



VI-KIDS VENTURES

EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

November 6, 2025

Principal's Message

Hadih, Bonjour and Hello!

What a wonderful (and busy!) week we have had together at EDS. Halloween brought so much excitement, creativity, and joy into our school. A heartfelt thank you to the parents, grandparents, and NVSS students who joined us to carve pumpkins last week—your time and presence helped make the day truly special.

We are also very grateful for our Student Council, led by Miss Oldham and Ms. Loranger. They did an amazing job organizing sock hops for both our primary and intermediate students, as well as a school-wide colouring contest. Congratulations to Athena, Liam, Milauni, and Izzy, this year's Halloween Colouring Contest winners!

At EDS we are very fortunate to be offering noon hour and after school activities for our students. Thank you to Mr. Gray for Wednesday Model Club, and to Mr. Gray and Mrs. Fulgham for organizing European Handball practices on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Mondays Mr. Cayanan leads Robotics Club and on Thursdays and Fridays we have Volleyball. Our grade 4-6 students are busy preparing to compete at the District Handball and Volleyball Tournaments on November 19th.

A reminder that there is no school next Tuesday, November 11 in recognition of Remembrance Day.

Thank you for your continued support and for all that you do to help your child come ready to learn each day. Together, we make EDS a caring and connected community of learners.

With Appreciation,

Barb Ziler

Principal

At EDS we C.A.R.E - Community, Acceptance; Achievement, Respect; Responsibility, Excellence

NOVEMBER MENU

Student's Name: _____ **Teacher:** _--_____

Total Amount: _____

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**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Instructions to Meal Manage				 Link to Meal Manage
3 Beef Stir Fry with Rice 	4 Pizza - PAC	5 Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup (V) 	6 Breakfast Sandwich  Plaid Day	7 Bakery - Chili & Bun 
10 Spaghetti  Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:40	11 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12 Sausage and Eggs 	13 Ham and Cheese Bun and Salad Bar 	14 Bakery - Chili & Bun 
17 Chicken Chow Mein 	18 Pizza - PAC	19 Bacon Ranch Wrap  Handball/Volleyball	20 Breakfast Wrap  Jersey Day	21 PRO-D DAY NO SCHOOL
24 Pizza Bagel 	25 Hot Dog - PAC	26 Quesadilla (V) 	27 Sloppy Joes and Salad Bar 	28 Bakery Sandwich 

UPCOMING DATES:

Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly @10:40
Nov 11 - Remembrance Day - No School
Nov 19 - District Gr 4/5 Handball & Gr 6/7 Volleyball Day
Nov 20 - Jersey Day
Nov 21 - Pro D Day—No school

CELL PHONES



**NOT
PERMITTED
AT SCHOOL**

IS SOMEONE
BOTHERING YOU?
Walk away
Ignore
Talk it out
SeeK help

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. Our next drill is a fire drill and

Visting our Building

Just a reminder to parents and guests that when you are visiting our building you must come directly to the office after entering the front door.

Visitors and parents are not permitted to go into classrooms or other areas of the school. Should there be a need to access the building, a visitor badge will be provided at the office.

Please contact Barb Ziler, Principal, should you have any questions.

November Birthdays

Dominic A.

Mada A.

Max H.

Evie C.

Grayson O.

Braylon G.

Zayne G.

Ezra F.

Milauni W.

Malakai R.

Cora E.

Ryder C.

Castiel T.

Juni H.

Kayden V

Maya R.



Inside vs Outside Days

We try to be outside as much as possible before and after school and during recess and lunch play time. Appropriate outdoor clothing is important. Inside days are determined by the weather and air quality.

On rainy days please ensure your child is dressed to be warm, dry and comfortable when playing outside. Rain jacket, rainboots, and waterproof pants. **It is also a good idea to send a change of clothing.**

On sunny days, especially fieldtrips, sunscreen, a hat, proper footwear and bug spray are strongly recommended. Students should be able to apply this themselves.



MEAL MANAGE LUNCH ORDER WINDOWS

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





Strategic Plan Refresh Meetings

Join the Board of Education to contribute to the future roadmap for Nechako Lakes

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

Vanderhoof Community Engagement Opportunity:
 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025
 Integris Community Theatre (Small Auditorium)
 Nechako Valley Secondary School

Online Sessions Available:
 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 19
 & 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 25
 (meeting links available at the QR code below)

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas!

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THERE'S STILL TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE FOR THE EDS COOKBOOK

This will be an amazing Christmas gift containing recipes submitted by EDS students!



Send a picture of your recipe by email: EDSPAC@sd91.bc.ca
 ...Or come to the clothing swap on October 16th and we will take the picture for you!

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025.

[Policy 202.2 – Staff Conflict of Interest](#)

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage at www.sd91.bc.ca/policies-and-regulations.



School Board Meeting Monday, November 17, 2025 6:30 pm



**School Board Office
Vanderhoof, BC**

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 for the Teams link.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/board-agendas-and-minutes.

Contact:
 Heather Silver
 Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
 250-567-2284 ext. 9003

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.



November Kids Groups

Cost: Free

November is here! We're planning some fun activities for your kids! Space is limited. Registration is required.

Ages: 6 - 12 years of age

November 5, 12 & 18, 2025

3:00pm - 4:30pm

After school movies and board games! Pick one, two, or all three dates!

November 21, 2025

10:00am - 3:00pm

Pro-D Day fun! Join us for a movie, art, and outside activities!

For more information & to register, contact:

Declan Cooper-Smith

Email: dcooper-smith@connexus.ca

Phone: (250) 570-1648



2025 Halloween Colouring Contest Winners





Feeding Futures – Nechako Lakes: November Update

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we roll into November, *Feeding Futures* – Nechako Lakes is excited to share the growing amount of locally produced food being used in school food programs. What is more exciting is there are multiple organizations throughout Northern BC working on projects to improve the food system.



Last week, School District 91 staff attended the *Northern Harvest: Seeing Sustainable Futures Through Food and Collaboration* in Prince George. Presentations from keynotes highlighted the unique opportunities that exist in Northern BC. Projects currently happening throughout Northern BC, including three with School District 91, showed innovation from many groups working to improve the food system. It was an exciting few days of celebrating the Northern food system, with energy developed for the various projects unfolding in the year ahead!



In Focus - Feeding Futures Guiding Principle

Feeding Futures has five guiding principles. Each newsletter will focus on one. The focus this time is:

"Programs support BC foods to grow local communities, economies and food system resilience."

- Babine Elementary-Secondary School had a successful growing season with new garden beds funded by an *Imagine Grant* and *Whole Kids* grant. Potatoes and carrots have been harvested, and are being used in the daily lunch program.



- Decker Lake is getting ready to use a new hydroponic growing wall to grow lettuce, kale and herbs. This is part of funding from a *Farm2Cafeteria Canada* grant.
- Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary School and Mouse Mountain started purchasing beef from Copper T Ranch. The locally raised beef and sausages have been used in various meals since September, and will continue with more beef being bought this month.
- In September, Nechako Valley Secondary School made a harvest soup for lunch. This soup featured local, seasonal produce of squash, carrots and potatoes from Felicity and Borno farms.
- The beef being served for lunch at WL McLeod, Evelyn Dickson and Sinkut View comes from a kindly donated 4H cow. Thank you!



- The school meal worker at Fort St James Secondary School made 300 meatballs using lovely Reimer Ranch beef and served it as sweet&sour meatballs with chow mein noodles. The meal was a hit with the students!

Other Items

- Schools are always looking for new recipes and meal ideas. If you have one, please share.

Did you know? The school district is working with local food producers and processors such as: Bakkerij Lobelle, Reimer's Ranch, Brophy Ranch, Speckled Sow, Copper T Ranch, Felicity Farms, and Borno Farms. Conversations are ongoing to start working with more local producers as connections are made.

Comments heard throughout the school district:

"I wish a program like this existed when I was in school. It is so important to have food to be ready to learn."

"Mr. K can I PLEASEEEEEEE have a carrot out of the garden?!"

"The students are loving the food, it just flies."

Kind regards,

Robyn Turner-Klopper, RD

Food Programs Manager, School District 91 – Nechako Lakes