



LDSS NEWS

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Principal's Message



I would like to begin with a huge Congratulations to the Class of 2025! I hope you look back on your years at LDSS with the fondest memories. You will be missed, and we look forward to learning of your successes and achievements.

By the time this newsletter comes to you, this school year will be in the rearview mirror. I want to take a minute to thank the entire teaching staff, our incredible support staff, the leaders who guide us, and our PAC who work hard to make LDSS the best it can be! Of course, a big thank you to the parents and families who support and advocate for their students. Your involvement is crucial for your child's success!

We are already looking forward to and planning the next school year. We will be welcoming many Grade 8 students, as well as some new families to the community. We will ensure that their transition to LDSS is smooth for them.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Shannon Fisher for her service to School District 91 students. Shannon is retiring this year, having spent 34 years at LDSS supporting learners. We hope that you enjoy your hard-earned retirement!

Have a fun filled, restful and safe summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone in September!



PLANTING DAY

A sun-kissed day of planting!
A beautiful reminder that
from gentle hands and simple
moments, tomorrow begins
to grow.

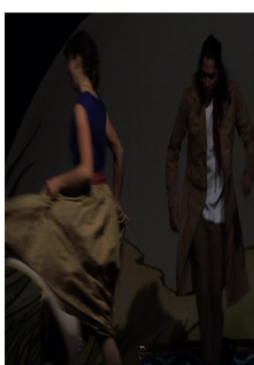
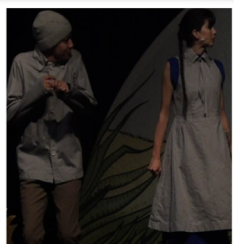
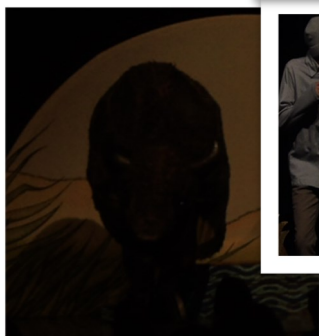
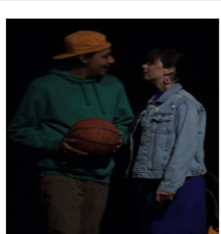
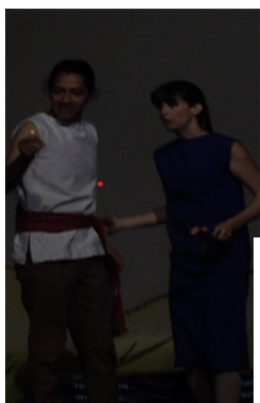




SD91
Together we Shine

June	
Indigenous Heritage Month	A month to recognize the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving Canada.  
For educators	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1683124800202/1683124846095
Pride Season Begins	Pride Season is a unifying term that refers to the period between June and September when 2SLGBTQ+ communities and allies come together at different times throughout the summer to spotlight the resilience, talent, and contributions of 2SLGBTQ+ communities in many Canadian cities. Check out the activities in your community
18-Jun Autistic Pride Day	A day to raise awareness and celebrate the similarities and the uniqueness of people with autism. According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, the prevalence of Autism among children and youth is approximately 1 in 66. This number represents an increase in recent years, <u>similar to the pattern observed in the United States.</u>  
21-Jun National Indigenous People's Day	A day to recognize the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples For generations, many Indigenous groups and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on June 21 or around that time of year because of the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

School Performance by Axis Theatre



We had the privilege of welcoming the Axis Theatre to our school for a performance of the play , 'Where Have All The Buffalo Gone'.

The play, inspired by the Metis creation story and interwoven with a love story, provided a powerful and emotional narrative. Through a series of scenes, it illustrated the gradual disappearance of the buffalo—first due to the fur trade and later though the impacts of colonization and residential schools. The story conveyed how these historical events deeply affected the Metis people, their culture, and their connection to the land. The play concluded with a modern-day love story, bridging past and present. This performance was not only moving but also highly educational. It offered our students a meaningful learning experience and a thoughtful reflection.

SCHOOL POTLATCH

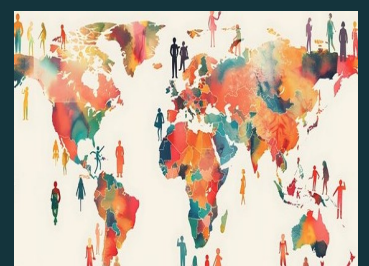
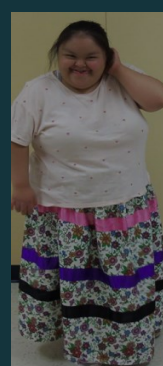
Our school recently hosted a powerful and meaningful Potlatch. It was an amazing opportunity for miyo-wichetown/creating good relation (Cree) between LDSS/SD91 and our 6 Nations. All the Hereditary Chiefs banded together to share important traditions and protocols for each Nation. They were all as honoured to be here teaching us, as we were to have them here teaching us. Many have shown want to come back individually or collectively for future events.



Cultural Day

A Celebration of Diversity: Cultural Day at our School

Our school recently came alive with color, pride, and tradition during Cultural Day, a special event where students proudly wore traditional clothing that reflected their cultural heritage. It was a joyful reminder that our differences make us stronger together.





Peru: Land of the Inca



Under the protective gaze of the Andes mountains rest the centuries-old ruins of the Inca Empire—enduring marks of the civilization that once mastered these heights. Hike through misty mountain trails to Machu Picchu, a mighty citadel perched atop a cloud-wreathed mountain ridge, the crown jewel of the empire and a testament to the Incas' architectural ingenuity. Wander the hallowed corridors of the Korikancha Temple, where the golden glow of history illuminates tales of a bygone era. Immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of a local community in Cusco, where tradition weaves itself into the colorful fabric of daily life. Stand in awe at the Sacsayhuaman Fortress, where the colossal stones stand as sentinels of the past, guarding the legacy of a powerful culture. This journey is an invitation to see, touch, feel, and be transformed by the enduring spirit of the Incas.

Please Contact kim.wiebe@gov.bc.ca or tbrown@sd91.bc.ca for more information. There is a sign-up sheet on Mrs Browns' door. The parent termmeeting will be scheduled soon.

Hundiyyin Indigenous Girls' Group

Hundiyyin is a program developed by and for Indigenous young women and girls. It stemmed from research that was conducted in 2020 that asked female Indigenous youth about their experiences in the K-12 public education system. The program involves girls who live along the Highway 16 corridor, which is also known as the Highway of Tears. The First Nations that exist in the area are Matriarchal societies and women hold and carry a lot of responsibilities in the local Indigenous nations. The vision is to instill some of the traditional teachings from our local Indigenous cultures to support our whole community. This is driven by the belief that if you lift up women and girls, you lift up communities.

Some pictures from a recent trip to Prince Rupert !!



Thought to Ponder

**NOTHING WILL WORK
UNLESS YOU DO.**

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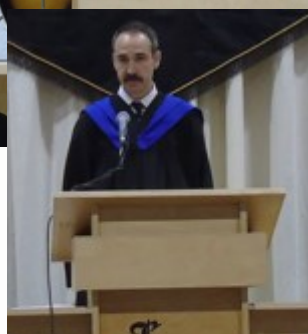
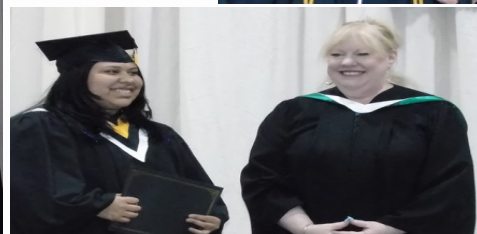
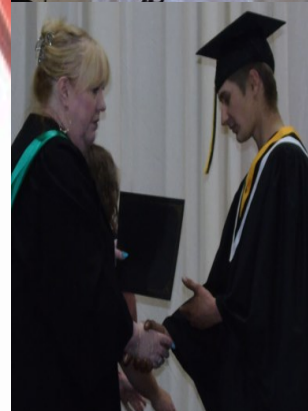
2025 CLASS OF

The graduation Ceremony for the class of 2025 was a heartfelt celebration of achievement, resilience, and new beginnings. Friends, family, and faculty gathered to honor this remarkable group of graduates as they closed one chapter and stepped boldly into the next.

Carys Griffin delivered powerful grad speech, capturing the spirit of friendship, challenges overcome, and the excitement of futures yet to unfold.

This year's valedictorian, Alexander Zayac, delivered an inspiring address that reflected on the journey of growth and perseverance shared by the graduating class. It was a day to remember—full of pride, laughter, and hope for the road ahead!

Congratulations, class of 2025!



ACADEMIC AWARDS 2025

The awards ceremony was a heartfelt celebration of outstanding efforts and achievements of our students. Honors were given across a wide range of areas— from academic excellence and creativity to most improved, most dedicated, service, outstanding achievement, and research & writing. Awards spanned departments including Athletics, English & French, Fine Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.



APPROVED 2025-26 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Approved by the Board of Education for School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)
on Monday, March 18, 2024

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September 1	Labour Day
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
October 13	Thanksgiving
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Years Day
February 16	Family Day
April 3	Good Friday
April 6	Easter Monday
May 18	Victoria Day

START & END DAYS	
September 2	Opening Day (morning only)
June 25	Closing Day (morning only)
June 26	Operational Day (no students)

EXTENDED BREAKS:	
Summer	July 1 - August 29
Winter	December 22 - January 2
Spring	March 16 - March 27

TENTATIVE PRO-D & PLANNING DAYS	
September 19	District Planning Day
October 24	Provincial Pro-D Day
November 21	Pro-D Day
February 6	Pro-D Day
April 24	Zone Pro-D Day
May 8	District Pro-D Day

BOARD MEETING DAYS	
September 15	Vanderhoof
October 20	Fort St. James
November 17	Virtual via Teams
December 15	Vanderhoof
January 19	Virtual via Teams
February 23	Vanderhoof
March 30	Fraser Lake
April 20	Virtual via Teams
May 25	Vanderhoof
June 22	Burns Lake

SPECIAL RECOGNITION DAYS	
February 25	Pink Shirt (Anti-bullying) Day
April 28	National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job
May 5	Red Dress (MMIWG2S) Day
TBA	Share the Love Day/Week
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day

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