



NVSS NEWS



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April 21, 2026

Greetings Viking Nation!

Welcome to the start of Term 4 at NVSS and the last term of the year! Included in this mailout will be Term 3 Learning Updates for students 9-12 and course selection for next year. Once you have read the update, please feel free to reach out to speak to teachers/counsellors or a Vice Principal/Principal if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student's progress.

Our Spring sports are in full swing now that it is warming up and we are getting out on our sports fields. A huge thank you to all the coaches volunteering their time to ensure that these great opportunities continue for our athletes. The NVSS Band program has just returned from the Prince George Music Festival and come home with multiple Gold and Silver Honours. Our MYNVSS students are once again exploring the wetlands at Clear Creek, the Mapes site, Redmond Site and the McLeod site across the street and areas of our ecosystem. A great time of the year for our students to be engaged in outside learning.

We are now at the point of seeing the end of school in two short months. It is important to finish strong and vital for all members of the Grad 2026 class to ensure that you are here each and every day in these last few weeks of quarter 4. Please touch base with academic advisors or myself if there is anything we can help with in terms of ensuring all grad requirements are being met. Mrs. Lisa Thiessen will be running her Grad checks a few more times in these last two months – so expect a check in with her. We are gearing up for our annual Grad Gala on Friday, May 22nd. Our NVSS Graduation Ceremony will be on Saturday, June 13th at 1:00 PM.

I would like to thank all those parents and community partners who have supported us this past year here at our school. A huge thank you to both staff and students for doing their part in keeping everyone safe and supported as we come to the end of this busy year. Thank you for all the good things that you do to support learning here at NVSS.

Sincerely,

Ken Young, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 22

Spring Dance (Look for posters for more details)

April 24 (no school)

Pro-D Day

May 5

Red Dress Day

May 8 (no school)

Pro-D Day

May 18 (no school)

Victoria Day

May 22

Grad Gala

May 25

School Board Meeting

June 4

Band Concert

June 13

Grad

Please note that our Newsletter goes out via email. If you need to update your email with the office, please send an email to NVSS at:

nvss@sd91.bc.ca



Spring Dance
April 22nd, 6 pm – 9 pm
Grades 7-10

For inquiries regarding attendance, or for reporting the attendance or absences of your child if they are sick or will be away, please contact NVSS at our NEW Attendance email address:

nvssattendance@sd91.bc.ca

You may also contact the school at 250-567-2291 to report any absence related information.



Proposed School Calendar

We are currently collecting public feedback regarding the *DRAFT* 2028-29 school calendar.

Your feedback will be accepted via email to calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026**. Check out the 'Calendars – Yearly' page at www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar to view the proposed calendars.



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Anita McClinton presented her [Monthly Report](#) at the Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, March 30, 2026.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca or on our [Board of Education Updates](#) page.

HOT LUNCH MENU				
April 2026				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 30	March 31	1	2	3
Spaghetti	Chicken Ranch Wrap	Poutine	Fish Sticks & Tater Tots	Good Friday No School
6	7	8	9	10
Easter Monday No School	Roast Beef & Cheese Sandwich	Taco Salad	Chicken Strips & Wedges	Cheeseburgers
13	14	15	16	17
Hamburger Soup	Chicken Ranch Wrap	Breakfast Sandwich	Fajita Rice Bowl	Mac & Cheese & Chicken Drumsticks
20	21	22	23	24
Bacon Cheese Dogs	Quesadillas	Chicken Noodle Soup	Burgers	PRO D Day No School
27	28	29	30	
Spaghetti	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup	Chicken Caesar Salad	Fish Sticks & Fries	

\$6/day includes salad and fruit



Tell us what you think!

Review and share your thoughts about the proposed language for our 2026-2031 Strategic Plan



Our survey closes on Friday, May 15, 2026.

You may access the survey online at the link or QR code below, or you are welcome to pick up a paper copy at any Nechako Lakes school or district office.

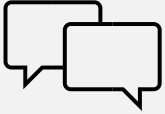



Access our survey at
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/jZt3frupdn>



www.sd91.bc.ca

Visitors/Parents/Caregivers Code of Conduct

Working together, we create a safe and supportive learning environment for students and a safe work environment for staff. Parents, caregivers and any other visitors to our schools support a safe environment by communicating and conducting themselves at the school and school activities respectfully.

<p>Communication</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use our process for addressing concerns – talk to the teacher first then, if follow up is required, contact school administration. • Use respectful language whether in person, on the telephone, or through email. • Respect staff time by accepting that they will respond to appropriate communication within 2-3 days outside of holidays, evenings and weekends. • Clarify your child’s version of events with school staff to fully understand and have perspective. • Seek a peaceful and reasonable solution to all issues. • Social media should not be used to voice complaints against the school, a staff member, parent/caregiver, or student. This is not a productive way to resolve an issue.
<p>Partnership</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to ensure your child attends school and reaches out for support if needed. • Work together with staff to resolve issues or concerns. • Read and discuss the Student Code of Conduct with your child to help them understand and follow it.
<p>Conduct</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When coming to school please be calm and do not swear, use inappropriate language, be threatening in your behaviour, and/or be verbally abusive.
<p>School Culture</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize that EVERY student is important to us. • Treat all members of our school community with dignity regardless of “Indigenous identity, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age” as protected by the BC Human Rights Code.

Wild Goose Chase Fun Run!

SATURDAY, May 9th at 10:00am

WL McLeod Elementary

3.5km Run, 8km Run, 5km walk

Open to EVERYONE of all ages!

Lots of draw prizes!

Medals for all kids under 8 years old

Must Register On-Line at:

<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=41584>

(Or go to www.zone4.ca and search "Goose". Email zoewalk@hotmail.com for questions.)

NO DAY OF REGISTRATION!



Thanks to the Sponsors:

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MNP Vanderhoof, Chuck's Food Services, Nechako Outdoors,
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Hampton Lumber, Tasty Tandoori, SD 91, District of Vanderhoof

**PROUD TO BE MCLEOD
PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:
OUR 17TH ANNUAL PRODUCTION**



DREAMWORKS

MADAGASCAR
A MUSICAL 2026
ADVENTURE JR.

SHOWTIMES

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD - 7 P.M

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH - 7 P.M

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH - 1 P.M

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH - 7 P.M

TICKETS

**\$5 EACH OR \$20 FOR A FAMILY
OF 4 OR MORE.**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:
WALLACE STUDIOS, QUILTER'S
CORNER, W.L MCLEOD OFFICE
& AT THE DOOR.**

**PLEASE PURCHASE THE FAMILY
OF 4 OR MORE
AT THE MCLEOD OFFICE**

**CASH ONLY AT ALL LOCATIONS
PLEASE**

Foster Parent Recruitment

Have you ever considered being a foster caregiver?
These info sessions are for you



You are invited to sign up for a virtual drop-in info session every fourth Thursday at noon.

Scan the QR Code to sign up or call 250-847-7727 for more info.



Ministry of
Children and Family
Development



Hello School District 91 families,

The Nechako Valley Swim Club, the Nechako Otters, is excited to announce that our 2026 Summer Session registration is now open.

The start of the BC Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA) season. The competitive season runs from **May 1 to August 12, 2026** with Provincials taking place August 13-16, 2026.

The club offers practice to groups for a range of ages and skill levels.

- **Pups** – this is our entry level practice group. The youngest swimmers we are accepting are children born in the year 2021. These swimmers have a coach in the water with them at all times. They are not able to swim 25 meters (a lap pool length) by themselves
- **Pre-Development** – Swimmers who can independently swim 25 meters by themselves and are coached from the pool deck.
- **Development, Intermediate, Advanced and Masters** for more experienced swimmers

Practice schedules will vary through May, June, July and August, with expanded morning and dryland training opportunities during the summer months for older competitive groups. Half season registration is available for Development, Intermediate and Advanced swimmers from **May 1 to June 21, 2026**.

Families are encouraged to attend practices regularly and participate in swim meets throughout the season, though swim meets are optional.



Registration Link Below

<https://www.active.com/vanderhoof-bc/water-sports/swimming-registrations/nvsc-summer-15-weeks-2026>

More information about swimmer placement, registration and schedules is available in the link above or on our Facebook page: The Nechako Valley Otters.

There is a payment plan for Development, Intermediate and Advanced practice groups.

We offer multiple swimmer discount. All swimmers must be registered in the same transaction for the family discount to apply. On the top right hand side you will see an option to '+ add another registration'

If you have any questions about swimmer placement, registration please contact Kathryn Egli, her contact information is below.

The Otters are looking forward to seeing everyone in the pool this summer!

Thank you,

Kathryn Egli, Registrar

(250) 960-8826

nvsc.registrar.otter@gmail.com

Nechako Valley Swim Club