



VI-KIDS VENTURES

EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

May 21 2026

Hadih, Bonjour, and Hello EDS Families,

Spring learning continues to bring many exciting experiences for our students! This week, our Kindergarten students had the opportunity to take part releasing their salmon into the river an important hands-on learning experience that helped students connect with nature, stewardship, and the life cycle of salmon. It was wonderful to see their excitement as they released the salmon into their natural habitat.

Our garden area is also continuing to take shape! The chips have now been spread, and we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new garden boxes. We are excited for students to continue helping grow this outdoor learning space and look forward to planting in the coming weeks.

Good luck to Mrs. Egan and Mr. Gray's classes as they head off to participate in the Primary Fun Run! We know our students will represent Evelyn Dickson Elementary School with great spirit, encouragement, and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your continued support in making EDS such a caring and connected community.

With Appreciation,

Barb Ziler

Principal



Dates to Remember

- May 22 - District Primary Fun Run (FSJSS)
- May 27 - Gr 7 Small Business Market
- May 28 - District Track and Field (NVSS)
- Jun 4 - Twin Day
- Jun 10 - Library Books Due
- Jun 12 - Mr. Gray's class to Barkerville
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
- Jun 24 - EDS Fun Run
- Jun 25 - Last day of School
Assembly at 10:00
Dismissal at 11:53





















May 2026 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 Pizza - PAC (Cheese or Ham & Pineapple) 
4 Sausage and Eggs 	5 Hot Dog - PAC 	6 Taco Salad 	7 Bacon, Lettuce and Cheese Wrap 	8 Pro-D Day
11 Pancakes and Eggs 	12 Pizza - PAC (Cheese or Ham & Pineapple) - PAC 	13 Fish Sticks 	14 BBQ Chicken 	15 Ham/Turkey Sandwich  - Bakery Lobelle
18 Victoria Day	19 Hot Dog - PAC 	20 Lasagna 	21 Breakfast Sandwich 	22 Primary Fun Run
25 Spaghetti 	26 Pizza - PAC (Cheese or Pepperoni) 	27 Chicken Chow Mein 	28 Quesadilla  Track and Field	29 Ham/Turkey Sandwich - Bakery Lobelle 

* Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or gluten free. Gluten sensitive options are available if pre-requested.*
(V) indicates vegetarian option is available if pre-requested



Fantastic Helpers!

Thank you to Arlo and Eva for helping to take care of our playground!!



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



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8 Roasted Chicken Legs 	9 Ham/Turkey Wrap Bakery Labelle 	10 Roast Beef 	11 Breakfast Sandwiches 	12 Ham/Turkey Sandwich Bakery Labelle 
15 Salmon Sealed 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.

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



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Drop In BEST MOMS & DADS & CAREGIVERS GROUP

AT NEIGHBOURLINK

MONDAYS 10 AM - 1 PM
THURSDAYS 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM


DINNER PROVIDED

Come check us out!
We are in the back of Neighbourlink behind Act II Thrift Store. (side entrance) 189 Columbia St E

CRAFTS FOR ADULTS, GAMES & CRAFTS FOR KIDS FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
ALL AGES WELCOME!

Parents striving to be the best they can be for their children!

CHILD MINDING PROVIDED WHILE CAREGIVERS CONNECT, CRAFT AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER, OR JUST SIT AND RELAX.



YMCA Preschool Open House

Saturday, May 30th, 2026 | 11:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.
 Vanderhoof Community Centre
 186 Columbia Street, Vanderhoof

Join us at the Vanderhoof Community Centre and learn about our high quality, research-based preschool program that is fun and enriching for your child. Our preschool programs provide an environment that helps your child feel at home, learning and growing in a welcoming, safe, and stimulating atmosphere.

Child Care Resource and Referral and YMCA Vanderhoof Recreation Programming will also be on site. Learn about all that YMCA can do for you!

For more information, please contact north.childcare@bc.ymca.ca

bc.ymca.ca

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

IMAGES OF VANDERHOOF ART/PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
 JULY AND AUGUST 2026

The Vanderhoof Public Library and the Nechako Community Arts Council invite you to submit an image of Vanderhoof to celebrate our centennial.

Artists and photographers of all skill levels are welcome to submit a piece of work for display during the months of July and August in the Jane Gray multi-purpose room of the Library. All pictures and pieces must have a hanging wire-style attachment ready to hang.

For more details, contact Karen:
 www.vanderhooflibrary.com
 calp@vanderhooflibrary.com
 250-837-4600



May Birthdays

Sam S.
 Trayce W.
 Rosa T.
 Arlo M.
 Lincoln G.
 Michael R.
 Octavia W.
 Natalin R.
 Jackson S.
 Easton W.
 Jessie Lou H.
 Amelia H.

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



Are you interested in caring for children & youth?

JOIN OUR FOSTER CAREGIVER COMMUNITY.

We are seeking nurturing homes that can offer temporary inclusive care to children and youth, including those with support needs.

Caregiving is a rewarding position, and you won't be alone; additional financial resources and support are available to help you provide care.

Every child and youth deserves a safe place to belong, a home where they feel valued, understood, and cared for.
 Make a lifelong difference to a child and youth today.

If you are interested in becoming a foster caregiver, please scan the QR code or visit:
[Foster Caregiving - Province of British Columbia](#)




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.


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Story Time 10am-11am 0-3 Little Artists 11:30am-12:30pm 3-5 Y Art 3:30PM-4:30PM 6-12	Little Movers 10am-11am 3-5 yrs Mini Explore 11:30am-12:30pm 3-5 Outdoor Exploration 3:30-4:30PM 6-12 yrs	Tiny Tumblers 10am-11am 0-5 Mini Games 11:30am-12:30pm 3-5 Y Sports - 3:30PM -4:30PM 6-12 yrs	Little Learners 10am-11am 3-5 Outdoor Fun 11:30am-12:30pm 3-5 Spring Art 3:30-4:30PM 6-12 yrs	Pro-D Day Camp-Mother's Day Gifts 9:30am - 3:30pm 6-12 Yrs	Mother's Day	
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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

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Proposed School Calendar

We are currently collecting public feedback regarding the *DRAFT* 2028-29 school calendar.

Your feedback will be accepted via email to calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026**. Check out the 'Calendars – Yearly' page at www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar to view the proposed calendars.



School Board Meeting

Monday, May 25, 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:
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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
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hsilver@sd91.bc.ca



Let's all use our WITS at home and at school

🔔 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! 👤 ✨

Outdoor fun can get a little soggy!

To keep your student cozy and focused, please pack a labeled "emergency dry kit" in their backpack:

- Extra socks (the most important part!).
- A full change of clothes (pants, shirt, and underwear).
- A plastic bag to send home the wet items.

Inspirational Speaker
Michael Bortolotto
Presents...
Going Beyond But!








Michael was one of the first students with disabilities fully mainstreamed into the British Columbia public education system in 1968. He faced many challenges, including holding a pencil, speaking effectively, and completing schoolwork. His message emphasizes the critical role of social inclusion, diversity, equity, and resilience in fostering environments where everyone can thrive and succeed.

Tuesday May 26th 12pm- 1pm
Vanderhoof Public Library
Multipurpose Room

DETAILS:

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION	WHY I LOVE PRESENTING TO PARENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Envisioning the future & living today.✓ Embracing the possibilities of "what if..."✓ Today's adversities into stepping stones.✓ Unlocking unforeseen potential.✓ Developing a "Self-Advocate-Preneur" game plan.	Living with and learning from Cerebral Palsy has given me an empowering perspective on rising above unique challenges. My passion now is to inspire, teach, and show parents that they should never settle for the status quo and believe that anything is possible.

IN COLLABORATION WITH:



2026 Model Club Contest Results

Model Club is finished for the year as we held our contest from May 6 until May 15. After working for seven months the students displayed the skills they learned in painting, gluing, and reading instructions, while developing hand-eye coordination, keen attention to details, and, above all else, patience! Ten students from grades 3-6 had their cars and trucks evaluated by 94 people—grade 2-6 classes, staff, guests, model club members, and Mr. Gray. These were the results: Eliza Hobson's black 1953 Ford Pick-up finished first and Logan Scott's blue and red 1977 Jeep was sec-



Final Scores for the Evelyn Dickson Model Club Contest

May 20, 2026

Model	Stud. At large	Model Club	EDS Staff	Mr. Gray's	Visitors'	Final
And Builder	Aver. Score	Aver. Score	Aver. Score	Score	Scores	Aver.
1953 Ford Pick-up	22.56	22.371	23.187	23	21.1	22.443
Eliza Hobson	First Place					
1977 Jeep	20.05	20.728	19.5	22	17.9	20.035
Logan Scott	Second Place					
Batmobile	21.37	15.771	21.285	19	16.812	18.847
Emmitt Smith	Third Place					
1965 Mustang	17.678	20.05	18.428	18	15.125	17.856
Ronen Ellis	Fourth Place					
1978 Dodge Pick-Up	17.07	18.385	15.625	17	17	17.016
Emily O'Meara	Fifth Place					
1966 Shelby Mustang	15.282	15.212	15.312	14	16.06	15.173
Abby Urquhart	Sixth Place					
1970 Mustang Dragster	16.058	15.728	14.07	16	13.25	15.021
Sammy Sherrard	Seventh Place					
1964 Plymouth Belvedere	13.656	12.942	12.437	13	11.2	12.647
Zach Monta	Eighth Place					
1957 Ford Thunderbird	12.14	10.542	10.785	12	9.75	11.043
Malakai Ramsey	Ninth Place					
1997 Ford Pick-up	10.038	8.285	11.357	13	9.25	10.386
James Giesbrecht-Varey	Tenth Place					

Prizes

First and second place will receive a \$50 gift certificate each from Great White: Eliza Hobson and Logan Scott.

Third and fourth places will receive \$20 gift certificates from Great White: Emmitt Southern and Ronen Ellis.

Fifth and sixth places will receive \$15 gift certificates from Great White: Emily O'Meara and Abby Urquhart.

Seventh and eighth places will receive \$10 gift certificates from Great White: Sammy Sherrard and Zach Monta.

Ninth and tenth places will receive \$10 gift certificates from Great White: Malakai Ramsey and James Giesbrecht-Varey.