

# Logan Lake Elementary News

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## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

At Logan Lake Elementary School, we strive to inspire all students to work to the best of their abilities.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Oct. 12	No School - Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 15/16	P/T Interviews -12pm Dismissal
Oct. 19	PAC Meeting 8:45 am at LLES
Oct. 23	No School – Inservice
Nov. 2	Photo Retakes
Nov. 11	No School – Remembrance Day
Dec. 7	No School - Inservice
Dec. 17	Concert
Dec. 18	Last Day of School
Dec 19-Jan 03	Winter Break

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Wow!! The month of September sure went by fast. I would like to thank the staff, students, parents and the community for a great welcome to the school. The students are adjusting back into a routine and are finding out quickly that there is a lot to learn this year. I encourage you to do daily checks of your child(ren)'s agenda. Homework for the evening will be noted as well as important upcoming events. The agenda is also a great way to communicate with your child's teacher(s). It is important that homework be completed on a daily basis. Creating a routine for homework will help to make this time less challenging.

I would like to remind you that parent/teacher interviews are quickly approaching. Please take the time to meet with your child's teacher. Consistent communication between school and home has a positive impact on your child's success at school.

I am happy to announce that due to the increase in the student population, Logan Lake Elementary has added a new teacher and classroom this year. Ms. Ivanitz will be teaching the Grade 1 class. In addition, I would like to welcome a new staff member to the Logan Lake team. Ms. Kelly Ngo will be teaching the Grade 1-2 class and the Fine Arts prep.

As always, please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns you might have.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

In partnership,

Chris Preymak

## **PAC MEETING**

All parents are invited to attend the PAC meetings. Please join us on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am in the Conference Room at the Elementary school.

## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

We will be hosting parent/teacher interviews on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. These interviews will only be in the afternoon. Sign up sheets are outside of each classroom. Please sign up for the available spots. I strongly encourage you to communicate with your child's teacher regularly to help your child to have a successful year.

## **PHOTO RETAKES**

Photo retakes will be on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **BEAR/COUGAR AWARE**

Many of our students walk or ride their bicycles to school. Please take some time to review good safety practices with your child. We recently had a bear in our playground. This serves as a good reminder to teach our children to be aware of their surroundings and to know what to do if they do see/encounter a bear or cougar.

## **ONE TO ONE READING**

One to One volunteer readers needed for our One to One elementary reading program! Starting the week after Thanksgiving we will be looking for community volunteers who are willing to commit to one hour a week of reading with a student. Criminal record checks are

required and can be obtained at our local detachment; as well there is a 3 hour training session for our volunteers with our community literacy coordinator Nicole Beaugard.

Contact Ms.Huva at the high school for more info or email Nicole at [loganlakeliteracy@gmail.com](mailto:loganlakeliteracy@gmail.com). Thanks in advance!

## **COLD WEATHER**

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for going outside. Unless the weather is terrible, your child will be outside at recess and lunch. Please make sure your child has warm clothing.

## **SAFE ARRIVALS**

I would like to remind you that we have a Safe Arrival program. We always want to make sure all of our students arrive safely to school. If your son/daughter is ill and will be absent, please call the elementary school and let us know. You can leave a message on the answering machine. If you need to pick your child up early and nobody answers the phone, please call the secondary school at 523-9441 and we will relay the message to your child and his/her teacher.

## **TERRY FOX RUN**

Thank you to all who participated in the Terry Fox Run. We had great weather for the event and raised over \$300 toward the Canadian Cancer Society.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AT LOGAN LAKE ELEMENTARY

The Board of Trustees will be holding their bi-weekly meeting here on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Logan Lake library. The meeting is open to the public starting at 7 pm.

## LITERACY CORNER

### Logan Lake Literacy Corner

**Did you Know?** Learning happens in everything we do. Whether you team up to sort laundry, write a grocery list, or discover a new route to school, you are learning together. Increasing literacy rates starts at home.

Here are some tips to make literacy part of your everyday routine.

- Play board games together as a family. Playing games promotes social skills, reading, following rules for fair play and usually involves a lot of fun and laughter.
- Build a Lego structure. This activity involves colours, counting, shapes, creativity and numbers.
- Draw or write with invisible ink. Dip a cotton swab in lemon juice and write messages on heavy paper or cardstock. Use heat (a hair dryer, light bulb or iron) to make the picture or words appear. Careful not to apply too much heat or the paper will burn! Parent supervision required.

For more information on our upcoming events please visit:

[www.loganlakewhy.ca/logan-lake-literacy](http://www.loganlakewhy.ca/logan-lake-literacy)

Contact: Nicole Beauregard, Literacy Outreach Coordinator

(250)371-1442, [loganlakeliteracy@gmail.com](mailto:loganlakeliteracy@gmail.com)

## GIRL GUIDES

Are you wanting to get more involved in the community AND have some fun with your friends? Logan Lake Girl Guides is now accepting registration for Sparks (ages 5-6), Brownies (ages 7-8), Guides (ages 9-12), and Pathfinders (ages 12-14). In Girl Guides you will earn badges, go on adventures and make some new friends. Contact Lindsey Kuffinoff at [250-809-8281](tel:250-809-8281) for more information!

## Logan Lake Welcomes Back the Aboriginal Program for 2015-2016!



*First Nations artist Andrew Dexel created our new logo specifically for Logan Lake Secondary in 2012.*

We are pleased to announce that the Aboriginal Program will be continuing at both schools! As well as providing cultural awareness and curriculum enhancement school wide, the Aboriginal Program strictly follows the mandates outlined in the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement signed by SD #73, First Nations Education Council and the Ministry of Education. This mandate is also in tandem with school goals of improving literacy and numeracy performance levels.

Projects and initiatives for this year include: Seventh Generation Club (operated by the Vancouver Canucks and FNEC providing materials for a primary aboriginal sports day), school wide cultural workshops, field trips, FN Grad activities including: TRU Aboriginal Day, FN Graduation Ceremony, Career Fair & TRU Start (taking university courses while completing high school). We'll also be running a traditional arts group open to all students.

Our First Nations Education Worker, **Trish Rainville**, is also returning this year. Her role is to provide FN students with academic support, cultural engagement opportunities and emotional support. Any questions or comments can be emailed to [trainville@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:trainville@sd73.bc.ca) or contact LLSS at 250-523-9441. You may also learn more about what is available from the Aboriginal Program at the School District website under Programs- select Aboriginal Education.

Also available to any FN parent or guardian is the [Handbook for Parents/Guardians of Aboriginal Students in SD#73](#). It's a fantastic booklet on effective ways to support your child and offers ways to help make the most of their school experience.

**NEW! Logan Lake Aboriginal Program Website!**

This website can be accessed from LLSS' webpage under First Nations Information on the left side of the screen.

<https://sites.google.com/a/gedu.sd73.bc.ca/sd73-aboriginal-program/>

### Aboriginal Program FAQs

*Does our family need official status to join the Aboriginal Program?*

No. We ask that you are able to confirm that your family has aboriginal ancestry. You do not need to provide any documentation. If you know that your family does have aboriginal ancestry and you would like to see your child participate in the program, contact the office and make the necessary changes on their student registration form to place them on the FN student list.

*Will you be pulling my child from classes?*

Yes, at times, but not during core academics. **Appropriate scheduling is discussed with the classroom teacher.** Sometimes groups are formed and students come out together. Other times the FNEW supports the students within the classroom. We strive to deliver student specific support for optimal success.

*Can you help my grade 11/12 student with bursary and scholarship applications?*

Yes. The FNEW works closely with the school counsellor to provide any graduation support and highlight opportunities specifically targeting FN students.

*Can you attend school/teacher meetings as an advocate for the family?*

Yes. The FNEW also works as a liaison between the family and other agencies.

*We have First Nations heritage in our family, can my child get added to the Aboriginal Student list even if I didn't indicate it on their registration form?*

Yes, we can make the change on their registration form at any time during the school year. No proof is required, just an acknowledgement there is First Nations lineage in your family. This includes First Nations, Inuit and Metis.



# Board Notes

## ***From the Board Meeting of: SEPTEMBER 28, 2015***

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation on Chase Secondary School's Alternate Program by Principal Ian McGoldrick.
2. The Board received notice of the proposed amendment to the School Calendar for Distributed Learning from Superintendent deBruijn.
3. Superintendent deBruijn provided the Board with an update on the student enrollment.
4. The Board received an update on the International Student enrollment from Director Dean Coder.
5. The Board approved the Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) Spending Plan for the 2015-2016 school year.
6. The Board approved the amendments to the Non-Instructional and Parent Teacher Interview dates for the 2015-2016 school year.
7. The Board received/approved the audited School District No. 73 Business Company financial statements for the 2014/2015 fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.
8. The Board approved Capital Project Bylaw 126881 for the Annual Facility Grant for 2015/2016.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 5, 2015 at Logan Lake Elementary School at 7:00 pm.