



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

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| January 30 th | Start of semester 2. |
| February 9 th | Report Cards (gr. 8-12) |
| February 13 th | Family Day (no school) |
| February 21 st | Grad Photos |
| March 9 th | Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| March 20 th -April 1 st | Spring Break |

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy 2017! The period before the holiday break was incredibly busy at Logan Lake. It is wonderful to see how our school community finds ways to connect which contributes to positive school culture that is prevalent in our school. The K to 12 student/staff holiday lunch brought together hundreds of students to share a meal and each others company.

I want to thank all of those who participate in and organize the many activities that occur at Logan Lake. Your contributions enrich our community.

We have come to the end of the semester for grade 8-12 students. We continue to run Homework Club after school where students can complete assignments and missed tests with supervision as they begin semester two.

January was a busy month here at Logan Lake. We had four students attend the Model United Nations for the first time. Many Inquiry Based Learning Projects took place including a unit on the effects of Racism and a Tiny House project.

I would like to welcome a new staff member to our team, Ms. Cheyenne Marchant, who will be teaching Humanities 8 and English 11/12. Welcome Cheyenne!

Best wishes to everyone for the New Year.

In partnership,

Chris Preymak

PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will take place on Thursday, **February 23rd at 1:00 pm.** at Logan Lake Elementary School. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will meet in the conference room.

GRADS

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 12th in order to participate in the Commencement ceremony on Friday, June 10th.

Grads are reminded that their **grad photos** are being **taken on Tuesday, February 21st**. 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.

VANCOUVER MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Four students and Mrs. Gilmar headed to Vancouver on January 19th to participate in the Model UN. Vancouver Model United Nations (VMUN) is one of Canada's premier educational simulations. A three-day Model United Nations conference located in the heart of Vancouver, VMUN is the largest high school student-organized Model United Nations conference in North America. Since its inception in 2002, VMUN has simulated world diplomacy, inspiring our delegates to become more aware, more educated, and more thoughtful global citizens in an increasingly complex world.



Delegates at VMUN are immersed in a thriving fast-paced environment, working together to create practical and dynamic solutions to the world's most pressing

problems. Our diverse committee line-up will allow students to think critically, collaborate with others, propose constructive resolutions, and develop the diplomatic skills that are more important than ever.





HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thank you again to the PAC, Highland Valley Foods, Highland Valley Copper, Ms. Cuthbertson, and all of the volunteers for making our Holiday Lunch a huge success.



FSA TESTS: Message to Parents

Our students are participating in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) this year. The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning basic skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy. The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and school planning councils evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and to make plans to improve student achievement. The assessment is administered each year to Grade 4 and 7 students in the public and provincially funded private schools.

The FSA is designed and developed in BC under the guidance of the Ministry of Education using professional test-making processes and protocols. The ministry employs teams of practicing BC teachers and subject specialists, led by test-design specialists, to develop the assessments. The assessment design and development process is rigorous and continuous and results in a test that is relevant and congruent with provincial curriculum and standards.

The FSA takes approximately 270 (4.5 hours) minutes to administer. This year the FSA is being administered during January. The assessments will be marked and results for individual students will be ready to send home by the end of March. School reports will be ready before the end of the school year. This time line will allow time for teachers and parents to confer about student results and to address concerns before the end of the school year.

Further information and practice materials can be found through the Ministry of Education website and or by contracting the school principal.
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa



CHILI DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

Please join us on Wednesday, February 22nd for our annual Chili Dinner and Talent Show.

The money raised will go toward the Grade 5 to 7 year end trip to Science World and the Aquarium. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the school or from a Grade 5 to 7 student.

BOOK FAIR ON FEBRUARY 9TH AND 10TH AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving soon, and we're excited about sharing the joy of reading with our students.

Scholastic Book Fairs gives our school the opportunity to bring families, teachers, students, and books together.

It's the ultimate book event! Additionally, a portion of the sales benefits our school. It's the best way to raise funds while encouraging kids to read.

Right now we are looking for anyone interested in participating in this year's Book Fair (Feb 9 & 10), by volunteering!

We volunteers to help with set up, making displays, working the cashier table, greeting customers or helping students and shoppers select just the right books.

If you are interested in volunteering at our Scholastic Book Fair, please see the sign-up sheet located inside the Elementary School office.

Thank you in advance for helping to make our students lifelong readers – we couldn't do it without your help and support!



SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

From the Board Meeting of:

JANUARY 16, 2017

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:

- Adoption of the Mid-Term Inaugural Meeting minutes of December 12, 2016
- Rural Education Engagement Response
- BCSSA Thompson-Okanagan Chapter Forum
- Aboriginal Enrolment Comparison
- 2017 Committee Appointments
- Chair's Report

2. The Board received an engaging presentation from District Library Coordinator Andrea Wallin on the Digital Literacy Innovation Project.
3. The Board was pleased to present the OWL Award for Excellence in Public Education to this year's recipient, Mr. Chris Rose. The award was established by School District No. 73 to recognize an individual, group, or organization that has distinguished themselves by providing outstanding service to public education in the Kamloops/Thompson School District.
4. The Board enjoyed a presentation from District Literacy Coordinator Fiona Clare on upcoming events sponsored by Literacy in Kamloops (LinK), Interior Savings, and other partner groups. Family Literacy Week runs from January 21-28, 2017 which includes a variety of free Unplug and Play Week Activities.
5. The Board received a presentation from District Early Years Coordinator, Marianne Vande Pol, and Manager Sue Lissel from Make Children First, on the 2016 Early Development Instrument (EDI) results.
6. The Board received a report from Director Smillie on the 2016 Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) results.
7. The Board approved two Out-of-Province Field Trip Requests from Brock Middle School and Norkam Senior Secondary School for students in their Core French Program and IB French Program to travel to Papineauville, Quebec in April 2017.
8. The Board defeated the Motion to develop a three-year school calendar beginning in 2017-2018 that incorporates a two-week Spring Break. After a lengthy debate, the Board approved a Motion to ask administration to develop a calendar which reflects a one-week Spring Break.
9. Secretary-Treasurer Stretch provided the Board with a report that provided summary Capital Spending Information by school district.
10. The Board approved Capital Bylaw Projects No. 116953 and No. 127208.
11. The Board approved a 5:30 PM start time for all future In-Camera Meetings.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 6, 2017 at NorKam Senior Secondary School, 730 – 12th Street, Kamloops, BC.