



VI-KIDS VENTURES

EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Hadih, Bonjour, and Hello!

April 30, 2026

With the arrival of spring, our school grounds have come alive with learning and activity! Classes have been taking full advantage of the warmer weather by moving learning outdoors—whether it's exploring nature, engaging in hands-on science, enjoying physical activity, or simply taking time to connect with one another in our beautiful surroundings. It's wonderful to see our students embracing the season while living out our C.A.R.E. values of Community, Acceptance, Respect, and Excellence.

Spring has also brought exciting, hands-on learning experiences into our classrooms. Chicks are hatching in Mrs. Creighton's class, with more expected soon in Mrs. Egan's and Mrs. O'Meara's classes—a wonderful opportunity for students to observe life cycles in action. In Mrs. O'Meara's class, baby salmon are also thriving, giving students another meaningful way to learn about local ecosystems and stewardship. Across the school, students are busy building birdhouses, and our garden seedlings are growing, bringing learning to life in engaging and authentic ways.

We are also excited to share that we will soon be implementing SchoolMessenger, a new communication tool that will allow us to connect with families more efficiently. When you registered your child, you were given the option to opt in or out of receiving messages through this system. SchoolMessenger can send updates via text message or email, helping us keep you informed about important school information. If you are interested in being one of our testers as we roll this out, please reach out to the school office—we would love your support!

Another exciting spring project is the refurbishment of our school garden area. This space will provide meaningful opportunities for students to learn about the environment, responsibility, and care for living things. We look forward to watching this area grow and flourish alongside our learners.

Finally, a friendly reminder to please check out our school Facebook page for photos of lost and found items. Our collection is quickly growing, and we would love to see these items returned to their rightful owners.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a vibrant and caring community.

Kind Regards,

Barb Ziler
Principal



Upcoming Dates

- * May 1 - Dandelion Contest Starts
- * May 5 - Red Dress Day - MMIWG
- * May 7 - Western Day
- * May 8 - Pro-D Day **No School**
- * May 18 - Victoria Day Holiday **No School**
- * May 21 - Black & White Day Disco Dance Day
- * 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 Back
- * 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

SUPPORT OUR PARK PROJECT!
PIZZA DOUGH FUNDRAISER!



PIZZA DOUGH OPTIONS:

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| WHITE DOUGH \$8 EACH | SPECIAL OFFER: 2 FOR \$14! (Mix & Match) | WHOLE WHEAT DOUGH \$8 EACH |
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ORDER & PAY VIA E-TRANSFER TO:
theparkproject2026@gmail.com

AND SUBMIT DOUGH SELECTION BY CALL/TEXT TO:
250-306-7227

ORDER DEADLINE: BEFORE MAY 9

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| PICKUP DETAILS: MAY 16th, 9:00 - 10:00 AM COOP PARKING LOT | ALTERNATIVE PICKUP: MAY 15th (EVENING) BY REQUEST 3436 HOSPITAL RD. |
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Don't repost it. Report it.



9 SCHOOL DISTRICT
NECHAKO LAKES

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Our Lost and Found is overflowing!
 Do you recognize any of these?























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 |
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| | | | | 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

MEAL MANAGE LUNCH ORDER WINDOWS

| | Open date | Close date |
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| 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 |



The EDS PAC is selling cook books for \$20 each. See Ms. Dunkley in the office if you would like to purchase one.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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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

During the February Share the Love Day, students from K-6 collaborated on an art project for our school. Each student created a bead strand with a prism which were then compiled to create a chandelier for our library.

The different beads and individual designs each highlight the beauty of difference, the prisms, reflecting light and rainbow joy, the chandelier, harmony and community. The finished chandelier was presented to the school at our assembly this week. It is a beautiful representation of our shared commitment to inclusion, belonging, and celebrating the unique light each member of our school community brings.”





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



Whether it's splashing in puddles or playing in melting snow,
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.

Thank you for helping our adventurers stay warm and dry
through the slush!



Hello School District 91 families,

The Nechako Valley Swim Club, the Nechako Otters, is excited to announce that our 2026 Summer Session registration is now open.

The start of the BC Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA) season. The competitive season runs from **May 1 to August 12, 2026** with Provincials taking place August 13-16, 2026.

The club offers practice groups for a range of ages and skill levels.

- **Pups** - this is our entry level practice group. The youngest swimmers we are accepting are children born in the year 2021. These swimmers have a coach in the water with them at all times. They are not able to swim 25 meters (a lap pool length) by themselves
- **Pre-Development** - Swimmers who can independently swim 25 meters by themselves and are coached from the pool deck.
- **Development, Intermediate, Advanced and Masters** for more experienced swimmers

Practice schedules will vary through May, June, July and August, with expanded morning and dryland training opportunities during the summer months for older competitive groups. Half season registration is available for Development, Intermediate and Advanced swimmers from **May 1 to June 21, 2026**.

Families are encouraged to attend practices regularly and participate in swim meets throughout the season, though swim meets are optional.

Registration Link Below
<https://www.active.com/vanderhoof-bc/water-sports/swimming-registrations/nvsc-summer-15-weeks-2026>

More information about swimmer placement, registration and schedules is available in the link above or on our Facebook Page: The Nechako Valley Otters.

There is a payment plan for Development, Intermediate and Advanced practice groups.

We offer multiple swimmer discount. All swimmers must be registered in the same transaction for the family discount to apply. On the Order Details page. On the top right hand side you will see an option to '+ add another registration'

If you have any questions about swimmer placement, registration please contact Kathryn Egli, her contact information is below.

The Otters are looking forward to seeing everyone in the pool this summer!

Thank you,

Kathryn Egli, Registrar

(250) 960-8826

nvsc.registrar.otters@gmail.com

Nechako Valley Swim Club



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Drop In BEST MOMS & DADS & CAREGIVERS GROUP

AT NEIGHBOURLINK

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

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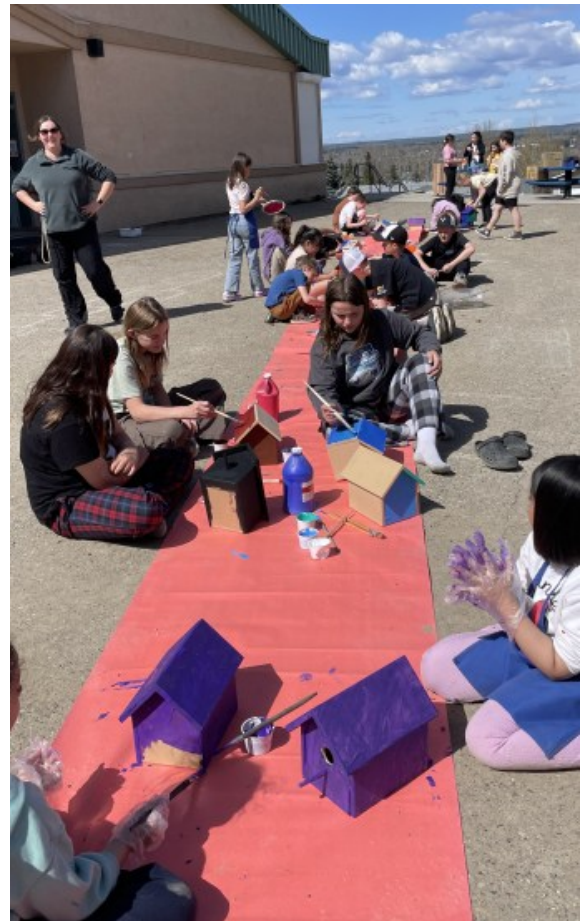
CRAFTS FOR ADULTS, GAMES & CRAFTS FOR KIDS
 FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

ALL AGES WELCOME!

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

Childminding provided while caregivers connect, craft and get to know each other, or just sit and relax

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





Tell us what you think!

Review and share your thoughts about the proposed language for our 2026-2031 Strategic Plan

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

Our survey closes on Friday, May 15, 2026.

You may access the survey online at the link or QR code below, or you are welcome to pick up a paper copy at any Nechako Lakes school or district office.

Access our survey at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/jZt3frupdn>



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NECHAKO LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION SEPT 2026

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

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

Registrations accepted for children born in **2021**

Parents/Caregivers can register at their local catchment school office

QUESTIONS: CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL OFFICE



SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

2026-27 School Year

Parents/Guardians seeking to have their child attend school out of their catchment area need to apply for out of catchment

"OUT OF CATCHMENT" PROCESS*

Applications Accepted*: **March 9 - May 15, 2026**

Note: This process is different than school registration for in catchment or new kindergarten students

*Some schools may have limits on out of catchment for next year

For more information:
Contact your local school and/or Policy and Regulation 301.1




SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

Proposed Policy Update

The following draft policies are currently open for public feedback **until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2026.**

NEW [Policy 100.0.1 – Role of the Board](#)
[Policy 200.1 – Superintendent of Schools/ Chief Executive Officer](#)
[Policy 304.6 – Selection of Learning Resources](#)
[Policy 304.7 – Controversial Learning Resources](#)

Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the [SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage](#).

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](#)





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.

