



Principal's Greeting

Welcome back! It's been an eventful start to 2015 with the snow, but we're enjoying the winter weather with preparations for skiing at Summit Lake. Our Elementary students travel to Summit Lake Ski Area on January 9, 14, 23, and 30th.

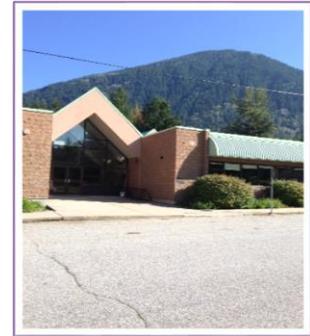
Our Secondary students will be participating in winter Immersion Weeks. The Senior Outdoor Education Class will be participating in a backcountry skiing expedition to Harlow Hut January 17-21st. All other Secondary students will be participating in an Immersion Mini-Week January 19-21st, with a trip to the Nelson Recreation Complex, snowshoeing at Nakusp Hot Springs, and skiing at Summit Lake Ski Area. Permission forms for these trips are going home today – please ask your student for these forms as they need to be returned to the school ASAP.

Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA) for grade 4 & 7 students will begin on January 26th. These Ministry of Education standardized exams in reading, writing, and numeracy will be conducted over a two week period. Please see the office if you have any questions regarding the FSAs.

Ms. N. Suhr

Thank You to Katrina`s Class

We would like to acknowledge Katrina Sumrall's class for all the hard work they do collecting and taking care of the school's recycling and compost. This is a valuable process that enables our school to be more environmentally sound, as well as teaching our school community social responsibility. Thank you!



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Important Dates

January 5 – First day of classes

January 7 – PAC meeting

January 9 – Elem Ski Day

January 14 – Elem Ski Day

January 16 – Professional
Development Day (no school)

January 19-21 – Secondary
Immersion Week

January 23 – Elem Ski Day

January 26 – Foundation Skills
Assessments (FSA) for grades 4 &
7 begin

January 30 – Elem Ski Day

February 4 – PAC meeting

February 6 – Secondary School
Midterm Exam day

February 9 – Family Day (no
classes)

Congratulations!

Noah Burkholder accepted the Governor General's Academic Medal for 2013-2014 from Nicol Suhr, Principal of Lucerne School. The Bronze Medal is a national recognition from the Governor General of Canada, and is awarded for academic excellence to the student who achieves the highest average in their class upon graduating from a secondary school. Congratulations Noah, on this significant achievement!

Our junior Science and Math teacher, Signy Fredrickson, received an exciting email this week from Beth Corven, Program Manager of the GLOWS (Growing, Learning Opportunities With Science) Program.

"Thank you for all the entries that your students submitted to the Kootenay Contraption Contest! We had 150 entries from four school districts, and it was exciting to read through all the entries and see what our kids have to say about our future." Students were asked to answer the question: "In 50 years, what new technology or advancements in existing technology will we use to improve the way we increase our food supply, including the way we produce, move, package, store and/or consume our food?"

Out of 150 entries, 9 prizes were given out, and 3 went to Lucerne Students! Congratulations to:

- Amelie Tremaine in Grade 4
- Max Benson in Grade 6
- Kell Wictorin in Grade 8, with help from Liam Shandro-Gosselin and Aleks Ratynski

Each of their classes will receive a free pizza lunch for their class in January, courtesy of GLOWS (Growing, Learning Opportunities With Science) and the Kootenay Association for Science and Technology (KAST).

More Important News

PAC meetings

Message from Julia Greenlaw, PAC Co-Chair

This Wednesday at the 6pm meeting we will be holding an election for members of the School Planning Council. As a PAC we elect three members. The SPC is an advisory group toward school goals and objectives. They come up with strategies and structures to help reach these objectives and have a modest budget to help do so. It is the official avenue parents have toward input into curriculum and staffing.

Please let us know if you are interested in running for one of these places. The SPC meets three times through the season.

Another opportunity for parents is with the Facilities Policy Committee of SD10. This New Year the committee will be meeting to review policies such as the use of SD10 facilities for extracurricular activities. Anyone interested in joining a meeting or two in Nakusp on to this purpose would be welcome.

Finally, a reminder that junior boys basketball will resume on Monday and Thursday afternoons at 3:50-4:30pm. Senior girls may be joining in as well. Also, Parkour classes with Michael Garvey and Mateus Dachwitz from Nakusp are coming to Lucerne on Tuesday afternoons at three different levels/age classes. Contact Colleen at nakuspce@selkirk.ca to get more info or to register your child.

Winter Conditions Protocol

With all of the treacherous road conditions, School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) has developed a protocol for informing parents when busses are not running and/or school impacts. The superintendent will post a message regarding whether busses are running on the school district website <http://sd10.bc.ca> by 7:15AM. Lucerne staff is currently developing a parent phone tree to inform parents quickly about these changes. Please stay tuned for further information upcoming!

A Survey – We Want to Know What You Think!

This December, our teachers graciously created a Christmas Craft Faire for our school community to enjoy. Happily this also co-incided with Charlene Alexander`s award presentation. This was a vibrant evening with many people building gingerbread houses, snowglobes, wreaths, beaded snowflakes and much more. A hearty THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped put this on.

We would like to hear if you enjoyed this evening, and if so, whether you would enjoy this again next December. Please let the office know your thoughts!