

# Big Lake Elementary School

*Tuesday, April 29, 2025*

## Only 2 Months Left!

Wow, where has the year gone? We are going into our last 2 months of the school year and we have many exciting events/field trips coming up to enjoy: Literacy Day, Intermediate Gavin Lk Camp, visits to Horsefly, Likely and Williams Lake; track & field; fun days at Gavin Lake and at school. We will meet our new kindergarten students and celebrate all our current students with a recognition day. A busy, couple months that we are excited to share with families.



## Easter Party

What fun we had at our Easter Party! Thank you to the Citizenship Group & Mrs. Chaffee for planning such a special event!



## Literacy Day

The Citizenship group is hosting an exciting day based around literacy on May 1<sup>st</sup>. You will have received a notice about the day last week. The day will start with a book swap, then move onto reading, puppets & drama activities with literacy. Finally in the afternoon we invite parents to come and watch us perform.

## Learning Showcase

On Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 pm, we invite parents to come to the school with their child(ren) to see what we have been learning. This is a drop-in event and we are hoping some people will attend right after school and others will come once their kids get home on the bus and have a chance for a bit of down time. As well as your child showing you their learning, there will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with teachers.

## Jump Rope for Heart

We are participating in this event again this year, sponsored by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. This event teaches students the EASY healthy habits to help protect their heart and brain health. If you would like to donate to this cause visit [www.jumpropeforheart.ca](http://www.jumpropeforheart.ca).

## Music

We have been very fortunate this month to have LeRae Hayes join us to give the students ukelele lessons. The students are really enjoying learning to play an instrument. We will wrap up the month with a concert on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am where parents can come and see what we have learned.

## After School Sports

We will have a short set of After School Sports for outdoor sports, starting Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> till June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Permission slip will come home soon. Thanks to Coach Branden for providing

our students with this wonderful opportunity again this year!

## Gavin Lake Overnight Camp

Grades 4-6 students, will be going to Gavin Lake on an overnight camp May 15-16<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful program run by Gavin Lake Forest Education Society and an excellent opportunity for our students. A detailed permission slip will be coming home soon.



## Bike Week

The last week of May will be bike week. Students are invited to bring their bike to school on Monday and it can be kept here till Friday (either chained to the bike rack or kept inside overnight.) Helmets are mandatory. Students will be able to ride during their regular breaks as well as some special bike learning through-out the week. We intend to wrap up on Friday (after our Uke concert) with a bike parade and rodeo.

## District Track & Field

This event will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> for Gr 4 & 5 and June 12<sup>th</sup> for Gr 6 & 7 (at Columneetza.) We will start practising soon and if your child has qualified to attend, you will get a permission slip with details. Parents will have to drive their kids in to these events.

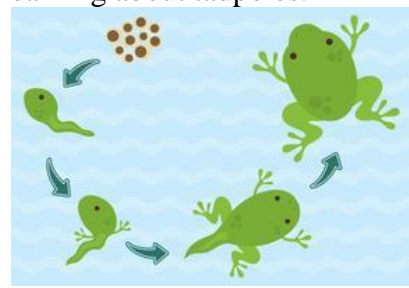
## Horsefly Field Trip

On Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, we are visiting Horsefly School for a fun day of outdoor sports. We have cancelled our Hot Lunch at the school for this day. In addition to their lunch, please send lots of snacks and a filled water bottle for this day.

## Williams Lake Field Trip

On Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, we are planning a trip to Williams Lake to learn some gymnastics at the

Williams Lake Gymnastics Club and have some nature exploring at the Dairy Fields learning about tadpoles.



**PAC News**

Our next PAC meeting is Monday, May 12th 2:15 pm. As we near the end of this year, we thank the executive and all parents that attended our meetings and volunteered their time. PAC is an excellent way to keep yourself informed on what is happening throughout the year and make a difference in your school and community.

This month, the Grade 6 students received their “grad” hoody which was provided by the PAC. Both students expressed their appreciation to the PAC, their teachers and the school in general. They did this on their own accord giving a small speech to their classmates upon receipt of the hoody. It was a joy to witness.



**Welcome to Kindergarten**

We will host our Welcome to Kindergarten event on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Next year’s Ks will be invited to join us at the school for a fun afternoon. We are excited to meet our new friends and welcome them to our school.

**Welcome to Columneetza BBQ**

Parents and Grade 6 students are invited to Columneetza for information session and BBQ on May 28 from 5-7.

**Fun Days – Save the Date**

**June 10th**, we will have a fun day at school with many outdoor fun activities. We are in the planning stage but we

expect to invite families to join us for at least part of this day.

Then on **June 24<sup>th</sup>** we will have a final year-end fun day at Gavin Lake Camp, where again, parents are invited to join us.

**Share Your Day**

We find it important to help the kids reflect on the positives of their day to foster mental health. Here are some questions to start a conversation with your kids about their day.

- what made you smile today?
- what was fun about recess today?
- did you see anyone doing something funny at school today?
- what was the most interesting thing you learned at school today?
- name something that made you happy today?
- who were you nice to today?
- did you help anyone today?
- did anyone help you today?
- what did you like best about your day today?



**Student Learning Survey**

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers info. from Grade 4 parents/guardians, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety and achievement. We encourage **parents of Grade 4 students** to participate in this survey, as results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvements. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed by searching “Student Learning Survey BC; click on “take the survey”. On login page, choose the Parent icon, then select SD27 and our school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same

site under the results section. **Survey is only open until May 2<sup>nd</sup>, please complete ASAP.**