

# Evelyn Dickson Elementary School Newsletter

## V-Kids Ventures



September 18, 2025

### Principal's Message

Hadih, Bonjour and Hello!

A very big thank you to all the families who joined us last night for our back to school Ice Cream Social, Meet the Teacher and PAC meeting night.

We are so grateful that so many of you were able to make it! A special thank you to our amazing PAC who supported this event. We also had a big turn out for our first PAC meeting of the year. Later in our newsletter there is an update from PAC. I invite all parents to join us for our next PAC meeting on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Tomorrow is a District Planning Day. There is no school for students. All School District 91 Staff will be participating in learning activities on Indigenous Education.

We are holding our school Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We welcome any donations to the Terry Fox Foundation and students can bring them to our front office.

This will be the last week of a paper newsletter being sent to all students. If you did not return your yellow student verification form, please do so asap and in the meantime email Ms. Dunkley in our office to get on our emails list.

As always, please contact our school any time you have any questions or concerns.

With appreciation,

Barb Ziler

Principal



*At EDS we C.A.R.E - Community, Acceptance; Achievement, Respect; Responsibility, Excellence*

## Coming Events:

September 19 – District Planning Day – No School for Students

September 25 – EDS Terry Fox Run @ 2pm

September 26 – Ultimate Frisbee Day

September 29 – Orange Shirt Day

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School

October 3 - Whole School Photo

## Upcoming Menu

**Mon (22) - Chicken Rice  
Casserole**

**Tue (23) - Hot Dogs (PAC Lunch)**

**Wed (24) - Breakfast Sandwich**

**Thur (25) - Quesadilla**

**Fri (26) - Bakery Sandwich**



Thank you to all of the EDS parents/guardians who attended our first PAC meeting of the year.

We would like to introduce you to this year's PAC Executive:

President - Matthew Scott

Vice-President - Sylvia O'Meara

Treasurer - Tyrell Miller

Secretary - Jen Creighton

DPAC Rep - Dana Moutifield

All Parents/guardians are invited to attend the next PAC meeting on Wednesday October 8 at 6:30 in the EDS Library.

Congratulations to the draw prize winners from the ice cream social. Ares H, Torben S, Amealia M, Adam M, Liam C, Odin B, and Presley S.



## 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 rainy days please ensure your child is dressed to be warm, dry and comfortable when playing outside. Rain jacket, rainboots, and waterproof pants. It is also a good idea to send a change of clothing.

On sunny days, especially fieldtrips, sunscreen, a hat, proper footwear and bug spray are strongly recommended. Students should be able to apply this themselves.



## Nechako Figure Skating Club

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Do you want to learn to skate or have a child that wants to learn to skate?

Registration is open for Nechako Figure Skating Club  
Ages 3 and up

Please visit our website for schedules and information

### REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://nechakofsc.uplifterinc.com/registration>

Contact : [nechakofsc@gmail.com](mailto:nechakofsc@gmail.com) [www.nechakofsc.com](http://www.nechakofsc.com)



## 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.

## 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.



## Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback  
until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025.**

[Policy 302.7.2 – Unexpected Health Emergencies](#)

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage at [www.sd91.bc.ca/policies-and-regulations](http://www.sd91.bc.ca/policies-and-regulations).



## Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025.

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.



## Bike Safety Practice

Cost: Free

Register today for this group to learn about biking, the rules of biking, and put these rules into practice!

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| Ages:     | 8 - 10 years of age        |
| Date:     | Friday, September 19, 2025 |
| Time:     | 10am - 12pm                |
| Location: | 157 Victoria Street West   |

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|-----------|----------------------------|
| Ages:     | 11 - 14 years of age       |
| Date:     | Friday, September 19, 2025 |
| Time:     | 1pm - 3pm                  |
| Location: | 157 Victoria Street West   |

For more information, contact:

Samantha Pratt  
Email: [spratt@connexus.ca](mailto:spratt@connexus.ca)  
Phone: (250) 570-7599





## Sign up for School Age Care at Evelyn Dickson Elementary!

Care options include **before and after school care!**

**YMCA School Age Care includes:**

- quiet and active play
- exciting physical activities
- valuable time outside
- time with staff who truly care about your child

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



## Information for Parents and Caregivers

### Resources to support you and your child

**Register for free training**  
Tips to protect children and youth online

**Have a conversation**  
Talk with children and youth about things they may be experiencing

**What kind of information can I find on [erase.gov.bc.ca](http://erase.gov.bc.ca)?**

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
  - Diversity and inclusion
  - Mental health and substance use
  - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

**What is the Report It Tool?**  
**Report It** is an anonymous online tool for students to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at [erase.gov.bc.ca](http://erase.gov.bc.ca).

**Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.**



Ministry of Education and Child Care





# September Birthdays

Athena, Maria, Orrin, Arlo, Jamila,  
Gasem, Annie, Jesse, Carter, Linden,  
Tyrell, Brando, Lucas



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at checkout

Go to [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)  
and choose our school from the list!

**Our Lost and Found is already filling up!**

**Please label your children's items.**

**You can also support our school fund-raiser and purchase labels**



IS SOMEONE  
BOTHERING YOU?

**W**alk away

**I**gnore

**T**alk it out

**S**eeK help





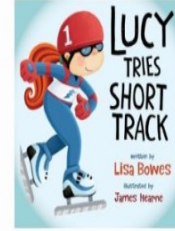
## **Visting our Building**

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.

## **Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club 2025 - 2026 Season**



### **Registration is Open!!**

#### **ACTIVE STARTS**

Low cost, fun and fast winter sport!

**Ages 4-5**

Must be 4 years old on or before June 30th

Monday and Friday at **6:00pm**

All you need is a helmet and hockey skates to start

Cost: **\$200.00**

Questions? Contact:

[vanderhoofspeedskating@gmail.com](mailto:vanderhoofspeedskating@gmail.com)

## **Counsellor's Corner**

**The SD91 Inclusive Education Counselling Team would like to welcome you all back to school! While the start of a new year offers excitement and possibilities, it can also be a time of stress and anxiety for some of our learners. If your child is struggling with this, or other emotional burdens, you may be asking yourself,**

**"Does my child need to see the school counsellor?"**

**To help answer this question please use the QR Code to visit our **Counsellor's Corner** website, and read the related article posted in the "Services" section. While you're there, check out the other useful information about our team, the services we provide and lots of other great mental health resources.**

