

Lac La Hache Elementary School

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News Letter February 2026

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Traditionally New Years Eve is the time people set goals for the year to be a better person. At Lac La Hache Elementary, we are always setting goals for ourselves because it is part of the mastery portion of the Circle of Courage, which is our guide to helping our learners grow socially and emotionally. Looking at February, I think a goal our school should try for is to improve the attendance. A reminder that attendance is key for student success in school.

Current research shows that students who miss just 10% of the school year (about 18 days) are at risk of not only falling behind in the current academic year but also withdrawing from social connections at school. This means to increase a student's sense of belonging and social connections they need to attend school every day. Just 2 missed days a month for the year is 20 days, which is more than 10% of the school year.

Recently the code of conduct has been revised and reposted on the school website. If you would like a copy of the paper, they are available at the office.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING



Lac La Hache Elementary will be going to the 100 Mile Nordics Ski S'kool on February 12th 2026. Permission forms will be sent home along with information about the day events.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday February 13th is a Professional Development Day for Teachers and Staff. The school will be closed.

FAMILY DAY

Monday February 16th is Family Day, the school will be closed for the holiday

WEAR YOUR SCHOOL COLOR DAY

Friday February 20th students are encouraged to come to school wearing their School Colors, Yellow and Black. Perfect time for those who have School Hoodies to wear them.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 4th Hot Lunch
- Feb 6th Friday Skate
- Feb 11th Hot Lunch
- Feb 12th Cross Country Skiing
- Feb 13th Pro D Day (no school)
- Feb 16th Family Day (No school)
- Feb 18th Hot Lunch
- Feb 20th Friday Skate
- Feb 20th Wear your School Color Day
- Feb 23rd Jump rope for Heart Kick Off
- Feb 25th Hot Lunch – Stone Soup Day
- Feb 25th Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 27th Friday Skate

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART KICK OFF



The Lac La Hache Jump Rope For Heart will begin on February 23rd and will run until March 13th when the students will do their Jump Rope For Hear Events.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday February 25th is Pink Shrit Day. Please wear pink to honor the day of Being Kind to all. I have attached a link for anyone who may be interested in buying a T-Shirt. <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca>

LEARNING UPDATES

Learning Updates will be sent out by Parent Portal on March 11, 2026 for the Term 2. **(No paper copies will be given unless we are contacted).** Please make sure you are able to Log on. If you cannot log on, please make sure you contact the office so I can either give you a new password or contact the District Office to get your account reset.

LLH FRIDAY SKATING

Lac La Hache Elementary will continue with their Friday Afernoon Skating Program.

Please make sure your child(ren) come dressed with the following: Helemet, Skates, Coat, Sweater and Gloves. (There are skates available at the arena, for those students that need them.) If you are a parent/guardian and would like to come help with tying skates or helping on the ice, please contact the office. Your assistance is always appreciated. A special “Thank you” to Race Trac Gas for sponsoring this years School Skate.

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SHOES

We would like to remind parents, that it is expected and appreciated that each child comes equipped with both Indoor and Outdoor shoes, espeacially now that the weather is changing and there is more mud to be brought into the school. If you need any assitance, please contact the office at 250-396-7230.

COLD WEATHER REMINDERS

- Dress warmly, we want the students to be outside.
- School is always open, there is no temprature in which we automatically close.
- Cold weather conditons may stop busses from running, or deem the roads to be unsafe, please check the the District Website for current morning updates.



PAC NEWS

Dear Parents/Caregivers, there will be a Parent Advisory Council Meeing (the date still to be determined). At this time there is no PAC to help support this great little school. In order for students to have field trips, hot luches and extra curricular events we must have a PAC and Parent/Gaurdian Volunteers. If this is something that you would be interested in please contact the office @ 250-396-7230.

Meal Program

Lac La Hache Elementary is continuing to offer our Grab-and-Go Breakfast Program for those students who are in need.

We have been having Hot Lunch Days on Wednesdays when we are able to but are still lacking a Parent Advisory Council to help support the program.



If you have any questions or concerns,please contact the office @ 250-396-723

OUR SCHOOL HAS A LOCKED DOOR POLICY IN PLACE

PLEASE RING THE DOORBELL TO THE LEFT OF THE DOOR WHEN ARRIVING

SOMEONE WILL BE WITH YOU SHORTLY

THANK YOU

THE STAFF OF LAC LA HACHE ELEMENTARY



Kindergarten and Regular School Registration will open on January 26th, 2026.

(Applications can be taken at the Lac La Hache Office, District Office, or Online)

If you are interested in registering your child at Lac La Hache Elementary School, please fill out your application form today, and be sure to bring with you the following:

Enrollment ID Checklist

2026-2027

Indicators in support of establishing that parent(s)/guardians(s) are 'ordinarily resident' in BC. Two indicators are from the list below would strongly support ordinarily resident. Must have address listed on these indicators. *Childs: Birth Certificate or Passport and Care Card (Must Have) **

*Must be at least one of these for first ID

1. Ownership of dwelling or long-term lease/rental agreement*
2. Employment within community or elsewhere in BC (pay statement) *
3. Any legal documents indicating British Columbia residence (utility bill) *
4. Parent/guardian files income tax returns as BC resident*
5. Canadian bank accounts/credit cards associated to BC address*

Second piece only

1. Spouse, children, other dependent family members in same dwelling**
2. BC Driver's License
3. BC Provincial registration of automobile**
4. Subscription for life or health insurance, particularly MSP**
5. Business relationships in the community**
6. Links to community through religious organizations, recreational clubs, unions and/or professional organizations**

**Accepted as second piece only.

School Of Choice

Will open on January 26th, 2026, and no day sooner!

Families wishing to attend a school outside their catchment area must first register at their designated catchment school, only then you are able submit a School of Choice Application Form. The forms can be obtained and filled out at your catchment school or on the School District Office or on the School District's website (www.sd27.bc.ca).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office @ 250-396-7230

