

BUSY WEEK JAN 4 - 7TH

Staff across the school district were busy the first week of 2022 to make plans to ensure the safe operation of our schools and to ensure a continuity of learning for the remainder of this school year.

Like organizations globally, it is anticipated that we will be challenged by the impacts of the Omicron Covid variant as it impacts our communities.



As mentioned, there is no direction or desire to return to online learning and what our schools have prepared for is a possible 'functional closure' due to the possibility of not having enough staff to safely operate a school. We anticipate these functional closures to be short in duration and your school and teachers will have a plan to ensure that your child has activities to work on in the event that they cannot attend school for a few days.

We ask all our families and students to follow all the health and safety protocols to help keep our schools safe and open. We have been reminded again that masks and vaccinations make a difference, so ask our families to help us keep our students and staff safe. Please continue to use the [K – 12 Daily Health Check](#).

During the first week our Inclusive Education department also took the opportunity to do some training and prepare resources for the remainder of this school year.

Rhonda Togyi, Catherine Tassie and Sam Mackinlay trained 60 SD91 employees in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training. The program teaches staff to identify four behavioural levels and the corresponding staff attitudes or approaches to deescalate student behaviour. The courses underpinning is to promote care welfare safety and security for both learners and staff. **Stephanie Lindstrom**, our school psychologist, was able to train 6 staff to use as student assessment called the Woodcock Johnson to assess learners who may have learning challenges and may need to have additional intervention or support. By training school staff to do the assessment they can consult with our school psychologist and get program intervention ideas very quickly. Our counsellors developed a website to have another avenue to provide information about how families can support their children's mental health and well being. <https://nechakowellness.wixsite.com/sd-91-counselling>



MOUSE MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEFORE & AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

Mouse Mountain Elementary School is excited to open our Seamless Entry Before and Afterschool Care Program next month, as part of a pilot program in the province to support young learners and families in transitioning to school. Registration for the program has opened and our staff, **Melinda Decoteau** and **Heather Brown**, are keen to begin their learning journey in early childhood education.



DECKER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THANKS SD91 FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

The Facilities department was busy over the break and into January with the transition of water supply at Decker Lake Elementary School. They are nearing the end of the project and soon the school will be drinking water from the new drilled well.

Strategic Education Plan
2020-2025

GOAL #1 HONOUR DIVERSITY

Respect the strength of all diversities within our communities. Support the transformation of an education system that recognizes, celebrates, and includes Indigenous history, worldviews and perspectives.

Honouring People, Land and History



DRUM MAKING WITH JORDAN WILLIAMS

With wisdom and knowledge shared by **Mr. Jordan Williams**, Carrier Culture & Language Teacher, and two Decker Lake Elementary School teachers, **Miss Lee** and **Ms.**



England, created an authentic moose hide drum. Now our school has three traditional drums that we can use while playing Lahal, etc.

Strategic Education Plan
2020-2025

GOAL #4 ENHANCE CONNECTIONS

Promote collaboration and partnership with all facets of community. Encourage our schools to participate in opportunities that strengthen our communities.

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THANKS MOUSE MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC FOR CLIMBING WALL

Mouse Mountain Elementary School is grateful to our school PAC and school community for the addition of a new indoor climbing wall that was installed



during the winter break. The climbing wall was purchased through the fundraising efforts of Mouse Mountain families and was an exciting surprise for students as they returned in January! Staff looks forward to using the wall to support physical literacy for students.

FRANCOIS LAKE PARTNERS TO CREATE ICE RINK

Our school has partnered with the Francois Lake Hall Committee, Francois Tchesinkut Lake Recreation Committee, and the Francois Lake Elementary School (FLES) PAC to have an ice rink constructed on the edge of our school field. This rink should be arriving in the coming weeks! The FLES PAC received a large donation from an anonymous community member so they could buy a new helmet and pair of skates for every FLES falcon to use for the skating season! Featured in this photo are three falcons holding up a brand new helmet!



SINKUT VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THANKS NECHAKO NORDICS SKI CLUB

Sinkut View Elementary grade 3 students participated in the first set of lessons at the cross country ski trails in Vanderhoof this past Thursday. The program set up by the Nechako Nordics is a fantastic introduction to not only the sport of cross country skiing, but also to the facility that is right in our own back yard. SD91, parent volunteers, Sinkut View PAC and the Nechako Nordics Ski Club have all come together to make this opportunity available to our learners. Thank you!



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- ❖ [Decker Lake Volleyball Tourney](#)
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