



LDSS News

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Helping you to grow to be your best!

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WELCOME BACK TO LAKES DISTRICT SECONDARY!

**LDSS' ANNUAL
COMMUNITY BARBECUE
AND OPEN HOUSE WILL
BE HELD ON THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24TH
FROM 4 TO 6 PM**



You are invited to join us for our annual community barbecue and open house.

Our staff will be available meet with parents/guardians.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
will be taken on
Friday, September 25th

Students are reminded to take their photo packages to the photographer when they have their photo taken. All students need to have their photo taken to receive their student card.

2009/2010 STAFF LIST

M. Skinner, Principal
L. Clarke, Vice-Principal
Ms. Benedict
Ms. Bonnell
Mrs. Brown
Ms. Chan
Mr. Chapman
Mrs. Charlie
Mrs. Clare
Mrs. Comeau
Mrs. Cutsforth
Ms. Dash
Mrs. Dezamits
Mr. Dubé
Mrs. Dubé
Mr. Eggleton
Mrs. Epkens-Shaffer
Mr. Epkens-Shaffer
Mrs. Ferguson
Mrs. Firomski
Mrs. Fisher
Ms. Fisher
Mrs. Friesen
Mrs. Gray
Mr. Hastings
Ms. Havens
Mrs. Hiebert
Ms. Hobbs
Mr. Hofer
Mrs. Hutton
Ms. Isaak
Mrs. Kelemen
Mrs. Kortmeyer
Ms. Lewis
Mrs. Lindaas
Mr. Little
Mrs. Mettler
Mrs. Miller
Mr. Moore
Mrs. Needoba
Mrs. O'Meara
Mr. Parrott
Ms. Perry
Mrs. Petkau
Mrs. Pettigrew
Ms. Ross
Ms. Rush
Mrs. Snyder
Mrs. Stearns
Mrs. Stevenson
Mr. Stoner
Mrs. Unruh
Mr. van der Kamp
Ms. Vieira
Mrs. Wilson



Once again, many volunteers are involved in putting on the school dances. We hope all students and staff enjoy these social gatherings. We would like to remind students that the dances are closely monitored. Moshing at the dance is unacceptable and students participating will be asked to leave.

We are looking for parents/guardians to chaperone school dances. If you are available, please call Mrs. Comeau at (250) 692-7733. We would appreciate any time you help out at the dances!

INFORMATION PAMPHLETS SENT HOME

On the first day of school, a question and answer pamphlet was sent home to all students regarding the H1N1 flu virus.

For up-to date H1N1 information go to www.gov.bc.ca/h1n1/

For up-to-date school information go to www.sd91.bc.ca

BUSSING REQUIREMENTS

If your child is a bus student and is new to our school or has recently moved, please contact the transportation department. All students riding District buses must be properly registered with the transportation department. You can contact Mrs. Sue Disher at 250-692-3130 to make arrangements to register. If you do not live in the boundaries for our school, the transportation department will be able to tell you if there is room on a bus that comes to our school.



LDSS SPORTS UPDATE

Girls' volleyball tryouts were held on Monday, September 14th and Tuesday, September 15th. The Junior girls season starts on Wednesday, September 30th at Vanderhoof and the grade 8 girls season starts Thursday, October 1st in Vanderhoof. We are still looking for adults to help coach and supervise the grade 8 boys and junior boys' volleyball.

Boys' Soccer practices (grade 8 - 12) will run Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 to 6pm.

Mountain biking team will also be starting up. Please see Mr. Dubé for more information!

The cross country running schedule is out. Come on down and join the dryland training at the track Mondays at 5 pm.

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Are you interested in becoming a Counsellor, Psychologist, Social Worker, or just interested in learning more about psychology?

This might be the club for you!

- Who: Anyone interested in learning more about the human mind.
- What: The **Counselling Club**, a group that meets weekly to learn more about all kinds of issues relating to the human mind.
- Where: Room 166 (other locations to be announced).
- When: Wednesdays at lunch time (bring your lunch) starting September 30th
- Why: To fill your curiosity!

For more information, please contact Jeremy Belyea, Joanel Clarke or Gord Poschwatta.

FAIR NOTICE: STUDENT THREAT ASSESSMENT

It is important that all students and staff of School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) be allowed to work in an environment free from harm. Please be advised that threatening behavior will not be tolerated and that all threats of a serious nature as well as all high risk behaviours will be investigated and addressed accordingly. This may involve other agencies and Ministries including the RCMP. Should this need occur regarding your child, you will be advised. (Code of Conduct Policy 502.1)

What behaviours initiate a Student Threat Assessment?

A Student Threat Assessment will be initiated when behaviours include, but are not limited to: serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill; verbal/written threats to harm/kill others or self; Internet website/MSN/Facebook threats to harm or kill others or self; possession of weapons (including replicas); bomb threats and fire setting.

What is a threat?

A threat is expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to.

Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students and community members must report all threat related behaviours to the principal of the building who will activate the initial response.

What happens in a Student Threat Assessment?

When a threat making or high risk behaviour is reported to the principal, the principal will activate the protocol by contacting the district person in charge and a team will be set up that is appropriate to the situation. Once the team has been activated, interviews may be held with the student(s), the threat maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and to develop an appropriate response to the incident. Community personnel will be called in as required. Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.

What are the purposes of a Student Threat Assessment?

- The purposes of a Student Threat Assessment are:
- To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others;
 - To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat;
 - To begin to understand the factors that contribute to the threat maker's behaviour;
 - To be proactive in developing an intervention plan to address the emotional and physical needs of the threat maker;
 - To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

Can I refuse to be part of the Student Threat Assessment process?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. However, if for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat maker or parent/guardian, the threat assessment process will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment for all.

Where can I get further information?

Please discuss this information with your children so that they understand the intent. Should you require further clarification, please contact Mr. Skinner at 250-692-7733 or Charlene Seguin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools at 250-567-2284.