

April

Logan Lake Elementary News

Friday, April 5, 2019

*Students of this community are caring, capable, courageous thinkers
who are effective citizens.*

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Principal's Message

Happy April everyone. It is great to have spring upon us as we enjoy the longer days and the heat of the sun. Our students are already utilizing the fields as they partake in various outdoor activities.

March has brought a few staff changes to our Elementary building. We give a warm welcome to Ms Cameron who accepted a position teaching our Grade 1/2 class as Ms. Brasseur moved into her maternity leave. We wish Ms. Brasseur all the best with the new addition to her family. Our Kindergarten class grew to 21 students last month which prompted us to add an additional teacher to the class so the two teachers can "team teach" and create as little disruption for our students as possible. We send a warm welcome to Ms. Semenoff who accepted that position. We also wish Ms. Kicia all the best as she moved into her maternity leave at the start of Spring Break. Ms. Kicia's position was posted and accepted by Ms. Drobot who joined us for a brief period before she left us for a medical leave. The position is currently posted and we are hoping that it will be filled by the end of next week.

We are looking forward to the busy next three months where we will experience many field trips, outdoor activities and celebrations. As we enter this busy season, we ask that you and your child assist us by remaining focussed, completing home studies and maintaining regular attendance. By doing so, we will provide our students with the conditions to increase their achievement levels. Before we know it, we will be saying goodbye for the summer months.

With the warmer weather, it has provided us with inviting water/mud puddles as well as ice patches in the mornings. Please ask your child to refrain from playing on the ice or in the puddles. This will alleviate injuries and students having to sit in damp clothes or returning home to change their clothes.

In partnership,
R. Collins

Logan Lake
Elem/Sec
PAC



PAC

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for the evening of Monday April 8th at Logan Lake Elementary School and will be starting at 5:00pm. Parents, your input is valued and you are encouraged to attend.

Report Cards

Report cards for term two went home on Thursday March 14th just before spring break. Parents we are asking that you sign the report card envelope and send it back to the school with your child as soon as possible.



Day of Suwewtwecw

Today Friday, April 5th is the annual Day of Suwewtwecw.

The theme for this year is "Balancing our Actions: The Self, The Family, The Community, The Land". Thank you to Mrs. Bauerochse for organizing this wonderful day and to all our students who performed.

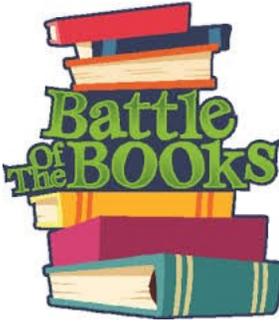
Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart encourages kids to be active and help others by raising funds for heart and stroke research. This year Logan Lake Elementary School raised approximately \$4018.00 for heart and stroke research.



Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is a SD73 fun yet challenging reading program for students from grade 3 to grade 9. The challenge is to read 12 books throughout school year and remember enough about each one to represent your school and to answer questions in competition with other schools. Mr. Blakley will be taking his team to Summit Elementary for Zones on April 10, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm.



SPARK

Our second Linking Literacy and Play will take place on Thursday April 11th from 4:00-5:00 pm. This session is all about playing with letters, words and sounds. Free take home resources and snacks will be provided.

Important Dates 2019

- April 9.....Kindergarten Dental Screening
- April 10.....Battle of the Books
- April 11.....SPARK
- April 17.....YPC (Grades 3-4)
- April 19.....No School - Good Friday
- April 21.....Easter
- April 21.....No School - Easter Monday
- May 3.....Class Photos

Young Peoples' Concert

Our grade 3 and 4 students will be attending the Young Peoples Concert in Kamloops on Wednesday April 17th.

Reminders

With the warmer weather we are seeing more students bring their bikes to school. Parents please remind students to dismount and walk their bikes in the parking lots.

Class Photos

Mark your calendars, we will be having Lifetouch join us for Class Photos on Friday May 3rd.



Parent/Student Learning Survey

Annually, parents and students in Gr. 4, 7, 10 and 12 complete the MINISTRY STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY. The survey will be open until Monday, April 15th and can be found on our new school website!



Board Notes

Kindergarten Registration

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.

March 11, 2019

EDUCATION TOPIC

From Library to Learning Commons

Led by District Library Coordinator **Andrea Wallin**, Raft River Elementary and Pinantan Elementary have started the journey from traditional library programs to the whole school learning commons approach of participatory learning. They approached the change by inquiring, “when and how does a school library become a school learning

commons". Principals **Lori Bradstock** and **Chris Wood** established Library Learning Commons teams at each of their schools designing future-oriented hubs of learning innovation and knowledge creation.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

SD73 Business Company Presentation

A decision in 2006 by School District 73 to provide education opportunities to off-shore, non-resident students is now paying dividends for Kamloops and area schools. Directors of the School District No. 73 Business Company (SD73BC), Dr. Terry Sullivan, (retired superintendent) and Rob Wilson, (RBC Dominion Securities) presented a \$100,000 dividend cheque to the Board of Education.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL

As per the Consent Agenda, the **Superintendent's Report** was distributed.

Westsyde Elementary School to Re-open

Results from the community and staff consultations that began in January 2019, gave the trustees a clear indication that reopening Westsyde Elementary is in the best interests of the children and the broader community. The Board also approved the capital expenditure of \$1.062 million for renovations that will begin immediately. The budget includes \$150,000 to purchase resources for the library, textbooks, office supplies and gym equipment.

Vavenby Expands from K-4 to K-7

The Board supported the initiative by parents in Vavenby to reconfigure the school from K-4 to K-7 by 2021. New students coming into the school along with the addition of more grades warrants the addition of a second division in the school. The second teacher allows for better classroom organization and teacher collaboration.

Enrolment Projections

The District is projecting an increase of 237 FTE students for September 2019 over last year's projections. Estimated projections do not consider immigration or out-migration leading up to the start of classes in 2019.

Board/Authority Authorized Courses

The Board approved the following courses after being reviewed by the BAA Committee and the Education Committee of the Whole to ensure they met the Ministry of Education's curriculum guidelines:

- English Language Development 10A
- English Language Development 10B
- RCMP Youth Academy Studies
- School District No. 73 Tech Academy
- Sport Specific Training
- Video Game Maker 11
- Video Game Maker 12

Once approved by the Ministry the course outlines will be posted to the website.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

Capital Budget Bylaw

The Board passed the bylaw approving the capital plans for upgrading the dust-collector systems in the trades training classrooms at Logan Lake and NorKam Secondary, a new energy-efficient condensing boiler at Bert Edwards Science and Technology and the four additional buses to service the new routes required to support enrolment growth. The \$1,781,139 in funding was announced last week by the Ministry of Education.

Rental Rate Report and Recommendations

The recommendations based on the review of community rental rates by Director of Finance **Trina Cassidy** and Manager of Finance **Christine Loney** were approved and will go into effect after July 1, 2019 for the next school year.

Schedule of 2019 Budget Meetings

- April 1, 2019 Board receives draft budget
- April 4, 2019 share the draft budget with employee groups, parent advisory councils and media
- April 18, 2019 review feedback from stakeholders
- April 29, 2019 Board approves the District's 2019-2020 Operating Budget.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR

Consent Agenda Items

[Chair's Activity Report](#)
[Education Committee of the Whole](#)
[District Parent Advisory Committee](#)
[Literacy In Kamloops Report](#)