



NOVEMBER 2018

MISSION STATEMENT:

Logan Lake Elem-Sec is a family of students & staff who are caring, capable, courageous thinkers.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOV

PAC Meeting	Nov 02
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov 09
School closed / Remembrance Day	Nov 12
Secondary Report Cards	Nov 22
Pro D Day	Dec 03
Elementary Gr 5-7 Report Cards	Dec 12
Christmas Concert	Dec 13

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November is here and we have only received minimal amounts of snow and some welcoming recent sunshine and warm weather!

We will be having our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 9th in the elementary school's gymnasium at 10:30 am. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend and pay respect to our Service Members who keep us safe and pay respect to those who have sacrificed for our freedom.

We continue to work hard on creating a K to 12 inclusive philosophy. This month we brought Grade 4 students to the high school where they participated with the Grade 5-9's in a Science World Presentation. Our Remembrance Day assembly will include students from both campuses. Students from both buildings had the opportunity to experience "Yukon Dan's" presentation. Yukon Dan informed me that several of our students had caught the "Fever" and were excited after finding gold!

I want to send a great big "thank you" to our parent volunteers who give freely of their time to provide nutritious breakfasts and lunches for all of our students. We will be starting up the Soup program again next week at the elementary campus.

As we move into our winter months I remind all families to dress appropriately for the weather. Warm hats, mitts, coats, snow pants and footwear are needed when we go outdoors for recess and lunch.

Enjoy the month of November.

Sincerely,

Ron Collins – Principal

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT

On Oct 31st the grades 5-7 attended their first event.

The next Young Peoples Concert performance will be presented by Monster Theater on Wednesday February 6th.

We are grateful to PAC who has agreed to pay \$5 towards each student's YPC fees, making it only \$10.00 per student for our grade 5-7 students to bus into Kamloops and enjoy four different performances at the Sagebrush Theater throughout the year.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



We are proud of our Sr girl's volleyball team making a strong effort with their practices and upcoming games. The girls have represented Logan Lake with great spirit and better play. They are looking to continue their success closing out their season at Sa-Hali Secondary.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FEES

Secondary fees are PAST DUE.

Wed. Oct 3rd the grade 8-12 were given their course fee statements and were asked to give them to their parents. We accept cash/cheque. If paying by cheque please make it payable to Logan Lake Secondary or LLESS. Secondary Students course fee payments were due by October 22nd.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

We are having a K-12 Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, November 9th held in the Elementary School Gymnasium. We will be starting at 10:30am, after students from the Secondary School have walked over to the Elementary.

Ms. Craig our Fine Arts Teacher, and her students have been working hard to learn and demonstrate what peace is, looks like, and feels like. This year's Remembrance Day Assembly will include visual arts, drama, music and dance. Each class from K- 7 will be involved in two performances and Mr. Carson's English class will be presenting a history poem. **Parents please be sure to join us!**

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Photo Retake Day was held Wed. October 24, 2018. A reminder that, Lifetouch has teamed up with Shutterfly! Families who purchase school photos online at mylifetouch.ca will receive a FREE 8X8 Shutterfly photo book (\$29 value).

YUKON DAN PRESENTATION

'Yukon Dan' did an amazing presentation on October 23 at our secondary school. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the engaging demonstration and hands on lesson in gold panning.



A big thank you to Teck Highland Valley Copper for sponsoring this fantastic presenter. In addition, they also sponsored a 'Yukon Dan' colouring contest.

The colouring contest winners are Milaina Seymour and Maddi Petrie.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Students have been enjoying a nice variety of items for breakfast before the classes begin in the morning. The hot breakfast includes items such as oatmeal, toast, and bagels as well as fresh fruit.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Special thanks to our PAC & Volunteer parents for doing such a great job on our hot lunches. The students have really enjoy it.



The next lunch is on Wed. Nov 14th and Soup & a bun will be served.

SALMONID ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Our school has been raising Salmon in the library. This important program not only teaches students about the salmon life cycle but also helps preserve our salmon population here in BC.



PAC MEETING



All parents are invited to attend the PAC meetings. The date for the next meeting is November 2nd at 8:45 am at the Elementary school in the Conference Room.

TRADES AND TRANSITIONS



If you are interested in any TNT programs or would like some information about trades, please see Mr. Howard.

Attention all grade 10-12 students, are you interested on sitting on the **RCMP Youth Advisory Committee**? If you are interested in attending this meeting scheduled for December 14 at the Henry Grube Center, please see Mr. Howard for an application form. We would like 3 students from each school to attend. Deadline is November 14th.

Take Our Kids to Work is happening on Wed. Nov. 14th. This is for all grade 9 students to accompany their parent at work. The purpose is to see what you as a parent do during your work day. Students have received permission slips during the week of October 15th. Please fill this out and return it to the school.

Watch for more information on the TNT bulletin board in the school's main hallway.

YOUTH TRANSITIONS FAIR

Turning into a young adult is hard! The "A Way Home" group is hosting a Youth Transitions Fair to support youth. Come connect with multiple youth serving agencies and more! This is a FREE event for youth 14-24 years old. The event is being held at the Boys and Girls Club gym in Kamloops.

435 McGowan Avenue on November 22nd, from 1:00-4:00 pm.

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION NIGHT

Fifteen BC universities and colleges will be in attendance at a free public Post-Secondary Information Night event on Thursday, November 15th starting at 7 pm at the Henry Grube Education Centre in Kamloops. The event is being held in collaboration with Post Secondary Institutions of BC.

Interested senior students are encouraged to bring their parents along to gather information and interact directly with reps from all 15 institutions attending. Read more on the school district calendar.

LITERACY CORNER

There is a blue bookshelf in the main front hallway of the secondary school. Those books are FREE for anyone to take home and enjoy. For more information on our upcoming events please visit: www.loganlakewhy.ca/logan-lake-literacy or on our Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/Logan-Lake-Literacy>
Contact: Serena Hazel - Literacy Coordinator
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BOARD NOTES

October 29, 2018

EDUCATION TOPIC

Two staff members, **Sylvain Menard** and **Darren Coates**, from Clearwater Secondary reported on an inquiry project funded by a grant from the Board of Education. The inquiry looked at how a micro-credential system can help students in self-assessment of Core Competencies. The project involved developing language to describe three levels of achievement in each of the Core Competencies that students could use as a yardstick. Students used the website to gather evidence and reflect in preparation for a panel interview with three adults. The school devoted a week to hands on activities to help students engage in experiences that would lead to growth in the Core Competencies. Students worked on one project for the entire week which allowed for projects that would not typically fit in an 80-minute class. Students wrote short stories, produced their own play, installed a disc golf course, and earned certifications allowing them to work during the summer fighting wildfires.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS

CommunityLINK

A CommunityLINK update was provided by Director **Trish Smillie** outlining the allocation of the \$1,582,336 funds designated for vulnerable learners by the Ministry of Education. Programs funded by CommunityLINK include before and after school care, social groups, academic intervention and resource rooms. More than \$1.15M of the budget is allocated for staffing positions that address child and youth mental health supports.

Task Force on School Safety

An advisory committee will undertake the work set out by the Superintendent's Task Force on School Safety. Representatives include a member from each of the stakeholder groups who will provide feedback to the District's response to the seven recommendations and will be complete by end of April 2019. **Michelle Marginet** has been asked to chair the Committee. The Ministry of Education and the Office of the Ombudsperson have reached out to SD73 to learn more about how we are addressing this critical issue.

District Learning Plan

A draft of the District Learning Plan was presented by Director Lisa Carson. The plan draws on the work of School Learning Plans and aligns with the three strategic priorities addressing education. It is designed to extend student thinking through a focus on critical thinking, creativity and the foundational skills of literacy and numeracy. The goals of the Plan are to improve our graduation rate from 85% to 90%; reach parity between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal graduation rates and have 70% of our students "on track" or "extending" in numeracy for grades 4 and 7.

Westmount Elementary Consultation

Assistant Superintendent **Rob Schoen** recommended the Board move forward with a public consultation regarding the future of Westwold Elementary School. The public meeting will be held Nov.22 at 7 pm at Westwold Elementary. Interested parties are invited to submit comments and petitions regarding the possible closure of the school which currently has no students enrolled.

Enrolment Finalization

As of September 28, 2018, there are 14,405 students enrolled in SD73. This is approximately 171 more students over last year. Enrollment growth has been modest but steady over the last 5 years with an approximate increase of 500 students since 2013.

Grade 7 Students playing on Grade 8 Teams

Concerns raised regarding grade 7 students losing opportunities to play because of the configuration of schools in rural communities (grades 7 – 12) may be addressed at the BC School Sports AGM on April 26 and 27, 2019. An amendment allowing schools with less than 350 students to have some flexibility with regard to the age of players making up a team will be presented.

REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR

Trustees' Goodbye

October 29 marked the last Board of Education meeting for Trustees **Denise Harper**, **Joan Cowden** and **Gerald Watson**. Between them they served the board for 51 years. Joan Cowden became a trustee in 2008, after she had retired from her 35-year teaching career. Gerald Watson was first elected in 2002 and has served as vice-chair for the last two years. Denise Harper was a trustee for more than 25 years and spent 7 years as board chair. Chair **Meghan Wade** thanked each of them for their years of service and wished them all the best in their retirements and future endeavours.



**SAFE ARRIVAL –
SCHOOL MESSENGER**

Parents, if you need to report a student's absence, please use our new safe arrival system called SchoolMessenger. The best and easiest way is by downloading the SchoolMessenger App. (The app will have a blue/white icon.)

You may also go online to



<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

Please make sure you are using the .ca site. The toll free number to report a student's absence is 1-844-350-2647. If you have any questions or concerns about the system, you may contact Ms. Passmore at 250-523-9441.