

Evelyn Dickson Elementary School Newsletter

V-Kids Ventures



September 25, 2025

Principal's Message

Hadih, Bonjour and Hello!

As we near the end of September, I'd like to warmly welcome back Ms. Mhaey, Ms. Bailey, and Soaryn to our staff! We are also very fortunate to have Mrs. Cecilia John join us this year to teach Dakelh Language and Indigenous Culture to all of our students. Mrs. John is a talented local artist, author, and community member, and we are so grateful to have her as part of our school team.

Today our school gathered on the top field to run in memory of Terry Fox, who 45 years ago began his Marathon of Hope to raise money for cancer research. Even in the rain, our students ran proudly to honour this Canadian hero. If you would still like to make a donation, we are accepting contributions through the school office.

Tomorrow, our Grade 5/6 students will take part in the District Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. We wish them a great day of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun, while also raising awareness and support for spinal cord research.

Please remember that Tuesday, September 30th there will be no school in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. On Monday, September 29th, we encourage all students and staff to wear orange to show that EVERY CHILD MATTERS. Students will be taking part in activities that help them learn and reflect on the importance of this day. I encourage you to ask your child about what they are learning and to continue those important conversations at home.

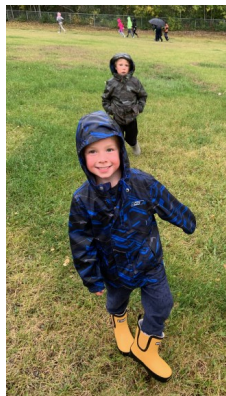
The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day are times to honour Indigenous children who attended residential schools, as well as their families and Survivors. Families can continue this learning together by exploring Indigenous-authored books, watching child-friendly videos from organizations like CBC Kids, or attending community events. If you haven't already, ask your child about Phyllis' Story, which explains how Orange Shirt Day began.

Thank you for working with us to help children understand the important role we all play in the work of reconciliation.

With Appreciation,

Barb Ziler

Principal



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



October MENU



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! All orders are done through Meal Manage. Please see our website for the information - evd.sd91.bc.ca Please note that all orders close at 6:00 PM on September 30, 2025.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Butter Chicken Lasagna 	2 Pulled Pork Sandwich 	3 Bakery Sandwich  WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO
6 Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup 	7 Chow Mein 	8 Pancakes and Eggs  6:30 - <u>PAC</u>	9 Burgers and Salad Bar  DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY MEET	10 Bakery Sandwich 
13 THANKSGIVING DAY (NO SCHOOL)	14 Mac and Cheese 	15 Turkey Sandwich  SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	16 Bacon Ranch Wrap  GREAT BC SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL	17 Bakery Sandwich  CRAZY HAIR DAY
20 Spaghetti  FIRE DRILL HALLOWEEN COLOR CONTEST BEGINS	21 12:00 – EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00-6:00 – TALK ABOUT LEARNING TIME	22 Taco Salad  MISSED PHOTO DAY/CLASSROOM PHOTOS	23 Pizza Sub 	24 PRO-D Day (NO SCHOOL)
27 Baked Potato with toppings  DROP EVERYTHING AND READ DAY	28 Chicken Caesar Wrap 	29 Perogy Casserole 	30 Fish Sticks 	31 Bakery Sandwich  HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY / SOCK HOP (K-3 & 4-5)

Coming Events:

September 29 – Orange Shirt Day
 September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School
 October 3 - Whole School Photo
 October 8 - PAC Meeting @6:30
 October - 9 District Cross Country Meet
 October 13 - Thanksgiving Day—No School
 October 15 - School Assembly
 October 16 - Great BC Shakeout Earthquake Drill
 October 17 - Crazy Hair Day

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

VIRTUAL CLEARING HOUSE

Online auction site of SD91 assets
 Updated often - check it often!

auction.sd91.bc.ca

Scan the QR Code to go to the website!

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.



mabel's labels FUNDRAISING

Back to School = Back to Labeling!

Use code: **BACKTOLABELS15** at checkout

Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and choose our school from the list!

YMCA BC Shine On

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

Our Lost and Found is already filling up!

Please label your children's items.

You can also support our school fundraiser and purchase labels

IS SOMEONE BOTHERING YOU?

Walk away
Ignore
Talk it out
SeeK help

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

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](#)

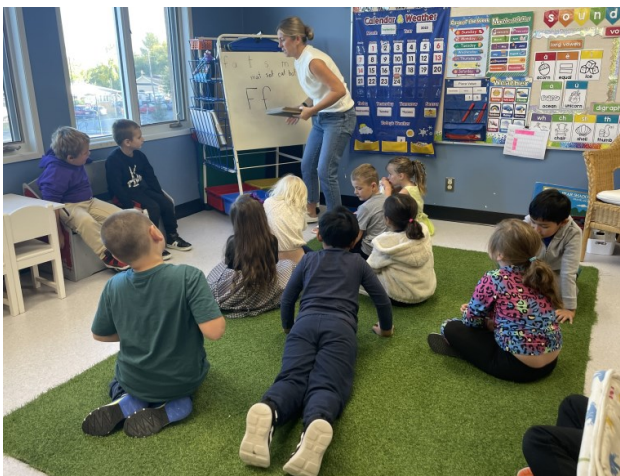
Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage at www.sd91.bc.ca/policies-and-regulations.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES

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 or on our [Board of Education Updates](#) page.



erase | EXPECT RESPECT & A SAFE EDUCATION

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?

- 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.

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.

BRITISH COLUMBIA Ministry of Education and Child Care

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 www.nechakofsc.com



Registration is Now open for the Fall Maintenance
Season Sept 23 - Nov 29

Registration link

<https://www.active.com/vanderhoof-bc/water-sports/swimming-registrations/nechako-valley-swim-club-fall-maintenance-2025>

If your swimmer did NOT participate with us during the summer session, please remember to include the \$35 BCSSA fee (per swimmer) when registering.

If you are registering multiple swimmers, register them all at once to receive a multi-swimmer discount.

Any problems registering please contact Kathryn Egli

nvsc.registrar.otters@gmail.com

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

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.