

# November



## Logan Lake Elementary News

Friday, November 2, 2018

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

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### Principal's Message

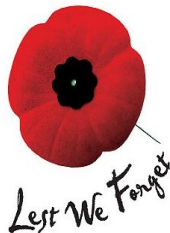
November is almost here and we have only received minimal amounts of snow and some welcoming recent sunshine and warm weather!

We will be having our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> in the elementary gymnasium at 10:30 am. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend and pay respect to our Service Members who keep us safe and pay respect to those who have sacrificed for our freedom.

We continue to work hard on creating a K to 12 inclusive philosophy. This month we brought Grade 4 students to the high school where they participated with the Grade 5-9's in a Science World Presentation. Our Remembrance Day assembly will include students from both campuses. Students from both buildings had the opportunity to experience "Yukon Dan's" presentation. Yukon Dan informed me that several of our students had caught the "Fever" and were excited after finding gold!

I want to send a great big "thank you" to our parent volunteers who give freely of their time to provide nutritious breakfasts and lunches for all of our students. We will be starting up the Soup program again next week at the elementary campus.

As we move into our winter months I remind all families to dress appropriately for the weather. Warm hats, mitts, coats, snow pants and footwear are needed when we go outdoors for recess and lunch.



Enjoy the month of November.

Sincerely, R. Collins

### PAC

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for the evening of Monday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at Logan Lake Elementary School and will start at 5:00pm. Your input is valued and you are encouraged to attend!

### D.E.A.R

On Oct.22nd, National School Library Day, our students and staff members in SD# 73 Dropped Everything to Read for 20 min. D.E.A.R. is an annual event that highlights the importance of reading and emphasizes the role of community libraries and the literacy programs they offer.

### Hot Breakfast Program

Thanks to the support of our amazing parent volunteers, Logan Lake Elementary has been able to offer our students a free hot breakfast, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Breakfast is served outside before the warning bell rings. Our hot breakfast includes items such as: oatmeal, toast and/or bagels as well as fresh fruit. Fresh fruit and muffins are available all week from the office. Special acknowledgements to the Kamloops Cobs Bakery for supplementing our mornings with baked goods!



### School Supplies

Just a reminder, school fees were due on September 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet paid your child's school fees, please contact the school office.

### Safety Reminders

Our school is peanut free, parents please be sure check/leave any Halloween candy that may contain peanuts at home.

### Young Peoples Concert

Once again our generous PAC has agreed to pay \$5 towards each student's YPC fees, making it \$10.00 each for our grade 3



& 4 students to bus into Kamloops and enjoy four different performances at Sagebrush Theater. Our next Young Peoples Concert performance will be presented by Monster Theater on Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Soup**

Our Soup Lady, Monica Oram and her amazing helpers are returning to our school on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> with Chicken Noodle Soup! Every Tuesday throughout the winter, students are offered a free bowl of soup and a bun for lunch.



**Yukon Dan**

What an amazing presentation! Our students were so interested and engaged. They learned about gold panning and our Canadian gold mining history. A big thank you to Teck Highland Valley Copper for sponsoring this fantastic presenter. In addition, they also sponsored a ‘Yukon Dan’ colouring contest. Our colouring contest winners were Evan Smith and Hayden Peacock who took home a movie pass with popcorn and a drink, along with a bag of goodies.

**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.



**Remembrance Day Assembly**

Parents please join us for our K-12 Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> in the Elementary school Gymnasium. We will be starting at 10:30am, after students from the Secondary School have walked over to the Elementary.

Ms. Craig our Fine Arts Teacher, and her students have been working hard to learn and demonstrate what peace is, looks like, and feels like. This year’s Remembrance Day assembly will include visual arts, drama, music and dance. Each class from K- 7 will be involved in two performances, parents please join us to pay respect.



**You Can Count On Me**

Kindergarten parents you are invited to our Library on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:15-10:00am, for our You Can Count On Me workshop. This daytime workshop is for parents to learn how to support math at home. Families will receive free materials to use and take with them. We highly encourage parents to attend. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to send another caregiver in your place (grandparent, aunt, uncle).

**Hot Dog Day**

Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> the Lions Club is giving back to their community by providing a free hot dog lunch to our Elementary school students. Hot Lunch will include a treat and drink.

**Battle of the Books**

This years grade 3 / 4 battle books have arrived! Mr. Blakley will be starting to introduce this program to interested readers sometime in December.

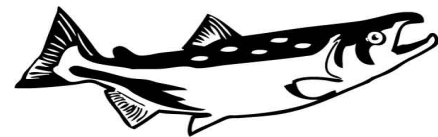
**Indigo Adopt a School Online**

Every dollar donated to our school \$1,210.00 has become available on our Adopt a School account in the form of an Indigo e-Giftcard. Our school is receiving a 30% discount on books when we purchase in store or at indigo.ca! Another big thank you to all the parents who donated. Students will start seeing new titles in our school library soon.



**Salmonid Enhancement Program**

Once again Ms.Scarr’s grade 4 students will be raising Salmon in her classroom. This important program not only teaches her students about the salmon life cycle but also helps preserve our salmon population here in BC.



**Important Dates 2018-19**

- November 9.....Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 12..... No School - Remembrance Day
- November 19.....You Can Count on Me
- November 21..... Free Hot Dog Lunch
- December 3..... No School - Non-Instructional
- December 13..... Christmas Concert
- December 17..... Report Cards
- December 24- January 6..... Winter Break
- January 7 .....School Re-opens

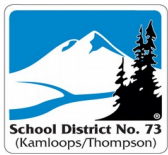
### **Safe Arrival – School Messenger**

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> \*when making an account, 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 Ms. Schrader at 250-523-6215.



# Board Notes

**October 15, 2018**

### **EDUCATION TOPIC**

Best friends **Akira Susanj** (grade 7) and **Alexander Teague** (grade 6) were joined by their Principal, **Krista Halland**, at Savona Elementary to highlight the many programs the school has incorporated to support hands-on learning, including Maker Space, and a Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program. The boys reported that their school is also into its first year of BOKS Kids, a free before school program aimed to improve students' physical, mental and social health through movement.

### **REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS**

#### **School Learning Plans**

The schools learning plans have been reviewed by senior staff and presented to the Board. The Board was unanimous in approving the plans and commended school principals and teachers for the tremendous amount of thought that

went into developing strategies that improve numeracy. They also commented on the plans' comprehensiveness and how clearly aligned the plans were with the strategic priorities.

### **Enrolment Update**

The final enrolment numbers are complete and were reported to the Ministry of Education on September 28, 2018 showing continued growth. There are an additional 208 students in grades 1 to 7, and an extra 77 in secondary for a net increase of 233 students across the District. The vast majority of new students came from families who are moving to Kamloops from other parts of the province.

### **REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER**

#### **SD73 Business Company Reserve**

Management fees paid to the district from its business company (SD73BC) have generated a reserve fund of \$485,872. Staff will come back to the board with a clear process and guidelines for how Parent Advisory Groups (PACs) may apply for a grant from these funds for recreational projects in support of students. Some of the ideas suggested included supports for new playgrounds and sport uniforms.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The last few weeks have been busy for all trustees. Events attended included Raise-A-Reader, Orange Shirt Day, and the United Way Campaign kick-off. **Chair Wade** and **Superintendent Sidow** also attended the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education to recognize **Maymie Tegart** from Blue Rive Elementary as Outstanding New Teacher. **Trustee Kershaw** raised the issue of grade 7s not being able to be part of the grade 8 volleyball and basketball teams in rural communities where schools do not follow the traditional grade configurations. **Assistant Superintendent Hamblett** is working with BC School Sports to determine if a policy change is a possible.