



# VI-KIDS VENTURES

## EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Hadih, Bonjour, and Hello

April 2, 2026

As we head into the Easter long weekend, we hope all of our EDS families enjoy some well-deserved time together. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

A big congratulations to our Robotics teams who will be competing on April 10th! We are so proud of their hard work, creativity, and teamwork. Thank you to Mr. Cayanan and Ms. Mhaey for their time, dedication, and support in preparing our students for this exciting opportunity.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to Ms. Loranger, Miss Oldham, and our Student Council for organizing a fun-filled colouring contest and Easter Egg Hunt. These activities brought so much joy and school spirit to our hallways!

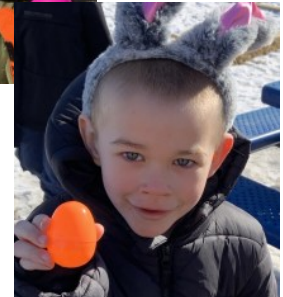
Looking ahead, our Grade 6 students will also be heading to Nadleh Whut'en Education Centre on April 14<sup>th</sup> to participate in *The Brain*, a neuroscience and art installation focused on promoting positive mental health and helping to prevent substance use. This is a meaningful and engaging learning experience for our students.

On April 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are excited to attend WL McLeod's presentation of *Madagascar*—we know it will be a fantastic show.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making EDS such a caring and connected community.

With appreciation,

Barb Ziler  
Principal















# April 2026 MENU



Student's Name:  
Total Amount

Teacher:

If your child regularly receives a Hot Lunch, please check the menu for meals that they cannot or will not eat. Please provide a lunch for your child on those days. Thank you! **Cheques should be made payable to SD91**

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Breakfast Sandwich 	2 Chicken Strips 	3 Good Friday
6 Easter Monday	7 Hot Dog - PAC 	8 Butter Chicken Lasagna 	9 Cheeseburgers 	10 Ham/Turkey Sandwich - Bakery Lobelle 
13 French Toast 	14 Pizza (Cheese or Ham & Pineapple) - PAC 	15 Mac and Cheese 	16 Bacon Ranch Wrap 	17 Ham/Turkey Sandwich - Bakery Lobelle 
20 Potato Bacon Soup 	21 Hot Dog - PAC 	22 Ham and Cheese Bun 	23 BBQ Chicken 	24 Pro-d Day
27 Beef Vegetable Soup 	28 Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni) - PAC 	29 Lasagna 	30 Breakfast Wrap 	

\* Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or gluten free. Gluten sensitive options are available if pre-requested.\*

\*(V) indicates vegetarian option is available if pre-requested\*

## April Birthdays

- Dylan I.
- Joseph R.
- Andrew U.
- Liam L.
- Carter O.
- Torben S.
- Leo B.
- Grayson S.
- Gwen F.
- ZamZam A.
- Nick A.
- Ally K.



## MEAL MANAGE LUNCH ORDER WINDOWS

	Open date	Close date
November menu	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	October 28 <sup>th</sup>
December menu	November 14 <sup>th</sup>	November 25 <sup>th</sup>
January menu **note: longer time due to winter break**	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	January 6 <sup>th</sup>
February menu	January 16 <sup>th</sup>	January 27 <sup>th</sup>
March menu	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	February 24 <sup>th</sup>
April menu **note: longer time due to spring break**	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	March 31 <sup>st</sup>
May menu	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
June menu	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 26 <sup>th</sup>
September 2026 menu **note: open all summer break**	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	September 13 <sup>th</sup>



**PROUD TO BE MCLEOD PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:  
OUR 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRODUCTION**



**MADAGASCAR  
A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR. 2026**

**TICKETS**

\$5 EACH OR \$20 FOR A FAMILY OF 4 OR MORE.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT: WALLACE STUDIOS, QUILTER'S CORNER, W.L MCLEOD OFFICE & AT THE DOOR.

PLEASE PURCHASE THE FAMILY OF 4 OR MORE AT THE MCLEOD OFFICE

CASH ONLY AT ALL LOCATIONS PLEASE

**SHOWTIMES**

THURSDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> - 7 P.M.  
FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> - 7 P.M.  
SATURDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> - 1 P.M.  
SATURDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> - 7 P.M.

Madagascar - A Musical Adventure Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 942-6884 mtishows.com

**MORNING DROP OFF**

Just a reminder that we do not have supervision in place until 8:15 a.m. If you need to drop your child off before this, please contact the office to discuss arrangements.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILLS**

All schools participate in Emergency Preparedness Drills each year. We will have six fire drills, two lockdown practices and an Earthquake drill. If your child talks to you about these drills, please reassure them that the practices are to ensure their safety in an emergency.



**Communication with your Child's Teacher**

Should you have any questions or concerns, you can always reach out to your child's teacher. If you are unsure how to contact them, you can always call our office and leave a message. If you prefer an email, please contact our office and we will ensure you get the information you need.

**Recreation Schedule**

April 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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**2026 Soccer Registration Open**

U6- U18 (born 2008-2021)

Early Bird ends March 30. Registration closes April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Cash or cheque registration email [vanderhoofsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:vanderhoofsoccer@gmail.com)

<https://zone4.ca/event/2026/yaMDn8>



**UPCOMING DATES:**

- \* Apr 2 - Bunny Ears/  
Easter Egg  
Hunt Day
- \* Apr 3 - **Good Friday**  
**No School**
- \* Apr 6 - **Easter Monday**  
**No School**
- \* Apr 17 - District Floor  
Hockey  
Play Day
- \* May 22 - District Primary  
Fun Run (FSJSS)
- \* May 28 - District Track  
and Field (NVSS)



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 ★ We are so pleased ★  
 ★ to welcome ★  
 ★ Mr. Jordan Williams ★  
 ★ back to EDS. Mr. Wil- ★  
 ★ liams is a UBC Teacher ★  
 ★ Candidate who will be ★  
 ★ working with Mr. Gray from ★  
 ★ March 30 – June 5<sup>th</sup>. ★  
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# Robotics Club

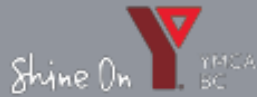


EDS is hosting the  
Robotic Zone 01

April 10, 2026  
EDS Gym

We have 5 teams representing EDS  
Alexis & Rose, Emily & Ezra, Grace & Nicholas, Roman &  
Brody, Brody

Thank you to Mr. C and Ms. Mhay for coaching!



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## Student Council Recycling Team Work!



Whether it's splashing in puddles or playing in melting snow, outdoor fun can get a little soggy!

To keep your student cozy and focused, please pack a labeled

"emergency dry kit"

in their backpack:

- Extra socks (the most important part!).
- A full change of clothes (pants, shirt, and underwear).
- A plastic bag to send home the wet items.

Thank you for helping our adventurers stay warm and dry through the slush!



So many items!! Come and check out the tables in our front foyer!



**Y**  
MCA  
SCHOOL AGE CARE

Sign up today for YMCA School Age Care at Evelyn Dickson Elementary!

**YMCA Before and After School Care includes:**

- quiet and active play
- exciting physical activities
- valuable time outside
- time with staff who truly care about your child

Before School Care		After School Care	
Grade 1 - 5	Kindergarten	Grade 1 - 5	Kindergarten
5 days - \$155.00	5 days - \$105.00	5 days - \$335.50	5 days - \$296.50
3 days - \$92.00	3 days - \$63.00	3 days - \$208.50	3 days - \$185.50
2 days - \$64.00	2 days - \$44.00	2 days - \$170.00	2 days - \$157.00

\*Monthly fees are after the child care fee reduction is applied.

Don't repost it. Report it.

erase.gov.bc.ca

Register at [nbc.ymca.ca/child-care](http://nbc.ymca.ca/child-care)

**2026-27 School Year**

Parents/Guardians seeking to have their child attend school out of their catchment area need to apply for out of catchment

**"OUT OF CATCHMENT" PROCESS\***

Applications Accepted\*:  
**March 9 - May 15, 2026**

Note: This process is different than school registration for in catchment or new kindergarten students

\*Some schools may have limits on out of catchment for next year

For more information:  
Contact your local school and/or Policy and Regulation 301.1

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES**

**Proposed Policy Update**

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026.

[Policy 101.1.1 – Trustee Elections – Bylaw](#)

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the [SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage](#).

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES**

**School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, April 20, 2026**  
**6:30 pm**

**Virtual Meeting via MS Teams**

**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](http://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](http://www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes).

Contact:  
Heather Silver  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent  
250-567-2284 ext. 9003  
[hsilver@sd91.bc.ca](mailto:hsilver@sd91.bc.ca)

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES**

**Superintendent's Report to the Board**  
Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, March 30, 2026.

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

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES**

**Proposed School Calendar**

We are currently collecting public feedback regarding the DRAFT 2028-29 school calendar.

Your feedback will be accepted via email to [calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca](mailto:calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca) until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026. Check out the 'Calendars – Yearly' page at [www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar](http://www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar) to view the proposed calendars.

**NECHAKO LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**  
**SEPT 2026**

**\*\*NEW DATE for 2026\*\***  
Registration Opens:  
**February 2nd**

Registrations accepted for children born in 2021

Parents/Caregivers can register at their local catchment school office

QUESTIONS: CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL OFFICE



### Feeding Futures – Nechako Lakes: April Update

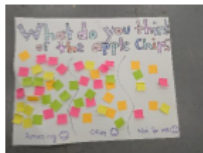
Dear Parent/Guardian,

February and March have been busy months for the *Feeding Futures* – Nechako Lakes school food program. There are several projects underway to enhance the school food program, engage students and to celebrate school food programs.

Current projects underway include a library book refresh. It was noticed that the food and body related books in the school libraries were outdated. It was agreed, with the librarians, that the books needed to be updated. With the help of an *Imagine Grant* from Northern Health, 27 new books have been ordered so far. Each school across the district will be receiving a variety of new books related to food and body.

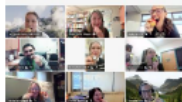


Other projects include continuing to source and try new foods, particularly foods that are from the region and/or province. A new product, [apple chips, orange chips and kiwi chips](#), which are made in BC, were tasted by students at recent school science fairs. Students were given the chance to taste the new food item, and to provide feedback. The results showed the students enjoyed the apple chips and kiwi chips. So, soon this item may be seen at schools.



Every March, during Nutrition Month, the [Great Big Crunch](#) takes place. This annual event invites students, teachers,

parents, community organizations and partners of school food programs throughout the country for a joyful moment in celebrating healthy food at school. This year, the Great Big Crunch has been bigger than ever, with growing excitement over the value and need for school food programs. Over 31000 crunches have been registered, and a few came from a group of BC school district food program managers and coordinators that gathered to celebrate.



This spring is bringing even more exciting developments for school food with the first National School Food Forum, and a regional event Connecting Food in the North.

Kind regards,

Robyn Turner-Klopper, dietitian

Food Programs Manager, School District 91 – Nechako Lakes



## Student Learning Survey 2025/2026

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2026** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades four, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-567-2258

## VANDERHOOF YOUTH SLOW PITCH 2026 SEASON REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS: MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
REGISTRATION CLOSES: APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

ALL REGISTRATION IS DONE THROUGH ZONE 4:



(<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=41263&lan=1&cartlevel=1>)

PLEASE READ THE REGISTRATION FORM CAREFULLY:

- ALL SPECIAL REQUESTS MUST BE MADE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION
- INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING AGE GROUPS ARE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT:

TRACY (BOARD SECRETARY) – 778-388-5689  
EMAIL: VANYOUTHSPS@GMAIL.COM

