



MISSION STATEMENT:

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

JANUARY 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

PAC Meeting @ 5:00pm	Jan 13
Parent Info – Screenagers @ 6:00pm	Jan 13
Parent Info – Understanding Anxiety @ 6:30pm	Jan 16
Semester 2 Begins	Jan 27
Elementary Report Cards	Jan 30
Non-Instructional Day – No school	Feb 07
Secondary Report Cards	Feb 11
Kindergarten Reg at L.L. Elem	Feb 10-14
Valentine’s Day	Feb 14
Family Day – No School	Feb 17
Grad Photos	Feb 18
PT Interviews	Mar 12
Spring Break – No school	Mar 16-20

SKATING (JAN-MARCH)

Grade 5-7 students will start their first day of skating on Friday January 24th. Skating will take place **every Friday** from Jan 24th until March 13th. **On Fridays students will be dismissed at 2:30pm from the Rec Centre.**

Skating permission forms have been sent home. Please ensure they are signed and returned to the school if you have not already done so.

If your child does not own a pair of skates, please let us know what size they require, as the school has a few extra pairs to loan out. **Every student must bring their own helmet.**



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

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Happy January everyone! I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the best as we move into 2020. I hope everyone enjoyed the break and spent time with family and friends.

December was an exciting and busy month with our Holiday Concert, Holiday Luncheon, and the lead-up to the vacation.

With the New Year upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment of the students, parents/guardians, community and staff of Logan Lake Schools. We are so thankful for the support that our schools receive from all facets of the community. I would like to give a special thank you to Ms. Mitchell, a parent volunteer, who oversaw all of our volunteers from the Logan Lake Lions Club, Teck-Highland Valley Copper, PAC and community members to produce the delicious holiday luncheon enjoyed by our students, staff and guests.

At the Secondary Campus, we have a busy next couple of weeks as Semester One comes to an end and we prepare to start the second half of the year. We encourage parents to discuss academic progress with their children. Additional assistance is available at an optional after school Homework Club to help students achieve success in their courses. We encourage our grade 10-12 students to meet with Mrs. Latta, our Academic Advisor, to review their requirements for graduation. Together, as a team, we can support your child. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teachers, Mrs. Latta, or myself if you have questions or concerns regarding your child’s academic progress.

We are looking forward to having our elementary students participate in the Skating Program at our local recreation center. I would like to welcome Ms. Piche, who is fulfilling a term certain assignment (previously temporary) as a Certified Education Assistant until the end of the school year at Logan Lake Elementary.

In partnership,

REPORT CARDS

Elementary Report Cards

This year, our K-7 classes are participating as a pilot site for the Ministry of Education’s draft K-7 Student Reporting Policy. First term report cards will be sent home Thursday January 30, 2020.

Grade 7 students - FSA results were sent home earlier this week.

Secondary Report Cards

Semester 2, begins Jan 27th. Report cards will be sent home February 11th.

PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for the evening of Monday January 13th at Logan Lake Secondary School, starting at 5:00pm. Parents, your input is valued and you are encouraged to attend.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

On Monday, Jan.13th after the PAC meeting from 6:00-7:30 pm we will be showing, **Screenagers (Documentary) - An award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and academics.** The film offers



solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world. (Running time: about 67 minutes) If you are interested in joining us please RSVP 250-523-9441.

On Thursday, January 16th from 6:30-8:00pm please join us for a **free Parent Workshop – Understanding Anxiety in Children**. Parenting an anxious child can be challenging. Providing some understanding of anxiety, how it presents in children and strategies that parents can use to help their child. This event is suitable for parents of children in elementary school. A session for teens will be held at another time. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP 250-523-9441.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Hot Lunches will continue this month; order forms have been distributed for Spaghetti Wednesday Jan. 15th.

Parents if you are interested in volunteering for our Hot Lunch Program, please call the school at 250-523-9441.

TRADES AND TRANSITIONS



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

It's **Heavy Metal Rocks** time again. If you are in grade 11 or 12 and interested in applying for this incredible program, please see Mr. Howard for an application. Completed application packages are due Jan. 17th.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be held at Logan Lake Elementary School in February. Our grade 5-7 students will have an opportunity to purchase books and we will be sending home more details of date and times in the near future.

By choosing to purchase books at our Scholastic Book Fair, you are supporting our school library. Please stay tuned for more information about our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair.



ONE TO ONE READING WITH STUDENTS

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

CANADA LEARNING BOND

The Canada Learning Bond is an initial \$500 offered by the Government of Canada to help you start saving now for your child's education after high school. Your child could also get \$100 every year until age 15. In total, a child could receive up to \$2,000 in an RESP. For more information on how to get \$500 for your child's future, visit the government of Canada's website, [Canada Learning Bond \(CLB\)](#)

SPRING BREAK - KAMLOOPS MUSIC COLLECTIVE

The Kamloops Music Collective has been working in the city to provide and promote music programming for youth for the past 41 years. We are proud to be offering a 1 week program called Set the Stage! that will take place during Spring Break 2020. This performance camp is open to grade 2-7 students and will take place from March 16-20th from 8:30-4pm daily. For more information or to register please visit



www.kamloopsmusiccollective.info

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for next school year runs from **February 10th - February 14th at Logan Lake Elementary school**.

Children who will be five years old on or before December 31, 2020, 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 participate in Welcome to Kindergarten. This wonderful event takes place in the spring.

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. Schrader at 250-523-9441.



BOARD NOTES

December 16, 2019

Holiday Choir

The Senior Honour Choir sang two pieces from their repertoire and invited the Board and public gallery to sing along in some seasonal favorites. SD73 sponsors three district choirs to bring students together from many different schools; the Kamloops-Thompson Children's Choir for students in grades 3 and 4, the Kamloops-Thompson Honour Choir for students in grades 5, 6, and 7, and the Senior Honour Choir for students in grades 8 through 12.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

[Policy Committee Highlights](#)

[Notice of Motion Appeals By-Law](#)

[District Parent Advisory Committee Highlights](#)

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Sun Peaks Reconfiguration Plan

Community consultation will get underway in the new year for feedback on a proposed plan to reconfigure Sun Peaks Elementary to accommodate grades 8 and 9 for 2020-2021; to implement the five-day per week school calendar to best accommodate instruction; and, to consider a name change from Sun Peaks Elementary to Sun Peaks School.

Chase Outdoor School Proposal

Following a feasibility study conducted by Norm Bradley, former director of instruction in School District No. 23, it is recommended that the Board of Education not move forward with a school of choice at Haldane Elementary at this time. Reasons given included that the school is already focussing on outdoor learning and more time is required to engage with local First Nations. ,

Menstrual Product Capital Cost

In April 2019 the B.C. government announced that every student in the province should have access to free menstrual products in a manner that promotes gender equality and equity of access to education. In order to align with this policy, the Board approved an allocation of \$80,000. The Board also voted to draft a letter to the Ministry of Education noting that the Ministry's \$7,000 implementation grant fell significantly short of funding the initiative.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

Long-Range Facilities Report

As required by the Ministry of Education, the Long-Range Facilities Plan was presented to demonstrate how the District is managing its facilities and planning for growth and aging infrastructure. The LRFP is the basis for approval of capital projects by the Ministry of Education.

Enrolment continues to increase and is expected to level off at just under 16,000 students over the next 10 years. The schools facing significant enrolment pressures over the next five years are Brocklehurst Middle School; McGowan Park Elementary; Pacific Way Elementary; Sa-Hali Secondary; Dallas Elementary; Juniper Ridge Elementary; Valleyview Secondary, and Westmount Elementary. An additional 49 classrooms are needed in the next five years, which until further capital funding is approved, will need to be addressed by repurposing rooms (28) and new portables (21).

Second Quarter Financial Report

Overall revenues for the Operating Fund have been projected to Dec. 31, 2019, but expenses related to the Parkcrest fire are not included.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

RCMP Youth Advisory Council

Grade 11 and 12 students representing the majority of SD73 secondary schools provided the Kamloops RCMP with their views on a range of topics at the fifth annual RCMP Youth Advisory Council.

Owl Award

Robert Hogeveen, a long-standing advocate for music education was recognized with the Owl Award for Excellence in Public Education for his contributions to learning throughout the region.

Bella Saints Showcase of Learning

NorKam Senior Secondary students and staff of the hairdressing program showcased their talents to parents and guests on Dec. 4.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Jan. 13, 2020 Audit Committee

Jan. 13, 2020 Finance and Planning Committee

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on: Monday, January 13, 2019, at 7:00 PM at the School Board Office, 1383 9th Ave, Kamloops, B.C.