



VI-KIDS VENTURES

EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

June 11, 2026

Hadih, Hello, and Bonjour!

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, we would like to remind families that our Year-End Assembly will take place on Thursday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend. Please see the invitation included in this newsletter for more details.

Today, Miss Quintal, Mrs. Egan, and Mrs. Creighton spent a day at the Redmond Wetland Education Centre, exploring hands-on learning opportunities focused on local ecosystems and environmental education. The centre provides a wide range of engaging educational experiences, and we look forward to bringing some of these learning opportunities back to our students.

Our Student Council enjoyed a well-deserved pizza lunch and an afternoon at the aquatic centre as a thank you for their leadership and service throughout the year. We appreciate the positive impact they have had on our school community.

Our school garden project continues to make great progress! The new garden beds have been assembled and are now in place. The next step is adding soil and preparing for planting. Thank you to the many classes that have helped with this project along the way. We are so close to seeing our vision become a reality, and we appreciate everyone's hard work and enthusiasm.

This week also marked the final PAC meeting of the school year. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our PAC volunteers for the countless hours they have dedicated to supporting our students, staff, and school community. From organizing events and fundraising initiatives to providing weekly hot lunches, their contributions make a tremendous difference. We are especially grateful for the popular pizza and hot dog lunch days that students look forward to each week. Without PAC volunteers, these opportunities would not be possible. If you have ever considered getting involved, we encourage you to think about volunteering in the future so that these favourite traditions can continue for our students.

With appreciation,
Barb Ziler
Principal



Dates to Remember

- Jun 12 - Mr. Gray's class to Barkerville
NVSS Grads visit EDS
Primary Bike Rodeo
- Jun 17 - Assembly w Air Bands
- Jun 18 - Egg Drop Day
- Jun 19 - National Indigenous People's Day Activities at Riverside Park
- Jun 22 - Float your Boat AM
Waterfight PM
- Jun 23 - Intermediate Bike Park Date PM
Primary Sports Day PM
- Jun 24 - EDS Fun Run
- Jun 25 - Last day of School
Assembly at 10:00
Dismissal at 11:53

Dandelion Contest

May 1 - June 19 at recess

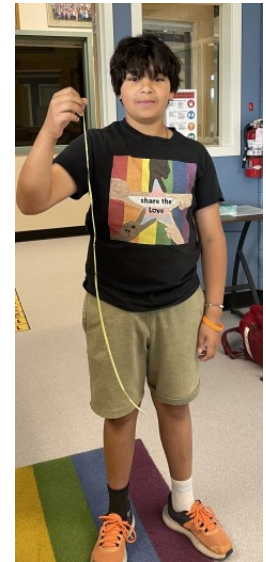


The longest dandelion wins! Bring your finest dandelion into the office for official measuring.

The longest dandelion so far is

97 CM!!



















—Izzy and Ezra



Our greenhouse area is coming together!!



The EDS PAC is selling cook books for \$20 each. See Ms. Dunkley in the office if you would like to purchase one.

JUNE 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
1 Wowie Maui Chicken 	2 Ham/Turkey Wrap Bakery Labelle 	3 Tortellini in Marinara 	4 Chicken Strips 	5 Ham/Turkey Sandwich Bakery Labelle 
8 Roasted Chicken Legs 	9 Ham/Turkey Wrap Bakery Labelle 	10 Roast Beef 	11 Breakfast Sandwiches 	12 Ham/Turkey Sandwich Bakery Labelle 
15 Salmon Salad Wrap 	16 Ham/Turkey Wrap Bakery Labelle 	17 Sausage and Eggs 	18 Chicken Ranch Wrap 	19 Ham/Turkey Sandwich Bakery Labelle 
22 Soup and Deli Sandwich 	23 Ham/Turkey Wrap Bakery Labelle 	24 Spaghetti 	25	26

REMINDER: Place your orders before ordering closes on May 26.

DISTRICT OF VANDERHOOF PRESENTS

CANADA DAY 

WEDNESDAY JULY 1, 2026

08:00 am - 3:00 pm

VANDERHOOF TOURISM & CULTURAL CENTRE
478 1st St W, Vanderhoof, BC

KIDS DECORATED BIKE CONTEST

Join our Kids' Canada Day Bike Parade at the Museum! Bring your decorated bicycle in your best Canada Day theme for a chance to win prizes!


Please bring your own lawn chairs to enjoy the free entertainment!

- Mary John Walk, 6:00 am bus from VTCC to Saik'uz
- Pancake Breakfast by NVHS 8am - 11am (free)
- Centre of BC Monument unveiling
- Live entertainment
- Chucks Food Service
- Kids Crafts (free)
- Sparkle Tattoos (free)
- Balloon Twisting (free)
- Face painting, nail polish, and yard games with YMCA (free)
- Henna by Value Mobile (free)
- RCMP, Fire Dept, and EMS will have vehicles on display
-and so much more!




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



July Birthdays

Rose B. Ava A.

Rayah F. Austin R.

Dylan H. Adalyn B.

Lazare M. Grayson M.

Mathew A. Nicolas F.

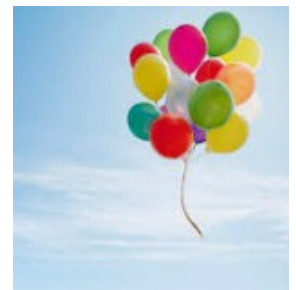
Jacob A. Jaeden R.

Aubree C. Loxley M.

Hudson M. Taliah P.

Ronen E. Charlotte Q.

Nicholas U.



Feeding Futures – Nechako Lakes: June Update

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At this point in the 2025-2026 school year, it is time to look back and recognize how the school district food program grew.

Highlights for the year include:

- The **creativity and passion of each school meal worker** in the school district who puts a lot of energy into each meal served at each school in the district
- Collaborating with **more regional food producers** throughout the Nechako Lakes region, with plans to explore partnerships with more in the next school years
 - Piloting a lunch program at David Hoy through **partnerships** with Anja's Motel and Meals and Suspenders in Fort St James
 - Continuing to participate in the Fresh for Kids program, providing fresh fruits, vegetables and cheese or yogurt to snack programs throughout the district, thanks to a **donation from Adopt-A-School via the Sedin Family Foundation** (and yes, this is Hendrik and Daniel Sedin's foundation)
- Seeing and hearing **appreciation** for the food program from students, households and school staff
 - Introducing **37 new food and body related books** to school libraries via an Imagine Grant from Northern Health
 - **Partnering with School District 52 – Prince Rupert and Farm2School BC** to host the Connecting Food in the North Event which saw 70 regional food producers, distributors and Highway 16 food system partners, including public institutions gather in Smithers to consider how the food system can be enhanced to increase regional product in school food programs



Kind regards,

Robyn Turner-Klopper, Dietitian

Food Programs Manager, School District 91 – Nechako Lakes

In Focus – Looking to the 2026-2027 school year:

- A working group made up of regional food producers, Indigenous partners and public institutions from across Highway 16 are collaboratively discussing next steps to improve the regional food system and enhance regional food in the school food program. More to come in the fall!
- The farm at Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School is being built, with plans for the produce to be incorporated into the school district food program as available.
- Exploring food literacy collaborations to engage students in the food system and the school food program.
- The *National School Food Forum* provided information about programs and resources in other parts of the country. Now, school food coordinators and managers in BC are exploring how to bring these to the local school districts.



Other Items

To end the year and learn a bit more about the school district food program, here is a quiz. Answers are at the bottom of the next page.

1. Which of the following regional food producers have been suppliers for the School District 91 – Nechako Lakes Feeding Futures program this school year?
 - a. Copper T Ranch
 - b. Nancy Schiamp
 - c. Rafter 10 Ranch, Reimer Ranch, Speckled Sow
 - d. Felicity Farms and Borno Farms
 - e. Bakerrij Lobelle
 - f. Nechako Acres
 - g. All of the above
2. What new food item was voted on by the students and then introduced to schools as a snack item?
 - a. Apple chips (BC produced – Chiwis)
 - b. Kiwi chips (BC produced – Chiwis)
 - c. Both A and B
 - d. None of the above
3. About how many lunches were served to students throughout the school district this year?
 - a. 100,000 (About 560 meals per day)
 - b. 55,000 (About 305 meals per day)
 - c. 40,000 (About 225 meals per day)
 - d. 83,000 (About 460 meals per day)

School Food & Local Food Word Search

Words to find:

SCHOOL, FOOD, LOCAL, FARM, VEGETABLE, FRUIT, DAIRY, GRAIN, PROTEIN, LUNCH, KITCHEN, GARDEN, HARVEST, COMMUNITY, HEALTHY

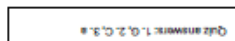


Local School Food Programs Word

Scramble

Directions: Unscramble each word related to local food and school food programs.

1. LACOL
2. RMAF
3. EVHARST
4. NAGDRE
5. MOCMUNTY
6. TERSMFA
7. CROPDUCE
8. NCUHL
9. TSUFRI
10. BELTEGAVE
11. OSCLOH
12. TIONIRTUN
13. SMEAL
14. HEALTHY
15. KCIHTEN



June Birthdays

Meikah M.

Lincoln P.

Sidra A.

Adelynn K.

Emerson Y.

Oryis B.

Sam N.

Brenden I.

Alyz J.

Zander G.

Ezra U.

Ashlynn D.P.



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29 Summer Break Camp Water Week 9:30am-3:30pm 6-12 Yrs	30 Summer Break Camp Water Week 9:30am-3:30pm 6-12 Yrs					



Facility Hours
 Monday–Friday • 8:00am–5:30pm
 186 Columbia Street, Vanderhoof

Contact: vcc@ymcabc.ca
 (250) 570-9505
 Register online: myncbc.ca

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Rural and Remote Teacher Education Program (RRED)
 BACHELOR OF EDUCATION




Short-term Housing in Vanderhoof Wanted

SD 91 and UBC's Rural and Remote Teacher Education program (RRED) are partnering to offer a 3-week teacher education summer residency in the north. Accommodation for students while they attend classes in Vanderhoof from August 4-21, 2026 is needed.

Most of our students are already experienced educators. They are people changing careers to become teachers in the north, so great short-term rental tenants!

Add your rental housing to our list:




Want to host a student(s)? Please include:

- Dates available
- Approx. location / neighbourhood
- Number of bedrooms, bathrooms
- Price for 3 weeks
- Other amenities (access to a yard, parking, etc.)
- Photos
- Your name, phone & email

Questions?
 Contact Mike Skinner at miskinner@sd91.bc.ca
 or RRED's Admin Assistant Melanie Leeming at rred.educ@ubc.ca

<https://teach.educ.ubc.ca/bachelor-of-education-program/rural-and-remote-program/>

 **Proposed Policy Update**

The following draft policies are currently open for public feedback **until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2026.**

[Policy 101.0 – Role of the Board](#)
[Policy 101.2 – Trustee Standards of Conduct](#)
[Policy 101.2A – Trustee Standards of Conduct - Appendix](#)
[*NEW* Policy 101.3.1 – Role of the Trustee](#)
[Policy 101.3.2 – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson](#)

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

🔔 LIBRARY DEADLINES: End of Year Book Return! 📖 🏠

📅 The First Week of June:

📖 The first week of June is your last chance to sign out books before the school year ends. 🟡

📅 June 8 – 12:

Time to bring them back! 🕒 ALL library books are due back to the library during the week of June 8th to 12th. 📖 🏠

📅 June 15 – 19:

Overdue notices and fines will be sent home for any missing items. 📧 📧

👉 Check those backpacks 🎒, lockers 🗝️, and bookshelves 📖 at home to get your returns in on time! 👤 ✨



Taming Worry Dragons

Registration Required by July 13th | Free 4-week Program | Limited Space

Taming Worry Dragons is a fun, practical group that helps children and families learn ways to understand and manage worry and anxiety. Through activities and skill building, children and parents/caregivers will learn strategies to help “tame” worries at home, school and in everyday life.

Families are encouraged to attend together when possible, but children or parents/caregivers may also attend on their own

Ages: 8 - 12 years
Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays July 21-August 11, 2026
Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Location: Connexus Boardroom
157 W. Victoria Street, Vanderhoof
(children will walk to Riverside Place for their session)

Don't forget to
check out the
Lost and Found!

As of June 22nd all
remaining items will
be donated.

For more information & to register, please contact:

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Email: kmcgrath@connexus.ca

Hailee Burgart
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**CONNEXUS**
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

EVELYN DICKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Year End Assembly

June 25, 2026

10:00 a.m.



June 10, 2026

Dear Parent, Caregivers and Guardians,

We are excited to invite you to our Year-End Assembly at EDS on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The assembly will take place in our school gymnasium. This is a special time to celebrate the achievements of our students as we wrap up the year.

To help the event run smoothly and safely, we kindly ask you to follow the procedures below:

Entry & Exit: Please enter and exit through the gymnasium doors located on the west side of the building. Upon arrival, all guests will be asked to sign in at the desk located at the entrance.

Building Access: For this event, access to the school will be limited to the gymnasium only.

Grade Six Celebration: After the assembly is over, our grade six students will play their drums as they leave gymnasium. They will then move to the front of the school where each grade six student will receive a celebratory cupcake. Parents are invited to join their students to take photos.

Student Belongings: Most student items will be sent home before the last day of school. If your child has items that need to be collected, our staff will ensure that their items leave with them at dismissal time at 11:53 a.m. on June 25th.

Should you have any questions, please contact Barb Ziler, Principal, [at 250-567-2258](tel:250-567-2258) or via email at hziler@sd91.bc.ca