.
- Students or staff who have been in other parts of China (outside Hubei Province) should monitor themselves daily for symptoms like fever or cough for 14 days. Parents should assist children as needed. Those who develop symptoms should stay home and call their health-care provider or 8-1-1 to discuss any need for testing and follow up.

Students required to stay home do not need to worry about missing school. They will have opportunities for distance learning or to catch up once they return.

The Ministry of Education continues to be in close contact with public health officials at all levels of government and ask the public not to make assumptions about the risk of students or staff based on their ethnicity or travel history.

Advice for Students and Families Considering Travel:

Students and families considering travel to and from China are encouraged to consult the [Novel Coronavirus in China Travel Health Notice](#) on the Government of Canada Travel and Tourism site regularly. Recommendations change as new information becomes available.

Advice on School Events, Outings and Field Trips

It is not necessary to cancel school events, outings or field trips to public locations in B.C. and Canada and to most places in the world. The Government of Canada has advised however, the public should [avoid non-essential travel to China](#).

Advice on masks from Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry:

When sick, wearing a mask helps to prevent us from passing on illnesses to other people. But if you are not sick, we do not know if wearing a mask will prevent infection, especially for children who may not be able to wear a mask properly. People wearing a mask may also touch their faces more often, potentially increasing the risk of having the eyes, nose or mouth come into contact with the virus.

Some parents wonder if a child who is returning from an affected area of China should wear a mask to school. Since the main way the virus is spread is through coughing and sneezing, this isn't necessary for healthy children. Wearing masks in public, with a goal of preventing spread of illness, can be a way some communities show respect for others. While we do not recommend wearing masks for healthy children, it is important that any children who do wear masks are treated with respect and not fear.

Reducing the risk of coronavirus, colds and flu

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
- If a sink is not available, alcohol-based hand rubs (ABHR) can be used to clean hands if they are not visibly soiled. If they are visibly soiled using a wipe and then ABHR is effective.
- Do not touch your face/eyes/mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough with a disposable tissue or the crease of your elbow.
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Regular household cleaning products are effective against most viruses.
- Stay home if you are sick and away from others so you don't pass it on.

A new toll-free phone number (1 833 784-4397) has been established to answer questions from Canadians about the 2019 novel coronavirus. Service is available from 7 a.m. to midnight EST. Anyone who is concerned they may have been exposed to, or are experiencing symptoms of, the coronavirus should contact their primary care provider, local primary care clinic, or call 8-1-1.

Further information about novel coronavirus is available on the BC Centre for Disease Control [website](#).

Sincerely,



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