



# VI-KIDS VENTURES

## EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

January 29, 2026

Hadih, Bonjour, and Hello!

We have been making the most of a wonderful week of winter activities at EDS! Our Grade 3 students have been enjoying their Ski S'kool sessions, while other classes have had opportunities to go ice skating and curling. With the beautiful winter weather, many classes have also been out snowshoeing and sliding on the hills, building skills, confidence, and plenty of smiles along the way. Looking ahead, we are excited for our Grade 5/6 Ski Club, who will be heading to Murray Ridge next week. Thank you to our staff and volunteers who help make these rich outdoor experiences possible for our students!

As we move into February, our school-wide focus will be on kindness. February is a month filled with opportunities to celebrate caring and inclusion, including Valentine's Day, the 100th Day of School, Pink Shirt Day, and our Share the Love Days. This year, Share the Love Days will take place on February 26th and 27th to honour Zero Discrimination Day on March 1st. While plans for these days are still being finalized, we will be sure to communicate details with families once they are set.

We are also beginning to plan for the 2026–2027 school year. Kindergarten registration opens February 2nd. Families who do not live in our catchment area must register at their catchment school first. The Out of Catchment process opens March 9th, with applications accepted from March 9th to May 15th, 2026. Please contact our office if you have any questions or would like more information.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's learning, please connect with your child's classroom teacher. If you're not sure where to start, our school office is always happy to help.

Kind Regards,

Barb Ziler

### UPCOMING DATES:

- Feb 2 - KG Registration Opens
- Feb 5 - Skating (Quintal, Creighton, Gray)  
10 to 11:45
- Feb 6 - Pro D, No School**
- Feb 12 - Skating (O'Meara, Egan, Quintal)  
10 to 11:45
- Feb 12 - Soccer Play Day (Gr 2/3)
- Feb 13 - 100th Day of School  
- Valentine's Day Celebrations
- Feb 16 - Family Day—No School**
- Feb 19 - Skating (Oldham, Mountifield)  
10 to 11:45
- Feb 25 - Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 26/27 - Share the Love
- Mar 10 - Talk about Learning Time (Early Dismissal)
- Mar 12 - District Basketball (Gr4-7)



# February/March 2026 MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> Pancakes and Sausage 	<b>3</b> Hot Dog PAC 	<b>4</b> Chicken and Rice Casserole 	<b>5</b> Pizza Bagel 	<b>6</b>  <b>Pro-D Day</b>
<b>9</b> Eggs and Sausage 	<b>10</b> Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni) PAC 	<b>11</b> Taco Salad 	<b>12</b> Mac and Cheese 	<b>13</b> Ham/Turkey Sandwich Bakery Lobelle 
<b>16</b>  <b>Family Day</b>	<b>17</b> Hot Dog PAC 	<b>18</b> French Toast 	<b>19</b> Salmon Salad Wrap 	<b>20</b> Chili/Bun Bakery Lobelle 
<b>23</b> Chili 	<b>24</b> Pizza (Cheese or Ham & Pineapple) PAC 	<b>25</b> Quesadilla  <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>	<b>26</b> Hot Dogs 	<b>27</b> Ham/Turkey Sandwich Bakery Lobelle 
<b>MARCH 2</b> Corn Chowder 	<b>3</b> Hot Dog PAC 	<b>4</b> Shake & Bake-Style Chicken Legs 	<b>5</b> Turkey and Cheese Sandwich 	<b>6</b> Chili/Bun Bakery Lobelle 
<b>9</b> Fish Sticks 	<b>10</b> ½ Day	<b>11</b> Snack Plate 	<b>12</b> Beef Broccoli 	<b>13</b> Ham/Turkey Sandwich Bakery Lobelle 
<b>30</b> Spaghetti 	<b>31</b> Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni) PAC 			

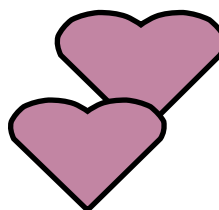
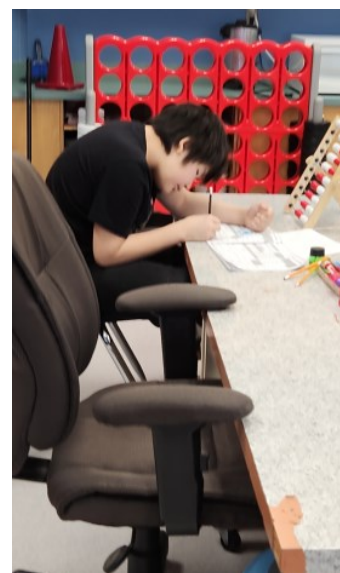
\* Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or Gluten free\*

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

# Recreation Schedule

February 2026

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## Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback  
*until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 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](#).

## 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>



## School Board Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2026  
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](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)



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 6:30 a.m.-school start

Grade 1 +	Kindergarten
5 days - \$155.00	5 days - \$105.00
3 days - \$162.00	3 days - \$132.00
2 days - \$64.00	2 days - \$44.00

#### After School Care school end-6:00 p.m.

Grade 1 +	Kindergarten
5 days - \$335.50	5 days - \$296.50
3 days - \$208.50	3 days - \$185.10
2 days - \$73.00	2 days - \$57.40

#### Before and After School Care

6:30 a.m.-school start and school end-6:00 p.m.

Grade 1+	Kindergarten
5 days - \$433.00	5 days - \$228.00

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



## 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.

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



## Circle of Security

8-week Program. Space is Limited. Registration Required

The Circle of Security Parenting sessions are focused on helping parents and caregivers reflect upon children's attachment needs, to promote secure attachment with a child.

Learn how to:

- Better understand your child's emotional world & learn to read their emotional needs
- Support your child and help them manage their emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honour your child's wish to be secure

Cost: Free

Dates: Every Monday from January 26, 2026 to March 23, 2026

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: 157 Victoria Street West, Vanderhoof  
(Connexus Board Room)

To register or for more information, contact:

Julie-Ann Johnson

Ph: (250) 567-7553

email: [jjohnson@connexus.ca](mailto:jjohnson@connexus.ca)



## 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

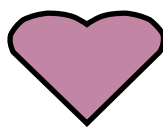
All schools participate in Emergency Preparedness Drills each year. We will have six fire drills, two lockdown practices and an Earthquake drill. If your child talks to you about these drills, please reassure them that the practices are to ensure their safety in an emergency.



ARE YOUR CHILDREN  
MISSING CLOTHING?

OUR LOST & FOUND  
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CELL PHONES







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PERMITTED  
AT SCHOOL



## Visitors/Parents/Caregivers Code of Conduct

Working together, we create a safe and supportive learning environment for students and a safe work environment for staff. Parents, caregivers and any other visitors to our schools support a safe environment by communicating and conducting themselves at the school and school activities respectfully.

<div>Communication</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use our process for addressing concerns – talk to the teacher first then, if follow up is required, contact school administration.</li><li>• Use respectful language whether in person, on the telephone, or through email.</li><li>• Respect staff time by accepting that they will respond to appropriate communication within 2-3 days outside of holidays, evenings and weekends.</li><li>• Clarify your child's version of events with school staff to fully understand and have perspective.</li><li>• Seek a peaceful and reasonable solution to all issues.</li><li>• Social media should not be used to voice complaints against the school, a staff member, parent/caregiver, or student. This is not a productive way to resolve an issue.</li></ul>
<div>Partnership</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Try to ensure your child attends school and reaches out for support if needed.</li><li>• Work together with staff to resolve issues or concerns.</li><li>• Read and discuss the Student Code of Conduct with your child to help them understand and follow it.</li></ul>
<div>Conduct</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When coming to school please be calm and do not swear, use inappropriate language, be threatening in your behaviour, and/or be verbally abusive.</li></ul>
<div>School Culture</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recognize that EVERY student is important to us.</li><li>• Treat all members of our school community with dignity regardless of "Indigenous identity, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age" as protected by the BC Human Rights Code.</li></ul>



NECHAKO LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

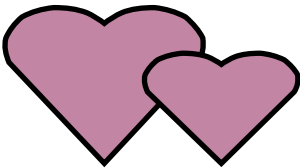
KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION  
SEPT 2026

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

**\*\*NEW DATE for 2026\*\***  
Registration Opens:  
**February 2nd**  
Registrations accepted for  
for children born in 2021

Parents/Caregivers can register at  
their local catchment school office

QUESTIONS:  
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL  
SCHOOL OFFICE







A Nechako Nordics  Community Event

## FAMILY DAY FREE SKI!

Monday, February 16, 2026

Noon - 4:00 pm **Free Entry**

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
**Introductory Eco-Aim  
Biathlon Rifle  
Target Practice**  
Try the Biathlon Rifles!

NVSA Trails  
3501 Quail Road

Limited **Free Rental Gear**  
First Come First Serve

**Free BBQ** provided by  
the District of  
Vanderhoof in honour of  
the **100<sup>th</sup>** year  
Anniversary!



**Celebrate Family Day outdoors!**

Come out to the **NVSA Ski Trails** in Vanderhoof and enjoy a free afternoon of skiing with the whole family. Try out the new **Biathlon Eco-Aim Rifles**. Fresh air, snowy trails, and time together.



**Everyone is Welcome!**



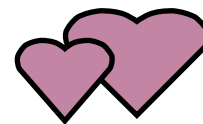
## Visiting our Building

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,







**SAIK'UZ  
FIRST  
NATION**

FEBRUARY

# Cultural Days

## Najaz Dzen-Snow Days

**February 6 & 7, 2025**

**10AM-3PM**

**The Gathering Place  
(Saik'uz Band Office)**

**135 Joseph Street**

**Everyone Welcome!**

Indoor  
&  
Outdoor  
Activities!

Lunch  
Provided

Competitions  
&  
Prizes!

Have Questions? Contact:  
[education@saikuz.com](mailto:education@saikuz.com)  
 250-567-9293

### 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 snow days please ensure your child is dressed to be warm, dry and comfortable when playing outside - Winter jacket, snow boots, snow pants and mittens.

**It is also a good idea to send a change of clothing.**