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### Principal's Greeting

October is a busy month for us here at Lucerne, starting with HarvestFest on October 2. Please see the list of important dates on this newsletter for additional events.

Our new school lunch programs will begin Tuesday, October 20, thanks to our partnership with the Healthy Community Society, Farm to School, and our own Home Economics teacher Patti Sebben. Our senior foods class is now called Café Connections, and uses the greenhouse and garden to prepare a lunch for Wednesdays, while the Healthy Community Society will be running the Tuesday and Thursday lunch programs. Please see below for more information.

The first Connecting Generations breakfast will happen on October 30.

Our first PAC meeting is on Wednesday, October 7 at 6PM in the Lucerne Library. All parents are welcome to join us as we work together to continue to make Lucerne a great place.

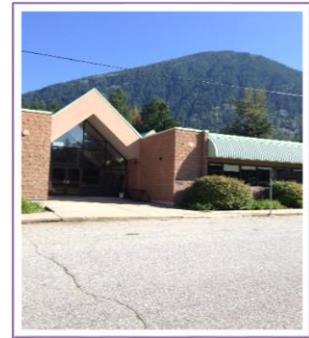
Wishing you a colorful October as our beautiful forests change,

Nicol Suhr, Principal

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### Solar Panel Installation

Solar Panels at Lucerne will be installed over the StrongStart and Home Economics classrooms the week of October 19-23. Several students from NSS and Lucerne will be involved in this installation process, which is a result of a School District 10 Grant from the Provincial Government.



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### Important Dates

October 2 – HarvestFest; 9am-1pm

October 5 – Grad Scholarship Information Meeting; 6.30pm @ Library

October 7 – PAC meeting; 6pm @ Library

October 12 – Thanksgiving; no classes

October 16 – ProD day; no classes

October 19 – University Liaison Day; 9am-noon

October 20 – Photo Day

October 22 – ArtStarts Vancouver TheatreSports League; 9am @ Gym

October 23 – ProD day; no classes

October 30 – Halloween Fun Event by Student Council

## New Lunch Program will begin at Lucerne School in October

Beginning Tuesday Oct. 20, lunch will be offered at Lucerne 3 days a week, Tuesday through Thursday. We will build our menus around as much locally produced food as possible and hope to engage the students in eating more veggies! Tuesdays and Wednesdays will feature a hot entree and salad bar. Thursdays will be our new soup day. Menus will go out to parents in advance so that they have the option to pre-order lunch for their children on any or all days for each week. The cost of these lunches will be \$5 each for Tuesdays and Wednesdays and \$2 for Thursday soup day. Students, staff and parents are welcome to eat lunch on a drop-in basis as well. We are pleased to have two PAC parents as our cooks for the Tuesday and Thursday lunches, Karin Dodds and Colleen Magier. On Wednesdays, Patti Sebben's foods class will be creating school lunches as part of their Cafe Connections program. Volunteer helpers are most welcome and will be treated to lunch! Please contact Paula Shandro if you would like to help out with this program.

The Connecting Generations weekly breakfast will now happen on Friday mornings beginning Oct. 30.

## Halloween

A reminder for students who are planning on dressing up on October 30 for school Halloween activities, please no costumes that involve violent acts, weapons, or inappropriate dress. Our school is a safe place for learning; let's work together to keep all our students, from StrongStart to grade 12, feeling that way.

Also, if your child is going trick or treating on October 31, here are some safety tips:

## Halloween Safety Tips

### Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

### Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

## **Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe**

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

## **Drive Extra Safely on Halloween**

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

- See more at: <http://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips#sthash.jiiLvofM.dpuf>

### **Upcoming Parent Events:**

# **AN EVENING FOR PARENTS SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S THINKING IN LITERACY**

**WITH FAYE BROWNLIE**

**OCTOBER 14, 2015**

**6:30 – 7:30 PM**

NAKUSP ELEMENTARY

**How do we best spend our time in helping our children develop as effective and keen readers? How do reading and thinking work together? What is the role of talk? Come and join us for an evening of conversation and participation as we consider these questions.** FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: HEATHER DENNILL @ 250-265-3638 EXT 3320