



Logan Lake Secondary News

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Logan Lake Elementary/Secondary is a safe family of learners who value passionate effort and respectful relationships.

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 3rd** English 10 Exam 9:00 a.m.
- February 5th** Math 10 Exams 9:00 a.m.
Open House (Gr. 8 & 11/12 Story Sharing)
Family Math Night 4:30-5:30 at LLSS
- February 9th** Family Day (no school)
- February 10th** Semester 2 Starts
- February 19th** Report Cards (gr. 8-12)
- February 20th** Pro D Day
- February 24th** Grad Photos
- March 12th** Parent/Teacher Interviews
- March 16-29th** Spring Break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

January has been a busy month at Logan Lake Elementary/Secondary School. Our Junior Boys' Basketball team finished their season last week while our grade 5-7 basketball teams have just begun their seasons. In addition, we have Battle of the Books happening and cup stacking. The tone in the school is great.

We are rapidly ending the end of the semester for grade 8-12 students. Students are entering their final week and need to ensure all assignments have been completed. We continue to run Homework Club after school where students can complete assignments and missed tests with supervision. We also have a retired math teacher available after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. **Grade ten students should be studying every night to prepare for their English and Math government exams.**

Our final week of assessment is next week, from Monday, February 2nd to Friday, February 6th. Friday has been set aside for students to complete their missed assignments and projects, as well as work on Planning 10. If students do not owe work, they do not have to attend this day.

All grade 5-7 students are in regularly scheduled classes all week long, including Friday.

Vessy Mochikas
Principal

FAMILY DAY



Monday, February 9th is Family Day. There is no school on this day. The District of Logan Lake is **not** offering its usual trip to the Tournament Capital Centre. They will have trips to Kamloops on April 20th and May 11th In Service Days.

PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will take place on **Friday, February 13th at 8:45 a.m.** at Logan Lake Elementary School. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will meet in the conference room.

GRADS

First of all, we would like to wish Justin Berg good luck at TRU. Justin will be completing his final semester in the trades program at TRU. We will miss seeing you here. Clay Fox has spent the first semester in the welding program and has loved it.

It is critical that all Grade 12 students have met with Ms. Cuthbertson to ensure they have all of the courses needed to graduate. Students need to be passing all required courses and have at least 75% of Planning 10 completed by May 15th in order to participate in the Commencement ceremony on Friday, June 12th.

Grads are reminded that their **grad photos** are being **taken on February 24th**. You must pay a \$25 sitting fee on this day and you must have your photo taken on this day to be included on the Grad composite that is hung in the hallway each year.

ATHLETICS

Thank you to Szach Dick and Becky Taylor for coaching the Junior Boys' Basketball Team. The team showed tremendous character and sportsmanship throughout the season. Each player really improved and it was amazing to observe how positive they were on the court even when losing. Thank you to the boys for making it such a pleasure to coach them.

Our elementary basketball teams are undefeated so far in the season. We would like to thank Cheri Penner and Mr. Denby for helping Ms. Mochikas with each team. The students are working really hard, playing well and improving each week. It would be great to see more fans at the games. The boys host Tuesday, February 3rd at 3:00. The girls host Thursday, February 5th at 3:00.

LITERACY CORNER

Gain useful literacy skills doing everyday activities at home!



Here are some quick, easy to do activities that can be combined with daily routines to support children's development:

- Make a grocery list
- Sort and separate laundry into baskets or piles. Try sorting in different ways, e.g. colour, size, type of clothing.
- Meal times are a great time to eat a variety of foods, try new foods, be part of a conversation, and learn family traditions and family stories.
- Bath time is a great opportunity for water play.
- Reading at bedtime is a daily routine in many families, and is a proven way of developing reading skills in children.

ENROLMENT/REGISTRATION

On February 11th, there is a meeting at the Henry Grube Center for parents interested in having their students attend a School of Choice next year. Registration for Schools of Choice will take place between February 23-27. I believe it is first come, first serve. If your child wants to attend a School of Choice next year, you really should be attending the February 11th meeting. Regular registration will take place between March 2-6. If you know of any students who will be entering kindergarten in September, please encourage them to register during this time.

ABORIGINAL PROGRAM INFO

Weyt-kp! Hello!

I would like to take this opportunity to share some frequently asked questions regarding our services and programming:



Aboriginal Program FAQs

Does our family need to have '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 enrolment form to place them on the Aboriginal Student List.

We discovered First Nations ancestry in our family. Can my child join the Aboriginal Program even though the school year has begun?

Yes, absolutely. Sometimes families learn of their Aboriginal ancestry through genealogical searches or through conversations with family. Whatever the circumstances, we welcome new families into our program on an on-going basis.

Will you be pulling my child from classes?

Yes, 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? Career exploration?

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.

Ms. Trish Rainville is our full time First Nations Education Worker (FNEW) for both schools. She's able to answer any questions about the Aboriginal Program. Her contact info: trainville@sd73.bc.ca
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FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

TRU is hosting a fun, free family science night on Tuesday, Feb 17th. It runs 5:00- 8:30p.m. in the TRU Science Building. There will be many hands on interactive activities. There will also be limited seating for a Physics and Chemistry magic show.

AFTER HIGHSCHOOL

Here are some great resources for students who are thinking about what life will look like after high school! O*Net (www.onetonline.org) is an American website that provides detailed descriptions of all occupations grouped by interest.

For example, if you are interested in healthcare, the website will provide you with a list of all of the potential careers that are available within that profession. WorkBC (www.workbc.ca) is a BC specific website that provides students with an overview of each occupation- earnings, duties, work environment, workforce and employment statistics, job requirements, career paths and employment outlook.

Lastly, www.educationplanner.ca provides students with a list of programs and the schools that offer the programs related to specific occupations. The website also includes an overview of the program length, location, tuition levels, book & supply cost estimates and the credentials that the institution grants.

Cheers, Miranda Cuthbertson



SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

***From the Board Meeting of:
January 26, 2015***

1. The Board recognized the leadership Development Program Graduates.
2. The Board received an update on the MyEducationBC Student Information System from District Principal Brar.
3. The Board approved an out-of-province Field Trip request from Valleyview Secondary for students to travel to Drumheller, Alberta.
4. The Board received *Notice of Motion* on Policy 900.1 Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 2nd, 2015 at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.