

November



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

November is now upon us and we have already experienced winter like conditions. Thankfully, we are now receiving more seasonal type weather. We would like to remind everyone to dress for the weather as we've noticed several students without gloves, toques, boots and mittens during the recent cold snap. In keeping with our pandemic protocols, the doors to our schools will not be opened until the warning bells in the morning so it is best if you can have your child arrive as close to the bell as possible.

We are excited to announce that Ms. Piche has joined our staff at LLESS as a Certified Educational Assistant. She will be assisting students in many of our classes. We are also excited to announce that we have significantly boosted our ability to offer technology in our K-4 classrooms. We have added 16 more Chromebooks to our collection so we now have a complete class set. We are now working on a plan to purchase a Chromebook cart and a class set of Chromebooks for our grade 8-12 cohort.

I would like to thank our PAC and all those that purchased apples during the recent fund raiser. The event raised over \$1200 which will be used to support programs and purchase items for our classrooms. There are several other fundraisers currently taking place. I encourage you to support our PAC and the Grad

Class of 2021 by placing an order for the various products they are offering. I would also like to thank Monica Oram for once again offering the "Warm a Belly" soup program available to all students in grades K-4 on Wednesdays starting Nov 4/20. Special thanks to our "Warm a Belly" donors, Logan Lake Lions Club, COBS Bread, Highland Valley Foods and everyone who contributes to the donation containers located in the community. It is an amazing program that has been offered for decades now.

We had a good response for the Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews held in each building on October 11, 2020. If you were unable to attend and would like an update on your child's progress, please feel free to contact our staff via phone or email.

As always, please feel free to email or call me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Enjoy the month of November!

Sincerely,

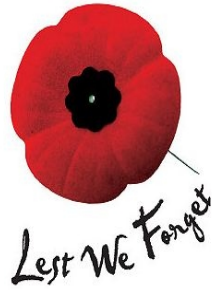
R. Collins - Principal

Remembrance Day

The pandemic is shifting the way we will be honoring our veterans this year, but will not stop us from paying tribute.

This year, the entire school will participate in a recorded virtual ceremony. Ms.

Spooner, our fine arts teacher, has been busy working hard with each class making art and performing songs and poems. The special performance will be posted for viewing on our school website at www.lles.com.



PAC

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday Nov 26th. This will be held via ZOOM and meeting login link will be posted on the PAC Facebook page closer to the meeting date.



Winter Plant Fundraiser:

The PAC is fundraising money for school activities, equipment and events with a winter plant fundraiser. Be certain to order fresh Poinsettias, Holiday Wreaths or Outdoor Greenery Arrangements for Christmas. Order forms were sent home with students early this week and must be returned to the school by Nov. 23rd. Order pick up will be December 10th.

Parents, if you interested in volunteering for this fundraiser please contact the PAC at loganlakepac@gmail.com.

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 oatmeal, cereal, Cobbs baked goods, grilled cheese, and smoothies. Fresh fruit is in each classroom and available all week for any student needing a little extra.

School Supplies

Just a reminder, school fees were due on **September 25th**. If you have not paid you child's school fees, please contact the school office.

Warm a Belly Soup Day

We are so happy to announce that Monica Oram, our soup lady, will return for another year of "Warm a Belly" soup program. Every Wednesday throughout the winter, students will be offered a hot bowl of soup and a bun for lunch. We want to extend a huge thank you to Monica and our donors for offering this wonderful program.



November Soup days are as follows:

Nov 18th – Chicken Noodle

Nov 25th – Hamburger

Dec 2nd – Chicken Noodle

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.



Snack Shack – Munchalunch

Remember: 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.

Late Arrivals

Students who arrive after the bell, will need to come to the main entrance to be let into the building. Parents, please bring your child to the front door and call the office. It is a safety concern to have students walking around the school to their classroom doors.

Colder Weather

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.



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

Safe Arrival – School Messenger UPDATE



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, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Mullin at 250-523-6215.

The toll free number to report a student's absence is:
1-844-350-2647 **or** online at:
<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

Important Dates 2020-21

November 11.....	No School-Remembrance Day
December 4.....	Informal Report Cards
December 7.....	No School-Non-Instructional
December 11.....	Holiday Lunch
December 17.....	Christmas Concert
December 18.....	Pajama 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

Board Notes



[From the regular October 19, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education.](#)



Building Community Through a Circle of Courage
Haldane Elementary School Principal Katrina Sewell updated the Board of Education on the school's Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies (PBIS) matrix, which is a Circle of Courage with four quadrants that signify respect, responsibility, belonging, and safety.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Terry Sullivan provided a brief outline of his activities for the month of October.

Aboriginal Education Annual Report

Vessy Mochikas, Director Elementary Education and Learning Services, and Mike Bowden, District Principal Aboriginal Education, presented highlights from the annual report summarizing the District's commitment to the Aboriginal Education Agreement, the District's use of targeted enhancement funding, and subsequent educational

achievement outcomes. Read the full report at: <https://mailchi.mp/98acbfd98f97/highlights-from-october-19-2020>

Enrolment Report

Based on the Sept. 30, 2020, 1701 enrolment verification, the elementary and secondary enrolment compared to enrolment projections has decreased overall by 114.25 FTE. Elementary has seen a decrease of 176 FTE while secondary has increased by 61.75 FTE. There was an increase in Distributed Learning, with the enrolment for @KOOL representing 665.6875 FTE within the total enrolment numbers, an increase of 479.4375 FTE from September 2019. In addition, 159 FTE learners are currently attending homeschool and are not included within the Sept. 30, 2020 enrolment totals. By comparison, during 2019-2020 there were 13 FTE registered homeschool students within the school district's catchment.

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Terry Sullivan reported that the District continues to monitor and update the guidelines put forth by the Provincial Health Officer. Staff at all levels continue to work hard to ensure the guidelines are followed. He will meet with staff to address the concerns raised by some parents regarding the increasing inconsistencies in the wearing of masks, particularly for high school students, bus students, and visitors to schools. He also noted that there have been no cases of COVID-19 reported in any District school or facility.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

To avoid budget cuts to balance the 2020-2021 operating budget, the Kamloops-Thompson Board of Education approved a request to utilize \$1,550,615 from its Operating Reserve. Based on the initial student enrolment report on Sept. 30, 2020, to the Ministry of Education, a significant shift in enrolment from in-class instruction to either distributed learning or home school learning options was noted, causing a revenue shortfall because funding levels for each of the instructional options are not equal. Read the full

report at: <https://mailchi.mp/98acbfd98f97/highlights-from-october-19-2020>

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

[Finance and Planning Committee Highlights](#)
[Education Committee of the Whole Highlights](#)
[2020 Remembrance Day](#)

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, November 9, at 7:00 PM at the Valley First Lounge – Interior Savings Centre, 300 Lorne St. Kamloops BC.

[Watch via Facebook Live](#)

