



Principal's Greeting

Welcome to April! How exciting that we are in the final 10 weeks of classes for our students. April is a busy month for us, with Easter weekend, the International Day of Diversity, the Cob oven Immersion week, and of course, the ever increasingly warm weather.

Please ensure that students are sent to school with appropriate clothing, such as rain boots and raincoats during wet weather. Keeping students dry enables them to focus on their work in the classroom.

Satisfaction surveys continue to be open until April 30. Please see www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm to complete your survey.

Our internet access conversation is at 6.30pm on Thursday, April 9 in the Lucerne Library. Please join us for information about how different internet access types are related to education. Also, on April 9th, all staff, secondary students, and parents will be invited to complete an internet access survey. This survey will be open until Friday, April 24. This survey is intended to find out the individual opinions and thoughts about internet access from our stakeholders. I will be sending a letter home with specific instructions for parents on how to access the survey next week.

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Important Dates

April 3 – Good Friday (no classes)

April 6 – Easter Monday (no classes)

April 8 – International Day of Diversity

April 9 – Internet accessibility information meeting 6.30pm @ Lucerne Library

April 14 – Corazon Choir performance @ 2pm

April 16 – English 11/12 Pizza Lunch fundraiser

April 20-24 – Secondary Immersion Week – Cob ovens!

April 24 – Internet Access Survey Closes at Noon

April 24 – Secondary Report Cards home

Lost and Found!



We have many items in our lost and found. Please take a look and take home what is yours! The items will be here at the school until Tuesday, April 7th and then we will be donating them.

Welcome to Mr. Visser!



We are thrilled to welcome Kevin Visser as he joins our Lucerne Staff from Australia to teach secondary shop classes and hands-on building and design skills to the grade 4-6 class. He also will be working at Nakusp Elementary School teaching hands-on building and design skills for grades 4-7. Mr. Visser is joined here in the Arrow Lakes by his wife, Hayley-Brea Visser, who is working as a teacher teaching on call (TOC) in the district.

Corazon Choir

Corazon Youth Choir will be performing at Lucerne School on Tuesday April 14th at 2:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend. There will also be an evening concert at 7:00 pm in Silverton at the Memorial Hall. Donations will be taken at the door. Don't miss this event! The choir is comprised of about 70 youth ages 13 - 20. Their director is Allison Girvan from Nelson. In past years we have had up to seven local youth singing in this choir.

Secondary Immersion Week – Cob Ovens!

The week of April 20-24, our secondary students will be constructing cob ovens, including a permanent one to remain in our Lucerne garden! The individual small ovens will be auctioned off at the end of the week. A big thank you to Elliot Brady and Kevin Visser for helping us with learning these skills!

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be attending kindergarten next year, or know someone who does, please come into the office to register them for next year! We need proof of physical address as

well as their birth certificate to complete the registration process. Early registration helps with our planning processes for next year – thank you!

Ministry Satisfaction Surveys

Ministry of Education Satisfaction Surveys are open until mid-April. Please go to <https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/Central/main/ParentSurvey.asp> to complete this information. This survey is open to all parents.

Internet Accessibility @ Lucerne

From the District IT survey in 2013-2014, a significant interest was indicated in opening a conversation around Internet Accessibility—hardwired and wireless—at Lucerne School. In response to this interest, the evening of April 9 we are inviting you to join us for an information session regarding wireless and hardwired internet access at Lucerne. This meeting will be followed by a two week window in which all staff, secondary students, and each Lucerne parent will be able to access a survey to express their individual thoughts about internet accessibility options at Lucerne. The information from these surveys will be given to the District IT committee, as well as the Board of Education of SD10 (Arrow Lakes). We wish to hear from each person who is associated with the school in an effort to gain clarity in determining whether changes need to be made.

A letter will be coming home with each person's individual access code for the survey. Please look for this letter early next week. There will be one for each parent/guardian, each secondary student, and each staff member.

Thank you for your participation!

A reminder from the office...if you know your child will be absent, will be taking a different route home, or needs to leave the school for any reason, please send a note in their planner or call the office 250-265-3638 ext 3501. If we know ahead of time, we can ensure that students are in the right place at the right time! Thank you!

PALS Spay/Neuter Awareness Campaign for Cats

During the month of April, PALS will be working with the support of the Nakusp Vet Clinic to offer a spay/neuter awareness campaign for cats. Our regular low income spay/neuter assistance program is available ongoing, but for the month of April, through this program, we are offering cat spays and neuters at a 75% discount. As part of the awareness campaign, PALS is offering free tattoos to all pets being spayed or neutered at the Nakusp Vet Clinic during April. Tattoos are the

best way to quickly identify and help reunite you with your lost pet. For more info or to book your appointment, please call PALS at 250-265-3792.