

DECEMBER



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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Principal's Message

December will be upon us next week and we have managed to only receive minimal amounts of snow thus far. We are definitely enjoying the milder than normal weather.

We were fortunate to enjoy our Remembrance Day Assembly with students, staff and parents from both campuses. Thanks to everyone involved in organizing this memorable event.

We are very excited about the upcoming events taking place before the winter break. We will be hosting the annual Children's Christmas Sale on December 5th. Please make sure you read the upcoming section for details about this amazing opportunity. Thanks in advance to the energetic volunteers who work tirelessly on this event.

We are also hosting our Christmas Concert on December 13th with a matinee and evening performances in the elementary gymnasium. I look forward to seeing everyone at the performances.

In addition, we will be hosting our annual Turkey Luncheon on December 20th. In keeping with our K-12 inclusive philosophy, we will be hosting one luncheon for all students from both buildings in the Secondary Gymnasium. Many of our local Lions Club members have volunteered to assist in preparing the meal but we are still seeking more volunteers for preparing the food on December 19th and 20th. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at either campus. We continue to expand our hot breakfast and lunch programs in both campuses. We canvassed the students for suggestions on offerings and will be adding new menu items in the near future.

This will be our last newsletter before the Winter Break so I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, joyous holiday and a prosperous New Year! I look forward to hearing the stories about your holiday when we return to class on January 7, 2019!

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely, R. Collins

PAC

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for the evening of Monday Dec. 10th at Logan Lake Elementary School, starting at 5:00 pm. Parents, your input is valued and you are encouraged to attend.

Non-Instructional Day

A reminder that Monday Dec. 3rd is a Non-Instructional Day, students have the day off and will not be in attendance.

44th Annual Children's Christmas Sale

On Wednesday Dec. 5th, the Logan Lake Craft Club will be hosting the Children's Christmas Sale in the Elementary School Gymnasium. Santa helpers assist children with their Christmas shopping, so that they may purchase and surprise their family on Christmas Day. All handcrafted gifts are sold for \$6 or less and will be wrapped and ready for under the tree. We ask that each child carries their money and a list



of who they are shopping for in a zip lock bag with their name written on it. Adult shopping is allowed only after all the children have finished.

2:15 pm – preschool and kindergarten

2:30 – 4:00 pm – all other children

Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas Concert is titled North Pole Exposure. In this 40 min performance you'll get a first-hand look at all the famous characters that make Christmas dreams come true. Santa's well-trained volunteer reindeer corps, the overworked elves, snowmen who dream of a tropical vacation, what Mrs. Claus really does on Christmas Eve, and the true spirit of the season, Santa Claus himself!

Our Christmas Concert will be on Thursday December 13th with two show times. Our matinee performance will begin at 1:00 pm followed by our evening performance at 6:30 pm, in the Elementary School Gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pyjama Day

The day after our Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 14th we will be having a school wide Pyjama Day! Everyone is welcome to come to school in their comfy clothes.



Community Holiday Turkey Lunch

Once again we will be hosting an annual holiday lunch on Thursday Dec. 20th. Our sponsors include TECK Highland Valley Copper, Highland Valley Foods, Desert Hills Farms, Logan Lake Lions Club and our PAC who are supplying, cooking and serving our K-12 students an amazing free holiday lunch. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school office. Our school will be walking down to the Secondary School Gymnasium for lunch. Students will require a snack but do not need to bring a lunch, that day. A big thank you to our community for bringing us all together with this wonderful holiday meal!

Kamloops Blazers Tickets

We have pairs of Kamloops Blazer Tickets to give away, for the Friday Dec. 28th Blazer game against the Kelowna Rockets at 7:00pm.

Ballots are available in the school office for pick up, and must be returned signed by a parent. The winners will be drawn at the Community Holiday Lunch.



Hot Breakfast Program

Thanks to the support of our amazing parents and volunteers, Logan Lake Elementary has been able to offer our students a free hot breakfast every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Breakfast is served before the warning bell rings outside. Fresh fruit and muffins are available in the office each day.

Soup

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

The snow has arrived! Parents please be sure your child is remembering to wear appropriate clothing for the winter weather. Students are playing outside during the day and do need mittens, toque, boots, snowpants and a warm coat.



Important Dates 2018-19

December 3.....No School- Non-Instructional
December 5..... Kids Craft Sale @ 2:15 pm
December 10PAC Meeting @ 5:00 pm
December 12..... Report Cards
December 13..... Christmas Concert
December 14 PJ Day
December 20Community Sponsored Holiday Lunch
December 24- January 6..... Winter Break
January 7School Re-opens
January 14..... PAC Meeting @1:30 pm

SD 73 Career Opportunities

School District No. 73 is currently recruiting Aboriginal Education Workers to work at Chase and/or Logan Lake. They are also looking for Aboriginal Education Workers willing to work on a causal or temporary basis.

The incumbent must possess knowledge and experience with Aboriginal children, families, communities, and culture.

Preference will go to those who also possess or are willing to acquire a Certified Education Assistance Certificate. For more information email: Sharlene Bowers at sbowers@sd73.bc.ca , Mike Bowden at mbowden@sd73.bc.ca Or call the School Board Office in Kamloops at 250-374-0679



Board Notes

November 19, 2018

EDUCATION TOPIC

Financial Literacy

Principal **Susie Mabee** and Teacher **Kim Edstrom**, along with students **Zane Philcox** (Grade 3), **Ruby Conklin** (Grade 4), **Kieran Fellenz** (Grade 6), **Spenser McCue** and **Shayla Chadwick** (Grade 7) presented how Westmount Elementary tackled financial literacy head on. With the support of its recent Inquiry and Innovation funding grant from the Board of Education they focused on pedagogy, developing community connections, real life situations and celebrated their learning with a Financial Literacy Fair.

Leadership Development Program

Certificates were presented to the most recent cohort of educators who successfully completed their Leadership Development Program (LDP). Congratulations to **Domenic Comita**, **Cecile McVittie**, **Mike Koppes**, **Jodi Oetter**, **Dave Conroy**, **Kim Edstrom**, **Lana Blais**, **Steve Scott** and **Tessica Watson**. The program began in 1967 as an on the job training program for future principals at the Centre for Study for School Administration at UBC. The two-year program continues to include hands on school leadership experience, presentations to district leadership staff and courses at TRU. This is the longest established school leadership program in the province. An estimated 82 per cent of SD73 principals have completed the program.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Westwold Elementary Consultation Process

Assistant Superintendent **Rob Schoen** informed the Board of the consultation process for the future of Westwold Elementary School. The community meeting takes place on

Thursday, November 22, at 7 pm at Westwold Elementary. Westwold community members and employee groups are invited to provide feedback on the future of the school at facility-input@sd73.bc.ca until January 19. Once the feedback is reviewed, administration will make a recommendation to the Board on January 28, 2019.

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Valleyview Secondary Expansion Update

Art McDonald Director Facilities and Transportation submitted the Project Definition Report (PDR) to the Ministry of Education. Further to the submission, the Ministry has requested information on the District's Local Capital Reserve fund balance and the associated budget for the next two years (2018-2019 and 2019-2020). The Ministry may request further information or clarification on items in the PDR over the next several months. Once the Ministry is satisfied that the business case for the expansion has been substantiated, the Ministry will seek final funding approval. If approved the project would then proceed to the design phase.

Slash to a Dash

An Order in Council by the Lieutenant Governor has approved the slash to be changed to a dash in the official name of the School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson). The name change will be gradually phased in with the normal replacement of signage and collateral.

CHAIR REPORT

Congratulations

Superintendent **Alison Sidow** has been named as the Vice-President for the BC Superintendents Association. Chair **Kathleen Karpuk** extended congratulations on behalf of the Board.

McQueen Lake Dinner

McQueen Lake Dinner and Auction is Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Henry Grube Education Centre. There is a live auction event following dinner and a silent auction throughout the evening. The cost of the dinner is \$65 per ticket (tax receipt issued for \$25). All proceeds go towards the rebuilding and maintenance of the McQueen Lake Centre. Purchase your tickets online.

