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LDSS News

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Wednesday, September 18th, 2024

Our Principal's Message



Hadeeh and Hello! Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Lakes District Secondary School. I want to introduce myself, as the new Principal at LDSS. My name is Cheryl Peterson, and I am new to Burns Lake, but not to the School District 91 area. I have lived in Fort St. James for the past 30 years, apart from a year in Fort Babine and a year in Granisle. Having raised three boys, I am familiar with Burns Lake through hockey and soccer. I am very excited to be part of this beautiful community, leading LDSS at an exciting time in education. Please stop by and introduce yourself at any time!

There are some changes to our schools, the biggest of which is the new **Provincial Cell Phone policy**. More information on this is attached. Students were welcomed back to school in Grade level assemblies on the first Friday, and all students have been made aware of the changes in this policy and the consequences in place at the school level. Please work with your child(ren) to ensure their devices are safely stored in a way that is comfortable to your family and learners are supported in these changes.

Sign Ups have begun for the following:

- Girl's Volleyball
- Boys' Soccer
- Ski and Snowboard
- Choir
- Fall District Projects
- Hundiyn (Indigenous Girl's Leadership group) starts September 2024

Attendance is an urgent matter that will be addressed this year. We will be monitoring it closely and working with learners and families to support regular attendance.

Bullying and harassment are always taken seriously. Please encourage your child(ren) to speak to an adult as soon as there are concerns.

Hands on Behaviour is not acceptable in the school or on school grounds.

Food Programs will continue this year with some changes at the District level. Our goal is to have fresh and nutritious food options available to all students equitably. No energy drinks, pop or bags of junk food will be allowed in classrooms. Breakfast is offered to students free of charge. Menus and prices for lunch options will be attached.

We are holding an Open House on Wednesday September 25, 2024, from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. This event is sponsored by the LDSS PAC and the Burns Lake Rotary Club. Please come out and join us for hot dogs and hamburgers.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would just like to say hi, please feel free to call or come and see me.

Cheryl Peterson



SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday,
September 18th

2024-2025 BLOCK ROTATION

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday's Times	Friday
8:47 to 10:12 AM	A	B	C	D	8:47 to 9:30 AM	Collaboration
					9:30 to 10:43 AM	Period One
10:12 to 10:26 AM	BREAK				10:43 to 10:57 AM	BREAK
10:26 AM to 11:46 AM	B	A	D	C	10:57 AM to 12:05 PM	Period Two
11:46 AM to 12:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK				12:05 to 12:50 PM	LUNCH BREAK
12:30 to 1:47 PM	C	D	A	B	12:50 to 1:57 PM	Period Three
1:47 to 1:50 PM	CLASS CHANGE				1:57 to 2:00 PM	CLASS CHANGE
1:50 to 3:07 PM	D	C	B	A	2:00 to 3:07 PM	Period Four

Friday's Block Rotation for 2024 2025

September 6th	A	B	C	D
September 13th	B	A	D	C
September 20th	District Planning Day			
September 27th	C	D	A	B
October 4th	D	C	B	A
October 11th	A	B	C	D
October 18th	B	A	D	C
October 25th	Provincial Pro D			
November 1st	C	D	A	B
November 8th	D	C	B	A
November 15th	A	B	C	D
November 22nd	Pro-D Day			
November 29nd	B	A	D	C
December 6th	C	D	A	B
December 13th	D	C	B	A
December 20th	A	B	C	D
January 10th	B	A	D	C
January 17th	C	D	A	B
January 24th	D	C	B	A
January 31st	"I" and Turn Around			
February 7th	Pro-D Day			
February 14th	A	B	C	D
February 21st	B	A	D	C
February 28th	C	D	A	B
March 7th	D	C	B	A
March 14th	A	B	C	D
March 21st	B	A	D	C
April 11th	C	D	A	B
April 25th	Pro-D Day			
May 2nd	D	C	B	A
May 9th	Pro-D Day			
May 16th	A	B	C	D
May 23rd	B	A	D	C
May 30th	C	D	A	B
June 2nd	D	C	B	A
June 13th	Grad			

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much,
but absences add up!

**WHEN A STUDENT MISSES
2 DAYS A MONTH.....**

They will miss **20 days** a
year.

They will miss **30 hours**
of math over the school
year.

They will miss **60 hours** of
Reading & writing over the
school year.

They will miss over
1 year of school by
graduation.

**WHEN A STUDENT MISSES
4 DAYS A MONTH.....**

They will miss **40 days** a
year.

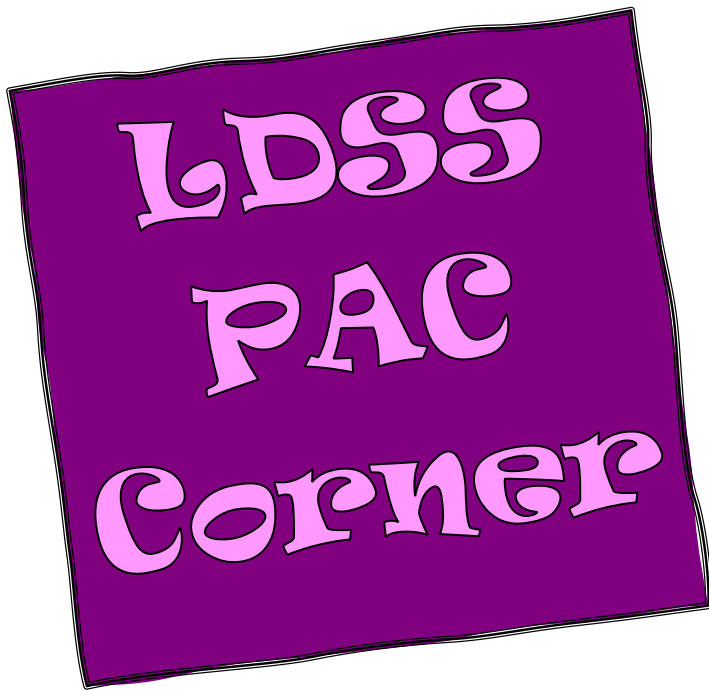
They will miss **60 hours**
of math over the school
year.

They will miss **120 hours**
of reading & writing over
the school year.

They will miss over
2 years of school by
graduation.

NO SCHOOL
FOR
STUDENTS

**District
Planning Day
Friday
September
20nd**



Next PAC Meeting:
Tuesday,
September 24th
6:00 pm @ LDSS

Contact the PAC Chair
(Pam Higginson) at:

ldsspacchair@gmail.com

ldsspacfacebook@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL
BBQ**

5PM - 6:30PM AT LDSS

FOR ALL STAFF, STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES
DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

Free Food, Music, Door Prizes and Ping Pong!

LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

September 18 th	School Photos
September 20 th	District Planning Day (NO CLASSES)
September 24 th	PAC General Meeting
September 25 th	Back to School BBQ
September 27 th	Orange Shirt Day
September 30 th	Observation of Truth and Reconciliation Day (NO CLASSES)
October 14 th	Thanksgiving Day (NO CLASSES)
October 23 rd	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Early Dismissal)
October 24 th	Halloween Dance (PAC Sponsored)
October 25 th	Provincial Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)
October 29 th	School Photo Retakes
November 8 th	Observation of Remembrance Day (School Ceremony)
November 11 th	Remembrance Day (NO CLASSES)
November 22 nd	Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)
December 21 st – January 5 th	Winter Break
February 7 th	Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)
February 17 th	Family Day (NO CLASSES)
February 19 th – 21 st	Grad Photos
March 19 th	Parent Teacher Interviews (Early Dismissal)
March 24 th – April 4 th	Spring Break
April 18 th	Good Friday (NO CLASSES)
April 21 st	Easter Monday (NO CLASSES)
April 25 th	Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)
May 5 th	MMIWG
May 16 th	Share the Love Day
May 19 th	Victoria Day (NO CLASSES)

SCHOOL CONTACTS OF NOTE

- Athletics** – Steven Little
- Book Club** – Karen Isaak
- Careers** – Sarah DeBruijn
- Counselling** – Kim Dezamits or Tracey Brown
- Discipline** – Steven Little
- Guitar Club** – Steve Wilejto
- Inclusive Education** – Stacie Gray
- Lakes Learning Centre** – Danny Dell
- Student Voice** – Amy Dash
- Transcripts** – TJ Pelletier
- Accounts** – Shondell Myram

Knives in Schools

SD91 reminds families that knives are strictly prohibited at school and on school buses. We understand that many families in our region spend considerable time outdoors and often use these items. However, knives, including Leatherman tools, are not appropriate in a school setting at any time.

We ask that all caregivers and students check backpacks and jacket pockets, especially after camping, fishing, or hunting trips to ensure these items are not brought to school. The District Code of Conduct will be followed to for these situations and appropriate consequences applied.

If you have any questions, please contact your school or the Safe School Coordinator at cmckay@sd91.bc.ca.