

FEBRUARY

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

Happy February to everyone! We have experienced an unseasonably warm winter and it feels like spring is just around the corner. We are gaining approximately 2.5 minutes of daylight per day, so it will not be long before we can start enjoying outdoor activities during the evenings again.

I am sure that most parents now know that we had to add an additional cohort in each of our campuses to maintain compliance with the Public Health Order on maximum cohort sizes. This is great news as it means our student population continues to grow even among the uncertain times we are experiencing. We now have 3 cohorts in each building. I would like to commend all our parents, students, and staff for their cooperation and understanding as we adhere to our pandemic protocols to ensure the safety of everyone.

To maintain the health and safety of everyone, we are asking for your assistance. When dropping off and picking up your child(ren) we ask that you maintain a minimum distance of two meters from other adults and children to maintain social distancing. In addition, although it is not a requirement, we would appreciate if you could wear a mask as an added measure of safety for everyone.

I would like to thank our limited volunteers, community members, organizations and local businesses who continue to provide opportunities and services for our students during these unprecedented times. Together, we have, and will continue to support those who have been impacted by the pandemic.

Thanks for your continued support.

R. Collins

Principal



PAC

All parents are invited to attend the PAC meetings. The date for the next PAC meeting is Thursday, February 11th at 7:00 pm. This will be a zoom meeting. Meeting link will be posted closer to the date on the PAC Facebook page.

PAC is currently doing a fundraiser, selling First Aid Kits. Order forms went home, if you are interested please return to the school by February 26th.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Please note our next non-instructional day is tomorrow, February 5th.

NO SCHOOL

Mark your calendar, Family Day is Monday February 15th!

REPORT CARDS

This year, our K-7 classes are continuing to participate 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, February 11th.

VIRTUAL EARTH RANGERS PRESENTATION

On February 11th our students in grades K-7 will be participating in a virtual Earth Rangers Presentation during the day in their classrooms. Earth Rangers is the kids' conservation organization, dedicated to educating children and their families about biodiversity, inspiring them to adopt sustainable behaviours, and empowering them to become directly involved in protecting animals and their habitats.





KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for next school year will start on February 15th and will run until February 26th. The Registration link can be found on our website at <https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/our-district-board/register-for-school.aspx>. Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for Kindergarten on these dates so that they are able to participate in the “SPARK” program. This wonderful event will take place in the spring. If you are unable to register online please call the school directly to set up a 15 min, in-person appointment. Due to COVID-19 drop-in visits to schools are discouraged. School visitor safety protocols can be found [here](#).



To be eligible for attendance in Kindergarten in September 2021, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2021. You will need your child’s original birth certificate, BC Services Card and proof of address to register as well as any legal documentation concerning custody (if applicable).

SPARK

Logan Lake Elementary is excited to offer our community the SPARK program - Strong Prepared and Ready for Kindergarten. Entering Kindergarten is a major transition for children and parents. This free program will be offered via Zoom and will run once a month starting in April. Registration will be required and more information will be available during Kindergarten registration.

KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL OF CHOICE REGISTRATION

Registration will be online for Schools of Choice from January 2, 2021 until Feb 5, 2021 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 to 3:00 pm. (Registration ends at noon on February 5th). You can register anytime during this period. Registration is NOT first come first served.

Schools of Choice options are as follows:

- Kamloops school of the Arts
- Bert Edwards Science and Technology School
- Montessori at Aberdeen Elementary
- French Immersion at Lloyd George Elementary
- French Immersion at South Sa-Hali Elementary

Pink Shirt Day



Wednesday February 24th, 2021 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 Dismissal/Parent Teacher Interviews

On Thursday March 11th, students will be dismissed at 12:09 pm for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Your child’s teacher will be reaching out to schedule a time and provide the link for the ZOOM session. Due to COVID-19 protocols and restrictions, we will be unable to host face-to-face meetings; therefore, ZOOM sessions will be set up as an alternative.



SKATING

Skating sessions will continue throughout February. Each class will take turns and only skate twice. Due to Covid-19 protocols, parents will not be able to attend. Staff have volunteered to tie skates for those who are unable.



Skating days are as follows:

Ms. Scarr: February 9th and 12th

Ms. Kicia; February 16th and 19th

Ms. Collins: February 23rd and 26th

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 this year.

YEAR BOOK

This year we are bringing back the Logan Lake school yearbook that will feature our students from 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 for \$30.00. From March 13th until June 1st the cost of a school yearbook will be \$35.00. Order forms went home on Monday February 1st and can also be purchased online [here](#).

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

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.

SOUP

Our Soup Lady, Monica Oram and her helpers are at our school, every Wednesday offering our students a free bowl of warm soup and a bun. The soup program will continue to run until Spring.

February 10 – Chicken Noodle Soup
February 17 – Hamburger Soup
February 24 – Chicken Noodle Soup
Thank you!

SNACK SHACK – MUNCHALUNCH

Hot lunch reminder! Our hot lunch program is up and running and is offering Mini Pizzas on Mondays and Chicken Nuggets on Fridays for students. Order online using Munchalunch.com

PARKING LOT

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 the roadways.

REMINDERS

The snow has arrived! 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.



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.

There are now three categories in the Safe Arrivals app to choose from when notifying the school of your child's absence due to illness. **You will be asked whether the absence is due to a respiratory illness,**

gastrointestinal illness or the broad category of general illness. Distinguishing between respiratory, gastrointestinal, or general category of illness will provide more accurate data to Interior Health regarding seasonal flus and colds affecting the community.

If you have any questions or concerns about the system, you may contact Mrs. Mullin at 523-6215.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – ASKABLE ADULT

Talking to your children about sexuality and reproduction can be difficult for parents/adults. This program takes parents/adults through exercises to discover why they might feel uncomfortable talking about sex with their children, and provides strategies for parents on how to overcome these feelings. Parents will also look at how to begin discussions and how to share information with children in a clear and understandable way. You will gain insight into:

- What kind of sexual health information is needed at various ages
- How to handle your child's questions
- What kinds of words to use
- How to discuss feelings, emotions, and your family's values
- Exploring your own personal beliefs around sensitive topics

This free session takes place on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 6:30pm -8:30pm.

To register for this online session please click [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES 2021

February 5	No School- Non-Instructional
February 11	PAC Meeting
February 11	Report Cards
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	No School-Family Day
February 15-26	Kindergarten Registration
February 24	Pink Shirt Day
March 15-March 19	Spring Break
March 11	Parent/Teacher Interviews
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

[Click here for January 25th Board Notes](#)

**The Logan lake Wellness, Health & Youth Society
will be virtually hosting the 48th Logan Lake
Polar Carnival from February 22 - 28, 2021.**

Polar Kits will be distributed to all youth in Logan Lake. They will contain a different craft kit for each of the 7 days. Each day a video will be uploaded to the website & Facebook page with instructions to complete the project. They will also include an activity guide for the week and some Polar Swag!



All activities are designed to be completed on your own or with your household.

We will have a dedicated website www.loganlakepolarcarnival.ca and Facebook page (Logan Lake Polar Carnival) that will be active throughout the 7 days with new content being uploaded regularly. This will be the virtual hub of information for the Virtual 48th Annual Polar Carnival. You will have the capacity to upload pictures and stay connected and share their activities while following the recommended covid protocols.



For more info call the WHY at 250-523-6229

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