

Big Lake Elementary School

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

BC Family Literacy Week

BC Family Literacy Week runs from Jan 26 to Feb 1, 2026. This annual celebration encourages families to spend time reading and learning together. This year's theme, "Make mealtime family learning time," invites families to weave learning into everyday routines—especially during meals—by sharing stories, discussing recipes, and engaging in meaningful conversations. **See attached for an idea to try at home!**

Gavin Lake Field Trips

We enjoyed our field trip to Gavin Lake yesterday. Weather was perfect and the kids were able to cross country ski, skate, rock climb and sled. We were proud of how well our students and families responded to our minor emergency when the bus got a wheel in the ditch. Good job Team!

Welcome to Big Lake

We are excited to welcome two new students to our School next week. Finnegan & Waverly will join our Primary Class. We encourage all our students to get to know these new friends and help make their transition to a new school easier.

Phone Tree

We have had additions and changes to the phone tree and reverse bus run on the back. A new copy is attached, please discard the old one. We have also emailed out an electronic copy for those of you who would like it. Please note that on the bottom of the first page, we have added the number for the Red Phone in the office. This phone rings but does not have voice mail. If we are in the school and you need to reach us in an emergency just let it ring until someone comes to answer it. For all other contact, use the regular school number.

Bull Mountain

We still have 2 field trips to Bull Mountain for cross country skiing booked. Unfortunately, the weather forecast does not look favourable at least for the first one Feb 5th. Please stay tuned for updates on this trip.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting is Feb 2nd @ 2:15 pm at the School; all parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Hot Food Day

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteer parents for shopping and preparing our Thursday Hot Lunches. February's dates are fully booked, thank you! Still one available in March.



Valentine's Day

We will celebrate Valentine's Day in our classrooms on February 12th. We will have a Valentine's Day card exchange (this is optional, if your child wants to exchange cards, please ensure that they have a card for each child in their class - list is at the end of this newsletter).

Citizenship Group

The Citizenship Group has declared Wednesday, Feb 18th as "Show & Tell Day." All students and staff are invited to bring an item to share with the school. The items will be displayed in the Library for the day and then returned home. Students should be prepared to talk about their item with the group. (No pets please.)

Winter Olympics

In celebration of the Winter Olympics taking place in Italy next month, we will be holding some special events emulating the Olympics. Watch planners for details as

parents will be invited to join us for some of these activities.



Mt Timothy Ski Trip

We are looking forward to our downhill ski trip to Mt Timothy on February 20th, **weather permitting.** Permission and Sign-up Forms will come home soon. Kindergarten & Grade 1 students will need an adult to come with them to the Hill.

If you select to send your child(ren) on the bus, you will have to drive them to the **Store by 7:25 am** (the bus is leaving at 7:30 promptly) and pick them up from the Store at 4:30 pm. If you decide to drive your own child(ren) to the Ski Hill, please meet us at 9:00 am at the rental building. **If your plans change or your child is sick and you are unable to join us, please contact Ms Heard via email darci.heard@sd27.bc.ca.** This is important to ensuring the safety of all our children.



Pink Shirt Day

Feb 25th is Pink Shirt Day. We encourage all students to wear something pink on that day in recognition of working together and treating others with dignity and respect.

Kindergarten Registration

The 2026-27 Kindergarten registration is now open. Parents can register their children on-line through the SD27.bc.ca or "in person" at the school. It is important to register early as it allows the school to plan for next year's staffing. Please spread the word.

School of Choice

School of Choice applications also opened Jan 26th with a deadline of March 11th. If you wish to send your child to a school in the District that is not their catchment school you must go through this process. **This includes our Grade 6 students who wish to go to Grade 7 at Colunmeetza in September.** School of Choice applications will be available to complete on-line. Please see District Website for instructions or call the school if you need help.

Valentines Class List:

Primary Class (Ms Heard/Ms Jess)

Ivy
Gunnar
Sutton
Larson
Waverly
Harlow
Oliver
Finn
Raya
Marc
Thalen
Jayce
Lochlan
Wren

Intermediate Class (Madame, Ms Chaffee)

Mireya
Arianna
Dane
Aeris
Julia
Connor
Greyson
Isadore