



# VI-KIDS VENTURES

## EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Hadih, Bonjour, and Hello!

January 22, 2026

Vanderhoof turns 100 years old today! We are invited to join our community in celebrating tonight at Riverside Park with hot chocolate and cookies, followed by fireworks at 7:00 p.m.

We would also like to warmly welcome Miss Hiebert and Mr. Thompson, who will be teaching our grade 4/5 class until Spring Break. A Big thank you to Mrs. Egan for organizing last Friday's visit with the Northern Capitals Hockey Team—it was such a fun and memorable experience for our students!

On Monday, January 26th, our school will be heading to NVSS to watch the Vanderhoof Children's Theatre performance of *Aladdin*. For those classes attending in the morning - our bus will be leaving at 8:50 a.m. sharp, so please ensure students arrive at school on time that morning.

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, and applications will be accepted March 9–May 15, 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.

With Appreciation,

Barb Ziler

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

Jan 26	- Aladdin (8:50am or 12:55pm)
Jan 29	- Ski S'kool (Gr 3) - Skating (O'Meara, Gray, Quintal) 10 to 11:45
Feb 2	- KG Registration Opens
Feb 5	- Skating (Quintal, Creighton, Gray) 10 to 11:45
Feb 6	- Pro D, <b>No School</b>
Feb 12	- Skating (O'Meara, Egan, Quintal) 10 to 11:45
Feb 13	- 100th Day of School - Valentine's Day Celebrations
Feb 14	- Soccer Play Day (Gr 2/3)
Feb 19	- Skating (Oldham, Mountifield) 10 to 11:45
Feb 25	- Pink Shirt Day

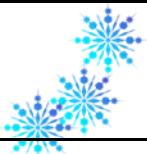


### **Inside vs Outside Days**

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.**

# JANUARY 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 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 	2 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 	3 Winter Break "Happy Holidays" 
5 Spaghetti 	6 Hot Dogs - PAC 	7 Bacon, Lettuce, Cheese Ranch Wrap 	8 Butter Chicken Lasagna 	9 Chili & Bun - Bakery 
12 Corn Chowder	13 Pizza - PAC 	14 Roast Beef Sandwiches	15 Breakfast Sandwich 	16 Chili & Bun - Bakery 
19 Turkey Sandwich 	20 Hot Dogs - PAC 	21 Perogy Casserole 	22 Burgers 	23 Chili & Bun - Bakery 
26 Mac and Cheese 	27 Pizza - PAC 	28 French Toast 	29 Chicken Strips 	30 Chili & Bun - Bakery 

# 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\*

# Recreation Schedule

January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 New Years Day	2 Winter Break - Winter Wonderland 9:30am - 3:30pm 6-12	3
Little Learners 11:00am-12:00pm   3-5Y Science Day - Winter 3:30PM-4:30PM   6-12Yrs	5 Little Movers 10am-11am   3-5Yrs Winter Crafts 11:30am-12:30pm   3-5 Winter Explore   3:30PM -4:30PM   6-12 yrs	6 Tiny Tumblers 10am-11am   0-3 Yrs Winter Explore 11:30am-12:30pm   3-5 Winter Games   3:30PM -4:30PM   6-12 Yrs	7 Winter Create 10:00am-11:00am   3-5Y Y Theatre 1:00pm- 2:00pm   3-5yrs	8 Winter Art 10am-11am   3-5 Yrs Arctic Animals 11:30-12:30pm   3-5 Yrs Winter Create 3:30PM - 4:30PM   6-12	9	10
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Facility Hours  
Monday-Friday • 8:00am-5:30pm  
186 Columbia Street, Vanderhoof

Contact: vcc@bc.ymca.ca  
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Register online: mynbc.ca

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## Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, January 19, 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 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)

## 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](#).

## 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, Principal, should you have any questions.

## 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>



## 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.



**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)

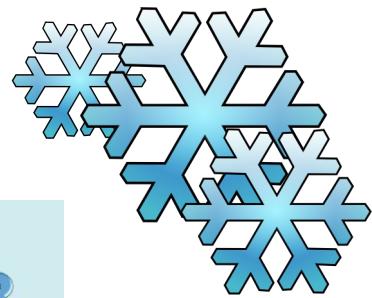


## MORNING DROP OFF

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.




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**CELL PHONES**

**NOT PERMITTED AT SCHOOL**

## Good news from EDS- Northern Capital Girls Hockey Team

Evelyn Dickson School was thrilled to welcome the Northern Capitals Hockey Team. Their visit provided a wonderful opportunity to inspire students—especially girls—to participate in sport, while promoting teamwork, leadership, confidence, and healthy, active living. The team read a hockey story, led fun activities and taught hockey skills, while sharing their experiences and encouraging students to set goals and try new things. It was an inspiring visit, and we are grateful to the Northern Capitals for helping create such a positive and memorable experience for our students.



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## 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.

<b>Communication</b> 	<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>
<b>Partnership</b> 	<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>
<b>Conduct</b> 	<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>
<b>School Culture</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recognize that <b>EVERY</b> 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

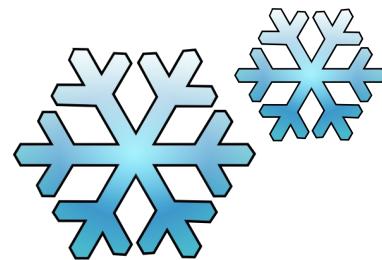
**\*\*NEW DATE for 2026\*\***  
Registration Opens:  
**February 2nd**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES**

**Registrations accepted for children born in 2021**

Parents/Caregivers can register at their local catchment school office

QUESTIONS:  
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL OFFICE





In celebration of **Vanderhoof's 100th year**,  
join us in **2026** for monthly events  
featuring local authors and local stories.

JANUARY'S FEATURED AUTHOR:

# CECILIA JOHN

*Saik'uz Author & Illustrator of Children's Books*

Saturday

January 24th

11:00 am

Vanderhoof Public Library

All families are welcome to a heartfelt reading with Cecilia John, featuring *Berry Picking with 'Atsoo*, and a special craft celebrating grandmothers. This event honours storytelling, connection to the land, and Cecilia's lived wisdom as a respected knowledge holder from Saik'uz First Nation.



Learn More at:

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CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS!



WE ARE HOPING TO DECORATE THE LIBRARY WITH DRAWINGS OF YOU AND YOUR GRANDMOTHER FOR WHEN AUTHOR CECILIA JOHN COMES TO SHARE STORIES WITH US ON JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 11AM IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.

\*PLEASE DROP YOUR ARTWORK BEFORE JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>. BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SO WE CAN RETURN YOUR PICTURE TO YOU.\*

