



VI-KIDS VENTURES

EVELYN DICKSON SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Hadih, Bonjour, and Hello!

Last week, we celebrated two special days at EDS — the 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day!

February 19 2026

The 100th Day of School was an exciting milestone for our learners. It gave students the opportunity to reflect on how much they have grown and learned over the past 100 days. From developing new reading skills to strengthening math strategies, building friendships, and practicing acts of kindness, we are so proud of the progress our students have made. Classrooms marked the day with fun, hands-on activities centered around the number 100, celebrating learning in creative and meaningful ways.

Valentine's Day also provided a wonderful opportunity to focus on kindness, friendship, and appreciation for one another. As part of our ongoing commitment to building a caring and inclusive school community, our students participated in a kindness heart activity. Small hearts were placed around the school, each one representing a hug and a gesture of kindness. When students found a heart, they brought it to the office and shared the act of kindness they planned to do that day before passing it along to someone else. It was heartwarming to see kindness spreading from one student to another, helping everyone feel included and valued.

These celebrations beautifully connected to the important events coming next week — Pink Shirt Day and our Share the Love Days. Both are meaningful opportunities for us to stand together against bullying and discrimination, and to celebrate acceptance, inclusion, and the joy in our differences. The kindness we shared last week is exactly what we hope to carry forward as we continue building a school community rooted in C.A.R.E. — Community, Acceptance & Achievement, Respect & Responsibility, and Excellence.

Thank you for partnering with us to nurture a school where every child feels safe, welcome, and cared for.

With Appreciation,

Barb Ziler

Principal



Share the Love Days at EDS

Thursday, February 26 & Friday, February 27

This year, Share the Love will take place over two days at EDS—Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27—to honour Zero Discrimination Day on Sunday, March 1.

At EDS, these days are a time to celebrate kindness, belonging, and respect, while recognizing and appreciating the many ways we are all unique.

Thursday, February 26

District Wide Virtual Presentation (Teams)

All students in SD91 will take part in a live, virtual presentation titled *Joy in Difference* by Mischa Oak.

Joy in Difference focuses on:

- Appreciating and celebrating differences
- Seeing differences as strengths and sources of inspiration
- Supporting one another's dreams and potential

Being cheerleaders for one another so we can all succeed together

Students will explore the idea that our job is not to judge others, but to see the best in them—and in ourselves.

Classroom learning

Classes will be participating in a collaborative art piece using prisms to demonstrate the beauty of reflecting light in all its varieties.

In addition to the presentation and art project, teacher-led classroom activities will also be taking place. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Caregiver & Staff Session

3:30 p.m. – Teams Presentation

An optional staff and caregiver session will be held on Teams. All caregivers and SD91 staff are welcome to attend.

Join the meeting:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2937207193099?p=Kvd7GcDRLKc43awCxi>



UPCOMING DATES:

- * Feb 25 - Pink Shirt Day
- * Feb 26/27 - Share the Love
- * Mar 10 - Talk about Learning Time (Early Dismissal)
- * Mar 12 - District Basketball (Gr4-7)
- * 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 Run (FSJSS)
- * May 28 - District Track and Field (NVSS)

Pajama Day

Wear your pajamas for House Team Points! Earn extra points for slippers and house coats! Please dress appropriate for the weather.

Date: Friday, February 20th
@ E.D.S

WHAT CAN YOU WEAR?

- Pajamas
- House coat
- Slippers

Please do not bring stuffies, blankets and pillows.

Have a great day!




Recreation Schedule

February 2026

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



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



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

Grade 1 +	Kindergarten
5 days - \$155.00	5 days - \$105.00
3 days - \$162.00	3 days - \$132.00
2 days - \$64.00	2 days - \$44.00

After School Care

school end-6:00 p.m.

Grade 1 +	Kindergarten
5 days - \$335.50	5 days - \$296.50
3 days - \$208.50	3 days - \$185.10
2 days - \$73.00	2 days - \$57.40

Before and After School Care

6:30 a.m.-school start and school end-6:00 p.m.

Grade 1+	Kindergarten
5 days - \$433.00	5 days - \$228.00

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

Register at nbc.ymca.ca/child-care

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  Pink Shirt Day	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





Circle of Security

8-week Program. Space is Limited. Registration Required

The Circle of Security Parenting sessions are focused on helping parents and caregivers reflect upon children's attachment needs, to promote secure attachment with a child.

Learn how to:

- Better understand your child's emotional world & learn to read their emotional needs
- Support your child and help them manage their emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honour your child's wish to be secure

Cost: Free
 Dates: Every Monday from January 26, 2026 to March 23, 2026
 Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 Location: 157 Victoria Street West, Vanderhoof (Connexus Board Room)

To register or for more information, contact:

Julie-Ann Johnson
 Ph: (250) 567-7553
 email: jjohnson@connexus.ca



School Board Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2026

6:30 pm

**School Board Office
 Vanderhoof, 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:

Heather Silver
 Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
 250-567-2284 ext. 9003
hsilver@sd91.bc.ca

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.**

NECHAKO LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

SEPT 2026

SCHOOL DISTRICT
91
NECHAKO LAKES

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

Registrations accepted for
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



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

Kind Regards,

Barb Ziler

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL COMING EVENTS

February 20 - Pajama Day

February 26 - Pink Shirt Day

March 6 - Beach Day

March 13- Green Day - (St. Patrick's Day)

April 2 - Bunny Ears Day and Easter Egg Hunt

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 snow days please ensure your child is dressed to be warm, dry and comfortable when playing outside - Winter jacket, snow boots, snow pants and mittens.

It is also a good idea to send a change of clothing.

**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:



(<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=41253&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) – 778-389-5689
EMAIL: VANYOUTHSPS@GMAIL.COM

Hop Along to Easter 2026.

We're kicking off our Purdy's Fundraiser and you're invited to help us reach our goal. Order your spring treats through our custom link and up to 30% of your purchase goes directly to EDS PAC

Everything is made in Canada and packed with care at the Purdy's Vancouver chocolate factory.

Start shopping: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000020945>

Please order ONLINE by: FEB 20 2026

for delivery before spring break

Thank you for your continued support

-EDS PAC



Children, Youth & Family Services Activity Calendar

FEBRUARY / 2026



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Families Matter Drop In Group Available At All Office Hours 1	2	You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS 3	4	You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS 5	PRO-D DAY 6 Mad Scientists 10:00 am-03:00 pm (5-12 y/o)	7
8	9	You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS 10	11	You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS 12	13 Valentines Baking 03:00 pm-04:30 pm (8-12 y/o)	14
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22	23 Movies and Boardgames 03:00pm-04:30pm (5-12 y/o)	You(th) Matter 11:00-1:00 FSJSS & FLESS 24	25	You(th) Matter 10:00-12:00 NVSS 26	27 Outdoor exploration 03:00 pm-04:30 pm (5-12 y/o)	28



February Birthdays

Joulian A

Zach M

Violet B

Thomas B

Lilly F

Eliza H

Emma L

Ryker A

Aurora R

Eva Y

Samuel Y

Easton L

Alexis M

Daniel F

Logan S

Logan W

Kolbie S

Moriah K

Izzy F



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.



SHARE A SNACK.



PICK UP LITTER.

GIVE OTHERS THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.



DRINK A GLASS OF WATER.



DONATE BLOOD.



THANK A TEACHER.

READ WITH A CHILD.



COMPLIMENT WITH RECKLESS ABANDON.



ACKNOWLEDGE SOMEONE WHO DESERVES PRAISE.



SUPPORT LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES.



OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS.

SMILE.



USE A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE.



MAKE KINDNESS THE NORM.



SHARE YOUR FAVORITE SONG WITH SOMEONE.



TEXT SOMEONE A POSITIVE MESSAGE.



PLACE ENCOURAGING STICKY NOTES IN PUBLIC AREAS.



GIVE AN UNEXPECTED GIFT.

GO FOR A LONG WALK.



LEAVE AN EXTRA BIG TIP.



ENCOURAGE A FRIEND.



CELEBRATE SOMEONE ELSE'S ACCOMPLISHMENT.



PUT AWAY YOUR PHONE AND LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART



SEND A THANK YOU NOTE.



RANDOMACTSOFKINDNESS.ORG

LAUGH UNTIL YOUR BELLY HURTS.



LOVE WHO YOU ARE.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION™



MAKE
KINDNESS
A HABIT

