



VI-KIDS VENTURES

EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Hadih, Bonjour, and Hello!

Last week our school community took part in Share the Love Days, where classes focused on kindness, caring for one another, and celebrating the many ways we are all unique. Students had thoughtful conversations about respecting and supporting our differences and how each of us helps make our school a welcoming place for everyone.

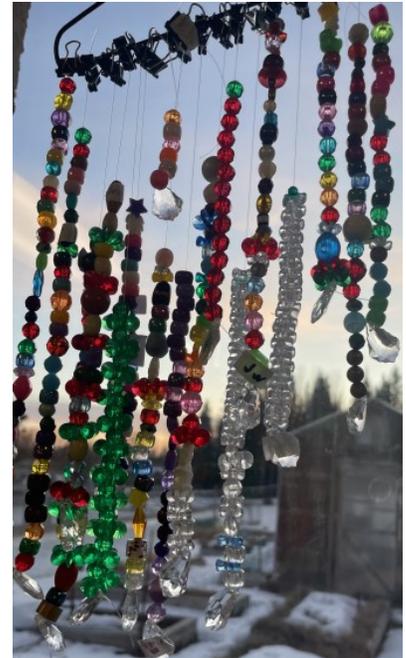
As part of the celebration, every class helped create colourful prisms for a collective art installation that will be displayed in our library. When light shines through the prisms, it reflects in many beautiful colours—reminding us that just like light, each person brings their own special qualities that help brighten our community. Together, the piece represents how our differences make our school stronger, kinder, and more vibrant.

Looking ahead, Talk About Learning conferences will be taking place next week. Families are invited to call the school office to book a time to meet with their child's teacher. We look forward to these valuable conversations about student learning and progress.

A reminder that Out of Catchment registration opens Monday, March 9th for families wishing to apply to attend EDS for the 2026–2027 school year.

We also have some fun spirit days coming up! Beach Day is this Friday, and next Friday will be Green Day. We can't wait to see everyone join in the fun.

Thank you for continuing to support the caring and inclusive spirit that makes our EDS community so special.



With appreciation,

Barb Ziler

Principal



**PROUD TO BE MCLEOD PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:
OUR 17TH ANNUAL PRODUCTION**



**DREAMWORKS
MADAGASCAR
A MUSICAL 2026
ADVENTURE JR.**

SHOWTIMES

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD - 7 P.M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH - 7 P.M.
SATURDAY APRIL 25TH - 1 P.M.
SATURDAY APRIL 25TH - 7 P.M.

TICKETS

\$5 EACH OR \$20 FOR A FAMILY OF 4 OR MORE.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:
WALLACE STUDIOS, QUILTER'S CORNER, W.L MCLEOD OFFICE & AT THE DOOR.

PLEASE PURCHASE THE FAMILY OF 4 OR MORE AT THE MCLEOD OFFICE

CASH ONLY AT ALL LOCATIONS PLEASE

Madagascar - A Musical Adventure Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 542-4864 mtishow.com



School Board Meeting

Monday, March 30, 2026

6:30 pm

**Room TBD @ FLESS
Fraser Lake, 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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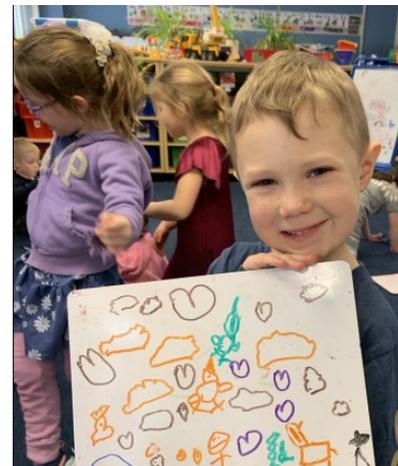


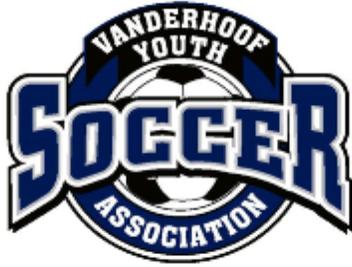
Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policy is currently open for public feedback **until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 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](#).





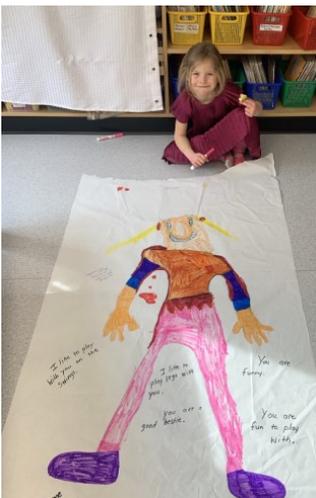
2026 Soccer Registration Open

U6- U18 (born 2008-2021)

Early Bird ends March 30. Registration closes April 6th.

Cash or cheque registration email vanderhoofsoccer@gmail.com

<https://zone4.ca/event/2026/yaMDn8>



UPCOMING DATES:

- Mar 6 - Beach Day
- * Mar 10 - Talk about Learning Time (Early Dismissal)
- * Mar 12 - District Basketball (Gr 4-7)
- * 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
- * Apr 17 - District Floor Hockey Play Day
- * May 22 - District Primary Fun

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Little Learners 10am-11am 3-5 Yrs Spring Crafts 11:30am-12:30pm 3-5 Outdoor Explore 3:30PM-4:30PM 6-12Yrs	Story Time 10am-11am 0-3 Yrs Spring Art 11:30am-12:30pm 3-5 Y Games 3:30PM -4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	Tiny Tumblers 10am-11am 0-5 Yrs Mini Games 11:30am-12:30pm 3-5 Spring Crafts 3:30PM -4:30PM 6-12 Yrs	Little Movers 10am-11am 3-5 Yrs Little Artists 11:30am-12:30pm 3-5 Science Day 3:30pm - 4:30pm 6-12 Yrs	Dino Crafts 1:30pm-2:30pm 3-5 Yrs Y Create 3:30PM - 4:30PM 6-12 Yrs		Daylights Saving Time Starts
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Spring Break Camp - Painted Rocks 6- 12 yrs 9:30am - 3:30pm	Spring Break Camp - St. Patrick's Minute to Win It 6-12 Yrs 9:30am - 3:30pm	Spring Break Camp - Seed planters 6-12 Yrs 9:30am - 3:30pm	Spring Break Camp - Scavenger Hunt 6-12 Yrs 9:30am - 3:30pm	Spring Break Camp - Aquatic Centre 6-12 yrs 9:30am - 3:30pm		
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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



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  <p style="text-align: center;">Pink Shirt Day</p>	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

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



March

Birthdays

Hartlynn

Everson

Sophia

Grace

Zorawar

Liam S.

Renee

Nathan

Charlie



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.



So many items!! Come and check out the tables in our front foyer!





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

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.**



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.

<p>Communication</p> 	<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.
<p>Partnership</p> 	<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.
<p>Conduct</p> 	<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.
<p>School Culture</p> 	<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.

Please contact Barb Ziler, Principal, should you have any questions.

**VANDERHOOF YOUTH SLOW PITCH
 2026 SEASON REGISTRATION**

REGISTRATION OPENS: FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026
 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS: MARCH 14TH, 2026
 REGISTRATION CLOSES: APRIL 6TH, 2026

ALL REGISTRATION IS DONE THROUGH ZONE4:



Scan Here for Registration

(<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=41263&lan=1&cartlevel=1>)

PLEASE READ THE REGISTRATION FORM CAREFULLY:

- ALL SPECIAL REQUESTS MUST BE MADE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION
- INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING AGE GROUPS ARE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT:
 TRACY (BOARD SECRETARY) – 778-385-5689
 EMAIL: VANYOUTHSPS@GMAIL.COM



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	After School Care school end-6:00 p.m.
Grade 1+ 5 days - \$155.00 3 days - \$162.00 2 days - \$64.00	Kindergarten 5 days - \$105.00 3 days - \$132.00 2 days - \$44.00
Grade 1+ 5 days - \$433.00	Kindergarten 5 days - \$296.50 3 days - \$185.10 2 days - \$57.40

Before and After School Care
6:30 a.m.-school start and school end-6:00 p.m.

Grade 1+
5 days - \$433.00

Kindergarten
5 days - \$228.00

*Monthly fees are after the child care fee reduction is applied

Register at nbc.ymca.ca/child-care