

MISSION STATEMENT:

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



FEBRUARY 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wow!! The month of January sure went by fast. We have managed to slip by so far this winter with very mild conditions; however, the start of February has brought us a real taste of winter with the extremely cold temperatures. Although we have been scheduling inside days during the cold snap, I am concerned with the number of students arriving with inadequate winter clothing for walking to and from school. Please ensure that your child is wearing mitts, toques and a warm winter jacket before they leave for school.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Bauerochse who is joining our staff in both campuses as our Aboriginal Education Worker. She will be supporting our Aboriginal learners and working with staff to provide opportunities for all students to experience learning through Aboriginal ways of knowing and doing.

We have a very busy month ahead with many activities and opportunities planned for our students. Our trip to Harper Mountain is sure to be a highlight for all of our students. I want to send a special thank you to our PACs for providing the funding for busing for this event. Thanks as well to Mrs. Latta for starting our after school choir on Wednesdays. The students are really enjoying it.

We have enjoyed partnering with several community groups over the past while to provide opportunities for not only our students but for greater Logan Lake community members too. The Watato Children's Choir performance and dinner was enjoyed by over 400 spectators in our Secondary gymnasium. The Logan Lake Polar Carnival was another big hit as the gymnasium was utilized to provide entertainment for all ages. I enjoyed watching the entertaining hockey game between the Canucks Alumni and our local men's team. Two of our students were thrilled to be "bench bosses" for the Canucks Alumni.

I wish everyone the best for the month of February. The cold weather will soon be gone as we look forward to spring's arrival. As always, please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns you might have.

With warm thoughts,

R. Collins

Please note: **IMPORTANT DATES** have been moved to the end of page two.



HARPER MOUNTAIN FUN DAY

We are getting excited for our Harper Mountain field trip on Wednesday, February 13th. We will be having lunch at the hill which will include hot dogs, hot chocolate and granola bars. Please pack your child some water and snacks. A big thank you to all the parents that are volunteering their time to join us.



SKATING AT REC CENTRE



Grade 5-7 students will continue to skate into Feb and March, their final day will be March 14th. They will be dismissed at 2:30pm from the ice arena on skating days.

Parents, please let the classroom teacher know if you are able to volunteer your time to assist with tying/untying skates at the rink. Your help is greatly appreciated!

A big thank you to The District of Logan Lake for sponsoring our students' skating this year.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Wear pink and stand up to bullying



Wednesday, February 27, 2019 is Pink Shirt Day all across Canada! Kindness requires no manipulation, no focusing on the negatives, and no filtering of yourself. It's simply, truly nice. On this day we will all make an effort to practice kindness and acceptance towards both ourselves and others.



EARLY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year is from **February 11th - February 15th at Logan Lake Elementary school.**

Children who will be five years old on or before December 31, 2019, must register for Kindergarten. What you need to bring: Birth Certificate, BC Services Card, proof of residency (eg. Utility Bill) and any legal documents pertaining to custody, if applicable. Please be sure to register your child during this time in order for them to be able to participate in our 'Welcome to Kindergarten' day. This wonderful event, takes place at our school this spring.



Logan Lake Elementary, with the help of Little Learners Preschool is

excited to offer our community the SPARK program - Strong Prepared and Ready for Kindergarten. This free program will run once a month from 4:00-5:00 pm, starting on March 14th. Parents of children entering Kindergarten in the fall, can contact Logan Lake Elementary at 250-523-6215 to register.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

On Feb 6th we had our first Hot Lunch for this month. Ms Whitehouse's food class prepared this one. Hot Lunch order forms will be coming home. Special thanks to our PAC & volunteers for doing such a great job on our hot lunches. The students really enjoy and appreciate it.



TRADES AND TRANSITIONS



Heavy Metal Rocks applicant interviews took place this week. We look forward to hearing if any of our students will be selected for this great program.

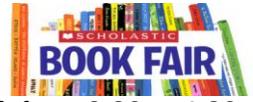
If you are interested in any TNT programs or would like some information about trades, please see Mr. Howard.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new school website will be live by the end of this month. We are looking forward to having a more vibrant looking site which will provide you with a variety of information at both the local school and district levels. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding school activities, please don't hesitate to call us.

SCHOLASTIC

The Book Fair will be held at Logan Lake Elementary School on February 14th & 15th, from 8:30 to 4:30pm. Our grade 5-7 students will have an opportunity to preview books during the day and then after school they can purchase items at the book fair.



By choosing to purchase books at our Scholastic Book Fair, you are supporting our school library. With your involvement, we can inspire children to practice reading.



PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Monday February 11th at Logan Lake Elementary School at 8:45 am. Parents, your input is valued and you are encouraged to attend.

ONE TO ONE READING WITH STUDENTS

Our LART Teacher is **still looking for volunteers** to help with the One to One Reading Program for the grade 5-7 students. It will require one hour of your time once or twice a week. If you are interested, please contact Andrea MacKenzie. amackenzie@sd73.bc.ca.

SAFE ARRIVAL – SCHOOL MESSENGER

Parents, if you need to report an 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Young People's Concert Gr 5-7	Feb 06
Gym Riot Day	Feb 07
Non-Instructional Day – no school	Feb 08
PAC Meeting	Feb 11
Harper Mountain Day	Feb 13
Kindergarten Reg at L.L. Elem	Feb 11-15
Family Day	Feb 18
Pink Shirt Day	Feb 27
Non-Instructional Day	Mar 01
Spring Break	Mar 18-22

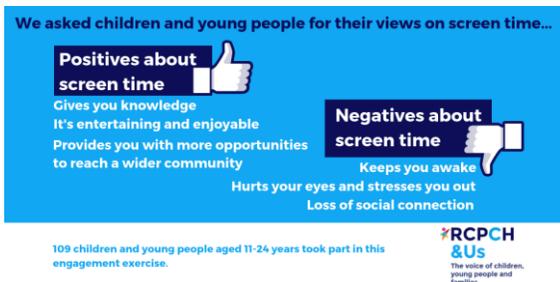


LOGAN LAKE SOCCER REGISTRATION

South Cariboo Minor Soccer Association Registration will be held at the Logan Lake Rec Center Lobby: February 8 & 22 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. For further information, please join our Logan Lake Soccer Facebook Page or contact your Logan Lake Rep Tara Goulet at 250 572 7119.

THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF SCREEN TIME

Please find attached to this newsletter a fact sheet for parents on this topic.



BOARD NOTES

January 28, 2019

EDUCATION TOPIC

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Curriculum

SOGI education is a part of the curriculum, but not as a separate and distinct subject area. These topics may be interwoven through several curricular areas like physical and health education, language arts and social studies. SD73 Inclusive Education Principal, **Vessy Mochikas** spoke about the program, how it is tailored for each grade level, shared a resource list and promoted the second annual film festival, Diversity is Strength. Read more.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Kamloops Music Collective Kim Mangan presented an overview of the work the Kamloops Music Collective has been doing in the city to promote music education. Working collaboratively with local music teachers on programs such as Kamloops Interior Summer School of Music (KISSM), Whole Note, and Band Together that help ensure a vibrant music community for Kamloops youth. Her goal is to open a dialogue with the School District regarding a memorandum of understanding to secure a space for KISSM.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL

As per the Consent Agenda, the **Superintendent's**

Report was distributed.

Communicating Student Learning Pilot

A committee representing all district stakeholders was convened to address the interim Ministerial Order and Regulation regarding the Ministry of Education's Student and Reporting Policy for grades K-9 and to provide input on the revision of Board Policy 500.1. Currently, 11 schools are participating in the new style of reporting pilot. Key changes in the reporting structure include: more timely and flexible communication, descriptive four-point proficiency scale for K-9, end-of-year student self-assessment of core competencies, as well as additional student selected evidence-based reflection during the school year.

Westwold School Closure The Board of Education voted unanimously to keep Westwold Elementary School open based on the recommendation to maintain a K-7 (with reduced services) pending the enrollment of six full-time students by Sept. 30, 2019. The decision was the result of a community consultation process that began with a town hall meeting in Westwold on Nov. 22, 2018. Read more here.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

Funding Model Reporting

The Minister of Education appointed a seven-member independent funding model panel to review and provide recommendations to the way funding is allocated to schools. While the current funding model, set in 2002, works well for most schools, there are a number of student populations whose educational needs could be better served. There are no changes to the funding model for the 2019 -20 school year. The government will establish working groups of key education sector partners soon to provide advice to create a more equitable funding model. More from the Ministry of Education here.

Online Payment Program for Parents & Students Update

Over the next month or two the Finance Department will be consulting with school administration, clerical staff, and other employee groups to understand the needs and wants of those impacted by the project. Led by Finance Manager **Christine Loney**, the project will provide parents more options to pay school fees while enabling staff to focus on more-student-centred services.

Valleyview Secondary Project Definition Report

Director **Art McDonald** has been working closely with the capital staff at the Ministry of Education to finalize the Project Definition Report (PDR) for Valleyview Secondary. The unit rate for construction has increased, resulting in a new total budget of just over \$34 million.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR

Consent Agenda Items

- Policy Committee highlights
- DPAC Committee highlights
- Notice - 1033.1 Video Surveillance.