



VI-KIDS VENTURES

EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Hadih, Bonjour, and Hello!

February 5 2026

A reminder that tomorrow is a Professional Development Day. There will be no school for students while our teachers spend the day learning.

Unfortunately, our Grade 5/6 ski trip was cancelled. We know this is disappointing, and we truly appreciate your understanding. We are working hard to find a new date and will share updates as soon as we have more information.

Next week, our primary students will be taking part in a Soccer Playday! We're really looking forward to this fun opportunity for students to be active, practice teamwork, and enjoy playing with their peers.

As winter weather can change from day to day, please continue to help your child come dressed for outdoor play. If temperatures remain mild, waterproof boots and coats are a great option to help keep everyone warm and dry.

It has been such a pleasure meeting our newest Kindergarten students and their families as they come in to register for next year! We are excited to welcome our future learners to the EDS community. Kindergarten registration will continue to be open, and beginning March 9th, out-of-catchment applications will be accepted.

As we move into February, our school-wide focus will be on kindness. We look forward to celebrating Pink Shirt Day and Share the Love Days together, with more details coming soon.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping make our school a caring, welcoming place for all.

Best regards,

Barb Ziler

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.



UPCOMING DATES:

- * 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)
- * Mar 13 - Green Day
- * Mar 16—27 - **SPRING BREAK**
- * Apr 2 - Bunny Ears/Easter Egg Hunt Day
- * Apr 3 - **Good Friday — No School**
- * Apr 6 - **Easter Monday — No School**

February Birthdays

Joulian A, Zach M, Violet B, Thomas B, Lilly F, Eliza H, Emma L, Ryker A,
Aurora R, Eva Y, Samuel Y, Easton L, Alexis M, Daniel F, Logan S, Logan W,
Kolbie S, Moriah K, Izzy F



Recreation Schedule

February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Little Learners 10am-11am 3-5 Yrs Y Theatre 1pm-2pm 3-5 Yrs Winter Create 3:30PM-4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	Little Artists 10am-11am 3-5 Yrs Dino Crafts 1pm - 2pm 3-5 Yrs Science Day 3:30PM -4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	Little Movers 10am-11am 3-5 Yrs Story Time 11:30am-12:30pm 0-3 Winter Crafts 3:30PM -4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	Tiny Tumblers 10am-11am 0-3 Yrs Winter Art 1pm-2pm 3-5 Yrs Winter Exploration 3:30PM-4:30PM 6-12 Yr	Pro-D Day - Tie Dye 9:30am - 3:30pm 6-12 yrs		8
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Facility Hours
 Monday–Friday • 8:00am-5:30pm
 186 Columbia Street, Vanderhoof

Contact: vcc@bc.ymca.ca
 (250) 570-9505
Register online: mynbcy.ca

Vanderhoof Community Centre • (250) 570-9505 • nbc.ymca.ca



SNAP Boys Group (Stop Now And Plan)

Registration Required | Screening Required | Free 13-week Program

SNAP Boys is a family-focused, early-intervention program for boys who are engaging in problematic behaviour and/or have come into contact with authority figures. The program aims to prevent antisocial behaviour and reduce the chance of future conflict with authorities

- SNAP Boys Club - a structured 13-week group that meets weekly and teaches boys self-control, problem-solving, and emotional-regulation skills.
- A concurrent SNAP Parenting (SNAPP) Group that teaches parents effective child-management strategies.

Ages: 8 - 10 years
Dates: Wednesdays starting March 4, 2026
Time: 3:30pm - 5pm
Location: 157 Victoria Street, Vanderhoof
 (Connexus Board Room)



For more information & to register, contact:

Taylor Reid-Allen
 Tel: (250) 567-9205
 Email: treidallen@connexus.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

Register at nbc.ymca.ca/child-care

February/March 2026 MENU

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

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 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



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 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

hsilver@sd91.bc.ca



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

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.

CELL PHONES



**NOT
PERMITTED
AT SCHOOL**



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

Kind Regards,

Barb Ziler

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.

Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use our process for addressing concerns – talk to the teacher first then, if follow up is required, contact school administration. • Use respectful language whether in person, on the telephone, or through email. • Respect staff time by accepting that they will respond to appropriate communication within 2-3 days outside of holidays, evenings and weekends. • Clarify your child's version of events with school staff to fully understand and have perspective. • Seek a peaceful and reasonable solution to all issues. • 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.
Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to ensure your child attends school and reaches out for support if needed. • Work together with staff to resolve issues or concerns. • Read and discuss the Student Code of Conduct with your child to help them understand and follow it.
Conduct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When coming to school please be calm and do not swear, use inappropriate language, be threatening in your behaviour, and/or be verbally abusive.
School Culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize that EVERY student is important to us. • 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.

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL COMING EVENTS

February 13-Red White and Pink day (for Valentines Day)

February 20-Pajama Day

February 26-Pink Shirt Day

March 6-Beach Day

March 13- Green day-(St. Patrick's Day)

April 2-Bunny Ears Day and Easter Egg Hunt



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 **100th** year
Anniversary!

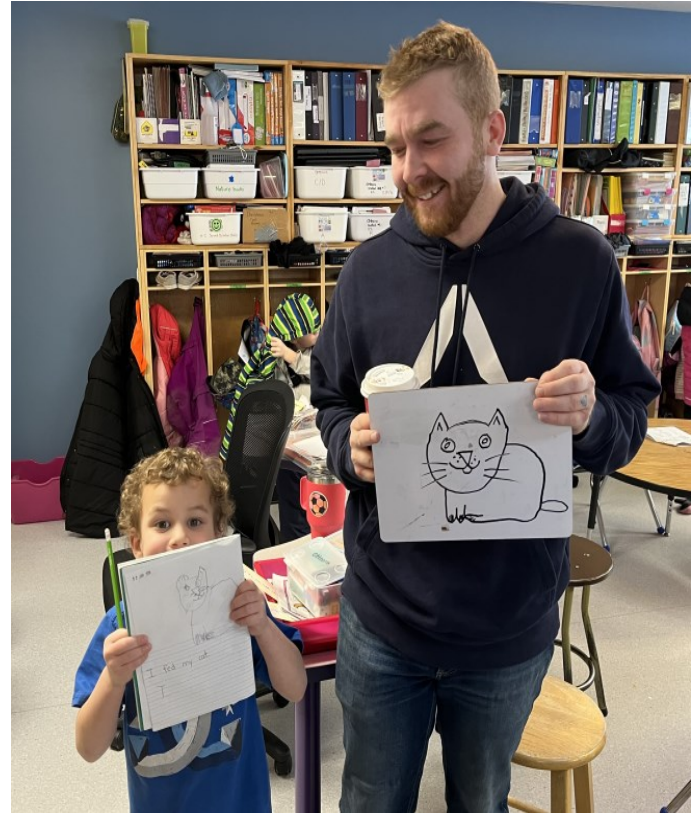


Celebrate Family Day outdoors!

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!

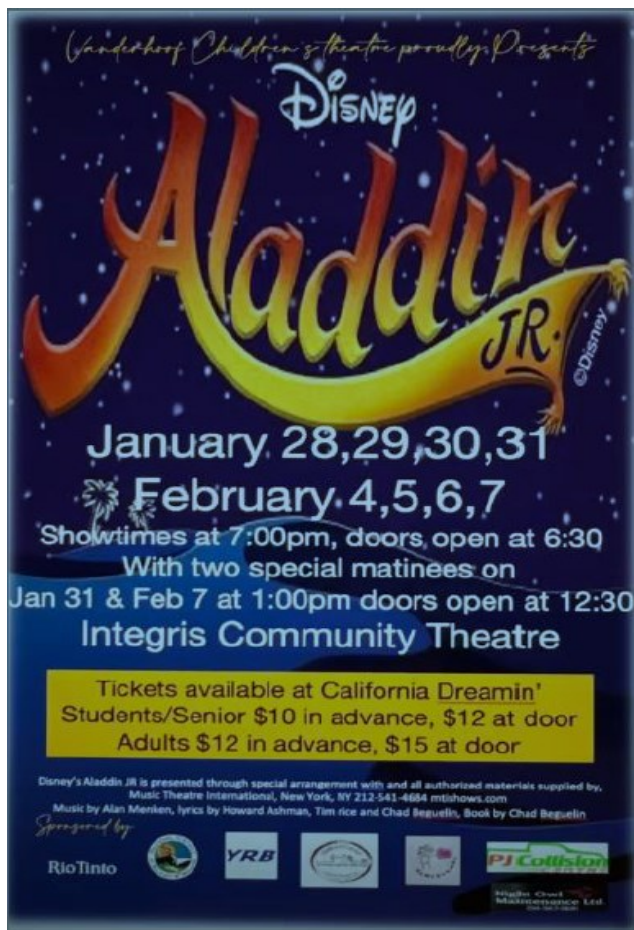


Children, Youth & Family Services Activity Calendar

FEBRUARY / 2026



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Families Matter Drop In Group Available At All Office Hours 1	2	You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS 3	4	You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS 5	PRO-D DAY 6 Mad Scientists 10:00 am-03:00 pm (5-12 y/o)	7
8	9	You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS 10	11	You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS 12	13 Valentines Baking 03:00 pm-04:30 pm (8-12 y/o)	14
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22	23 Movies and Boardgames 03:00pm-04:30pm (5-12 y/o)	You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS 24	25	You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS 26	27 Outdoor exploration 03:00 pm-04:30 pm (5-12 y/o)	28



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!

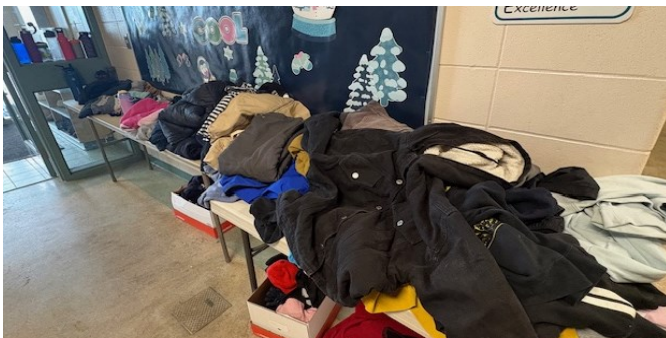
- Indoor & Outdoor Activities!
- Lunch Provided
- Competitions & Prizes!

Have Questions? Contact:
education@saikuz.com
 250-567-9293



Lost & FOUND

YOUR STUFF MISSES YOU!





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.

Hop Along to Easter 2026

HEY CHOCOLATE LOVERS!!

We are kicking off our Purdy's Fundrasier and you're invited to help us reach our goal. Order your spring treats through our custom link and up to 30% of your purchase goes directly to the EDS PAC.

Everything is made in Canada and packed with care at the Purdy's Vancouver chocolate factory.

Start Shopping:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000020945>

Please order ONLINE by February 20, 2026 for delivery before spring break.

Thank you for your continued support!

- EDS PAC



That's a wrap on Ski S'kool 2026!

I would like to give a huge thank you to the ski coaches, parent volunteers, EDS PAC for paying for the lessons, SD91 for providing buses, Miss Harder for helping and anyone else who made Ski S'kool possible.

It was another successful year with lots of improvements from all the Grade 3's who participated!

