



VI-KIDS VENTURES

EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

April 23, 2026

Hadih, Bonjour, and Hello!

We've had a wonderful week at EDS! Our Mismatch School Spirit Day brought lots of fun and laughter as students celebrated their unique styles.

A big thank you to our Facilities Department for cutting the wood for our birdhouse project. Our buddy classes worked together to assemble them, creating a great opportunity for teamwork, creativity, and hands-on learning—truly reflecting our C.A.R.E. values in action.

We also enjoyed attending the Madagascar production at WL McLeod—it was fantastic! We encourage families to check it out if they can.

A reminder that tomorrow is a Professional Development Day, and our teachers will be learning together to continue supporting student success.

Thank you for your continued support of our caring school community!

Kind Regards,

Barb Ziler
Principal



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

UPCOMING DATES:

- * Apr 23 - Mismatch Day
- * Apr 24 - Pro –D Day **No School**
- * May 7 - Western Day
- * May 18 - Victoria Day Holiday
No School
- * May 21 - Black and White Day
- * May 22 - District Primary Fun Run (FSJSS)
- * May 28 - District Track and Field (NVSS)
- * June 12 - Mr. Gray's class to Barkerville



Wild Goose Chase Fun Run!

SATURDAY, May 9th at 10:00am

WL McLeod Elementary

3.5km Run, 8km Run, 5km walk

Open to EVERYONE of all ages!

Lots of draw prizes!

Medals for all kids under 8 years old

Must Register On-Line at:

<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=41584>

(Or go to www.zone4.ca and search "Goose". Email zoewalk@hotmail.com for questions.)

NO DAY OF REGISTRATION!



Thanks to the Sponsors:

Artemis Gold, Omineca Medical Clinic, Earthen Ware Ltd, Four Rivers Co-op, Dr. Paul Collard, Stride & Glide Sports, MNP Vanderhoof, Chuck's Food Services, Nechako Outdoors, Home Hardware, ~~Bakkerij Lobelle~~, Vanderhoof Health & Fitness, Hampton Lumber, Tasty Tandoori, SD 91, District of Vanderhoof

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.











April 2026 MENU



Student's Name:
Total Amount

Teacher:

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

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Breakfast Sandwich 	2 Chicken Strips 	3 Good Friday
6 Easter Monday	7 Hot Dog - PAC 	8 Butter Chicken Lasagna 	9 Cheeseburgers 	10 Ham/Turkey Sandwich - Bakery Lobelle 
13 French Toast 	14 Pizza (Cheese or Ham & Pineapple) - PAC 	15 Mac and Cheese 	16 Bacon Ranch Wrap 	17 Ham/Turkey Sandwich - Bakery Lobelle 
20 Potato Bacon Soup 	21 Hot Dog - PAC 	22 Ham and Cheese Bun 	23 BBQ Chicken 	24 Pro-d Day
27 Beef Vegetable Soup 	28 Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni) - PAC 	29 Lasagna 	30 Breakfast Wrap 	

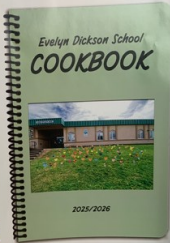
* Please note: Our kitchen is not fully vegetarian or gluten free. Gluten sensitive options are available if pre-requested.*

(V) indicates vegetarian option is available if pre-requested

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.

COOKBOOKS For Sale \$20



Evelyn Dickson School
COOKBOOK
2025/2026

Coordinating for
EDS PAC
By: Evelyn Dickson
250-567-2258
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The EDS PAC is selling cook books for \$20 each. See Ms. Dunkley in the office if you would like to purchase one.





















May 2026 MENU



Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____
 Total Amount: _____

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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 

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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 **note: longer time due to spring break**	February 13 th	February 24 th
April menu	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



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



**MADAGASCAR
A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR. 2026**

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) 942-6884 mtishows.com

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.

April

Birthdays

- Dylan I.
- Joseph R.
- Andrew U.
- Liam L.
- Carter O.
- Torben S.



- Leo B.
- Grayson S.
- Gwen F.
- ZamZam A.
- Nick A.
- Ally K.
- Levi K.

Recreation Schedule

April 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		Tiny Tumblers 10am-11am 0-3 Outdoor Games 11:30am-12:30pm 3-5 Y Sports-Easter Hunt 3:30-4:30PM 6-12 yrs	1 Story Time 10am-11am 0-3 Outdoor Explore 11:30am-12:30pm 3-5 Spring Create-Easter 3:30-4:30PM 6-12 yrs	2 Good Friday VCC CLOSED	3	4 Easter 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

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Shine On

YMCA Preschool Open House

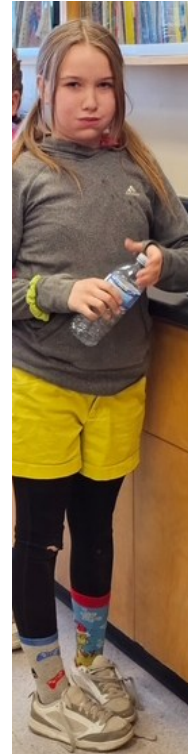
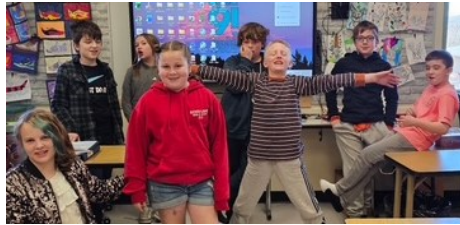
Saturday, May 30th, 2026 | 11:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.
Vanderhoof Community Centre
186 Columbia Street, Vanderhoof

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!

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
10:00 AM | RIVERSIDE PARK

Take part in cleaning up our community! Rejoin at Riverside Park at noon for a BBQ and treats, courtesy of the DoV, Integris, and Tim Hortons!

In partnership with: Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative | Integris Credit Union District of Vanderhoof | Vanderhoof Tim Hortons

SPONSORED BY NEIGHBOURLINK & SUPPORTED BY CARRIER SEKANI FAMILY SERVICES, NECHAKO LITERACY, CONNEXUS, OMINECA SAFE HOME OUTREACH

Drop In BEST MOMS & DADS & CAREGIVERS GROUP

AT NEIGHBOURLINK

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

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!

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



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

Student Council Fun Days

May 7 - Western Day
 May 21 - Black and White Day
 June 4 - Twin Day



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>



www.sd91.bc.ca

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](#).



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca or on our [Board of Education Updates](#) page.

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](#)

