

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 LAUNCHES NEW “JOYFUL JOURNEY” LITERACY INITIATIVE FOR FAMILIES

School District 91 and our District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) partnered with acclaimed reading specialist Dr. Janet Mort to create fun activities to support year-round learning. Literacy development is one of the foundations of the District’s Strategic Plan, and this work will help students and families learn through a series of play-based activities.

Dr. Mort created a series of ten (10) videos full of fun ways to learn and practice the skills for reading at home. The research tells us play is the best way for children to learn, so let us help you find a fun game to help your child learn about the alphabet, sounds, or sight words. Our team at SD91 adapted these videos to create condensed learning activities to enjoy anywhere there is an internet connection.

In addition to these videos and play-based activities, SD 91 will be offering prizes for participating in this Joyful Journey. For more information about our “Play to Win” Contest, [click here](#)

Please click the link below to explore:

[Joyful Journey – Parents & Students – Nechako Lakes \(SD 91\)](#)

About Dr. Janet Mort:

Janet has been a teacher, principal, and superintendent for the past 50 years. Instead of retiring, she returned to university to secure a Ph.D. in literacy, where she researched why over 30% of all children do not achieve at grade level. She found the solutions and has written four books outlining her Framework. Her book *Parent Power: You can teach your child at home* is her most recent effort to support children in their journey to proficient literacy practice through family involvement.

Janet was also a 2020 recipient of the *Order of British Columbia* for her decades of hard work and dedication to early learning and literacy development. [2020 Order of BC information -Dr. Janet Mort](#)

For more information about the SD91 Strategic Plan:

[SD91 Strategic Plan](#)

For further information, please contact:

Mike Skinner
Assistant Superintendent
District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)
miskinner@sd91.bc.ca