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Logan Lake Elementary News

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

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Happy December! I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best over the upcoming holiday and a Happy New Year!

December is always a busy month with our Seasonal Concert, which will look much different this year during the pandemic, and the excitement of the lead-up to the holidays while still maintaining a focus on learning in our classrooms.

With winter upon us, it is with heartfelt warmth that I take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment of the students, parents/guardians, community, and staff of Logan Lake Schools as we work together through these uncertain times. Even through the pandemic, we are fortunate to maintain many of the programs and opportunities for our students. I would like to give a special thank you to Ms. Marshall, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Oram, who provide our meal programs at the Elementary School. A big shout out to our staff members who have vowed to keep our Holiday Dinner tradition alive by preparing the meal ourselves this year. It is a true testament of how they are prepared to go above and beyond for our students.

We are excited about some new opportunities for students at the Elementary-Secondary campus. Many of our staff members have sponsored games and study clubs for students at lunch and after school. Both clubs have been well attended and are offered to all students. We are seeking donations of board games for these clubs. If you have extras at home that you are willing to donate, please contact the school to arrange a safe drop off.

We are continuing with the new K-7 reporting pilot that we participated in last school year. Student reports will provide much more detailed information with respect to how your child is progressing. The reports will be issued on December 10/20. If you have questions about

your child's progress report, please contact your child's teacher, Mr. Blakley, or me.

I wish everyone all the best this holiday season and look forward to the New Year. I encourage everyone to stay home and take care of each other over the winter break. We are excited about the safe return of our staff and students in 2021.

Stay safe,

Mr. R. Collins



NON- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

Please note our next non-instructional day is this Monday, December 7th.

PAC

All parents are invited to attend the PAC meetings. The date for the next PAC meeting is Thursday, December 10th at 6:00 pm. This will be a zoom meeting. Meeting link will be posted closer to the date on the PAC Facebook page.

PAC - FUNDRAISER

The PAC has teamed up again with Devry Greenhouses to raise money this year with a winter plant fundraiser. If you have ordered winter plants, please note that the order pick up date is Thursday, December 10th.



Orders can be picked up at the delivery door of the Secondary school between the hours of 8-3:30pm.

Questions please contact PAC Chair, Alysha Stalzer at alyshastalzer@hotmail.com.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are pleased to announce, the show will go on! This year there will be no worrying about finding a parking spot, or arriving early enough to get a good seat, instead you will get to enjoy our Logan Lake Christmas Carollers performance from the comfort of your home! This virtual concert will be posted on our school website for viewing on December 17th.

HOLIDAY LUNCH

This year our two buildings will have their very own holiday lunch, served to students in their classrooms. The Elem-Sec school grades 5-12, annual holiday lunch will be served on Wednesday Dec. 16th followed by the Elementary building K-4 on Thursday Dec. 17th. A big thanks to our amazing staff, Desert Hills Farms, Logan Lake Lions group and TECH Highland Valley Copper, for making it possible to continue this wonderful tradition. Students will only need to pack a snack, as we are all looking forward to this delicious holiday meal!

PYJAMA DAY

We will be having a school wide Pyjama Day on Friday December 18th! Students and staff are encouraged to come to school in their comfy clothes.



HOT BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Thanks to the support of our amazing Lions Club volunteers, Logan Lake Elementary has been able to offer our students a free breakfast every morning.

Our breakfast includes items such as oatmeal, cereal, COBS baked goods, grilled cheese, french toast and smoothies. Fresh fruit is in each classroom and available all week for any student needing a little extra.



ELEMENTARY REPORT CARDS

Elementary students will receive an informal report card on Thursday, December 10th.

SOUP

Our Soup Lady, Monica Oram and helpers have returned every Wednesday to our school, offering students a free bowl of warm soup along with a bun.

Dec 9th – Chicken Noodle

Dec 16th – Chicken Noodle

Thank you!



SKATES



Every year our students go skating from January to March. Parents, 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. If you happen to have any skates that you are looking to donate, we would be more than happy to accept and sharpen them for student use.

Please note, for liability reasons we cannot accept donated helmets, every student **must** bring and wear their own helmet from home.

REMINDERS

We are noticing that some of our students are not dressed appropriately for the cooler weather here in Logan Lake. Please remember that the school doors do not open until the warning bell rings at 8:30am, and students will be outside for both recess and lunch.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Parents we are asking that you follow our parking lot protocols. Please drive slowly with the slippery conditions, follow the one-way pattern of traffic and do not block roadways.

SNACK SHACK – MUNCHALUNCH

The winter menu for our hot lunch program will be open for ordering on December 18th! This session will run from January 4th to March 12th offering mini pizzas on Mondays and chicken nuggets on Fridays for students. Order online using Munchalunch.com.

INTERIOR HEALTH

Interior Health has been given the go-ahead to proceed this year. Parents of Kindergarten students should have received a letter from interior health regarding immunizations. If you didn't receive one, please contact Ms. Mullin at the office.

YEAR BOOK

This year we are bringing back the school yearbook! We are creating a 40 pg, Logan Lake Yearbook grades K-12. To make our yearbook successful, we are hoping to sell 100 copies between both the Elementary and Secondary buildings. We are currently offering an early bird special to families that are interested in purchasing a yearbook, from now until March 12th, yearbooks can be purchased online or in school for \$30.00. From March 13th until June 1st the cost of a school yearbook will be \$35.00. Please purchase online at www.jostens.com and click on "Shop Yearbooks".

A Yearbook is a wonderful glimpse into our school community, and a way to preserve important school memories!

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 Mrs. Mullin at 250-6215.

FUTURE BRIGHT

Future Bright is a FREE EFry program that helps families with net income of less than \$48,535 access up to \$3,200 in federal and provincial government savings grants that are available to fund their child's education after high school. This money is free for you to claim for your child and you don't have to contribute any money yourself.

Future Bright has created a series of video tutorials to walk families through the different steps in the process. Please check out <https://www.elizabethfry.com/future-bright/>

ABOUT THE GRANTS:

Canada Learning Bond

Your child receives at least \$500 in their RESP to start.

- Your child receives an additional \$100 until age 15.
- If applying several years after your child was born, your child will receive all payments owed from past years.
- To be eligible a child must:
Born in 2004 or later.
- Reside in Canada.
- Families with 1 to 3 children must have a net income under \$48,535 (for more than 3 children, contact EFry's Future Bright team).

BC Training and Education Savings Grant

A one-time payment of \$1200 for children ages 6 to 8.

To be eligible a child must:

- Born in 2006 or later.
- Reside in British Columbia.
- Be between the ages of 6 and 9.

Important Dates 2020-21

December 7.....	No School-Non-Instructional
December 10.....	Informal Report Cards
December 17.....	Holiday Lunch
December 17.....	Virtual Christmas Concert
December 18.....	Pyjama Day
December 21- January 1.....	Winter Break
January 4	School Re-opens
February 5	No School- Non-Instructional
February 14.....	Valentine's Day
February 15.....	No School-Family Day
March 15-March 19.....	Spring Break
April 2.....	No School-Good Friday
April 5.....	No School-Easter Monday
April 26	No School-Non-Instructional
May 21	No School-Non-Instructional
May 24.....	No School-Victoria Day
June 29.....	Last Day of School





Board Notes

November 23, 2020



Student Advisory Council Connects

South Kamloops Secondary students Thea Wells, and Hayden Koppes, two of the 20 students in grades 9 to 12 from middle and secondary schools across the district who sit on the District Student Advisory Council, explained how students are experiencing COVID-19. Read more at <https://mailchi.mp/sd73/from-the-november-23-regular-meeting>

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan provided an overview of his activities for the month of November, including briefings with the Deputy Minister of Education, pandemic response, and board committee meetings, along with school visits.

Early Closures for Parent-Teacher Conference Updated for Secondary Schools

The adoption of the Quarter system to accommodate Ministry of Education COVID-19 guidelines for health and safety required the October parent-teacher early dismissal to shift to December. Schools affected by the new early-closure dates include Barriere Secondary, Chase Secondary, Clearwater Secondary, Logan Lake Secondary, South Kamloops Secondary, Valleyview Secondary, and Westyde Secondary.

Confirmed COVID-19 Norkam Secondary School

Dr. Sullivan reported on the implementation of the COVID-19 Response Plan to the District's first confirmed case of COVID-19 in schools at NorKam Secondary. Notification by Interior Health (IH) on Sunday, Nov. 15 to Superintendent Sullivan, set the process in motion, including informing the Board then communicating to parents and staff at NorKam and ensuring that all those involved, with responsibilities, were informed so they could fulfill their responsibilities immediately on Sunday. Once those most directly impacted were informed, then the broader community,

including all staff and all parents, were notified. He reiterated that it is Interior Health's purview to conduct contact tracing while it is the District's responsibility to support IH and provide any information to conduct their work.

Labour Relations Branch (LRB) Troubleshooter Process

In response to an application by the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF), recommendations from the LRB include school districts delegating a troubleshooter to resolve issues regarding the implementation of the COVID-19 Ministry of Education guidelines for health and safety. Associate Superintendent **Shayne Olson** has been delegated as the troubleshooter for the District.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

School Site Acquisition Charge (SSAC) Notice of Resolution
The Board received public input regarding the implementation of a School Site Acquisition Charge (SSAC) and passed a resolution to proceed with the process for a one-time SSAC within the municipal boundaries of the city of Kamloops. The SSAC would assist in paying the costs of new school sites which are necessary when constructing new schools to accommodate student populations generated by new residential development. Read more at <https://mailchi.mp/sd73/from-the-november-23-regular-meeting>

REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Kershaw recapped the Nov. 19 meeting with the 60 Board chairs of the BC School Trustees Association, Minister of Education Rob Fleming, and Deputy Provincial Health Officer Dr. Réka Gustafson. It was reported that there have been 549 active COVID-19 exposures in schools which includes both students and staff. Of the total 549 exposures, only 12 have led to transmission. Remarking that school staff across the district and across the province are doing a good job ensuring the protocols are followed, she thanked the staff for their work.

Vice-Chair Wade emphasized that we need to remember the low staff transmission rates and that the data is evidence that the protocols put in place in schools are working.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

[Audit Committee Highlights](#)

[Education Committee of the Whole Highlights](#)

[Literacy in Kamloops Highlights](#)

[Trustee Column](#)

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on: Monday, Dec. 7, at 7:00 PM at the Valley First Lounge – Interior Savings Centre, 300 Lorne St. Kamloops BC. Watch via [Facebook Live](#)