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### Principal's Greeting

December! The snow is on the ground, and our student council is planning our 12 Days of Christmas school activities. As we enter the last 3 weeks of classes of 2015, please ensure students are dressed warmly.

Elementary report cards will be going home on Friday, December 11. As parents, if you are interested in receiving this newsletter and other communications via email, please contact the office to ensure we have your current email address.

Warmly,

Nicol Suhr, Principal

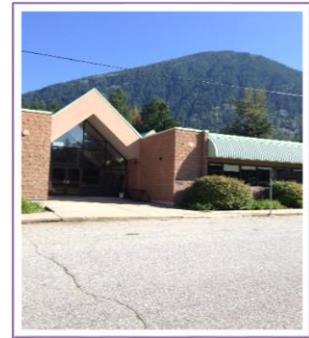
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### **LESS Outdoor Education and the North Valley Mountain Film Festival Partner in Student Project**

Throughout the fall months, local professional film maker Isaac Carter worked with Lucerne senior outdoor education students to build skills in the areas of script writing, filming and editing. The partnership was spearheaded by the North Valley Mountain Film Festival, which is celebrating its tenth annual event at the Silverton Memorial Hall March 5, 2016.

"We wanted to help build the capacity of locals to create high quality films," said Myles Berney, Coordinator for the festival and the filming workshop. "Some of these students have been submitting films to our event for many years, and it is nice to be able to help them build their skills." Funding for the workshop was provided by the Turner-Zion United Church.

Isaac Carter helped LESS outdoor education students create their film scripts based on a rock climbing trip to the Slocan Bluffs climbing area. For all of the students, it was their first experience rock climbing, and the filming process added to the adventure.



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### Important Dates

December 1 – homework club

December 1 – PAC; 6PM@ Lucerne library

December 4 – Cooperative Culture Day (school wide activities)

December 16 – Christmas Craft Night; 5.30-7.30pm

December 18 – last day of classes

December 19- January 3 – Winter Break

January 4 – First day of classes

January 5 – homework club

January 5 – PAC; 6PM@ Lucerne Library

Yoan Shandro-Gosselin was the rock climbing 'actor', and he described his first rock climbing experience as, "another exciting outdoor activity."

"Going up was fine, but when it was time to come down, I had a hard time trusting the gear and my belayer," stated Shandro-Gosselin. Students belayed each other, adding to the seriousness factor.



Quade Nicholson-Chodat not only climbed, but also filmed while on the rock wall. "I enjoyed climbing, and would like to try something harder next time. I was most nervous about the potential for dropping an expensive piece of camera equipment while balancing on the rock," remarked Nicholson-Chodat.

Other students involved in the project were Viktors Vilks, Rayan Duerichen, Eli Collier and Logan Mengler. Isaac Carter was satisfied with the results of the project, noting that each student created a unique edit that reflected their individual styles. One of the students' edits will be selected by Carter and the class to premier at the North Valley Mountain Film Festival.

The North Valley Mountain Film Festival will be accepting submissions for its tenth annual event until January 31, 2016. As always, locals are encouraged to create short films that reflect their unique mountain experiences and perspectives.

(Submitted by Gary Parkstrom, Lucerne Outdoor Education, Social Studies and PE Teacher)

## Lunch@Lucerne Program

### Program Menu- December 2015

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
December 1 Turkey Pot Pie	December 2 Quiche	December 3 Minestrone Soup
December 8 Tangy Tomato Beef Casserole	December 9 Pasta Primavera	December 10 Turkey Noodle Soup
December 15 Shepherd's Pie	December 16 Chili and Cornbread	December 17 Borscht

## Homework Club

Homework Club for secondary students has begun again, to coordinate with the Outlet's youth night on Tuesdays. Homework club is in the FLC every Tuesday from 3.30pm -4.30pm with a supervising teacher.

## Curriculum Changes in BC Schools

Lucerne is beginning implementation of the new K-9 curriculum this year. Last month, our Kindergarten/Grade 1 teacher shared how she is working with the new K/1 curriculum. Next month, our Grade 2/3 teacher, Heather Jenkins, will be sharing about grade 2. For more information on all new curriculum, please see <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>.

## BUS reminders...

A reminder to drivers who are parking at the school, please do not park in the bus parking zone, which extends from the first sign adjacent to the 4-square area to the street corner. This is necessary to allow the bus to maneuver into its parking area! Also, there are occasionally two busses that require parking at that site.

A reminder to students, please be at the bus stops 5 minutes prior to posted times to ensure you don't miss the bus!

## Christmas Craft Night

On Wednesday, December 16 from 5.30-7.30pm, Lucerne staff will be hosting a Christmas Craft Night, where parents and students alike can join us to make crafts, decorate gingerbread houses, enjoy some hot chocolate, sing carols, and listen to our student choir perform some of their pieces. If you are interested in helping with a craft, please contact the school office.

## Save Your Lids!

Ms. Sebben and Ms. Johnston are asking you to save your plastic lids, wash them, and bring them in to the Lucerne office. They will be using them for a massive art mural project in the spring. Any plastic lid will do: milk jug lids, condiment lids, etc. Thank you for your help!

## Student Council 12 Days of Christmas

It is that time of year again - the Student Council **TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS!** These twelve days of holiday themed fun are planned, organized, and hosted by the Lucerne School Student Council and we would love for every child to participate this year! The twelve days run December 3 - December 18.

Below is a schedule as well as ways for you to help prepare your children for participation:

**Day 1** - December 3/15: First day of House Team food bank drive. Boxes for donation will be in the office.

**Students will be able to donate food at any time throughout the 12 days of Christmas. If possible, please send your child with a non-perishable and non-expired item to donate.**

**Day 2** - December 4/15: Red and Green Day! **Please encourage your child to wear red and green clothing today.**

**Day 3** - December 7/15: Candy Cane Gram Sales. **Candy cane grams will be sold for \$1.00 in the foyer at lunch. Students can buy a candy gift and attach a message for their friends and classmates. These will be delivered by Santa at a later date!**

**Day 4** - December 8/15: Decoration Making and Deck the Halls. **If possible, please send your child with things to decorate the hallways, doors, and Christmas tree. Any extra or unwanted decorations (ie, wrapping paper, bows, tinsel, etc) will be repurposed!**

**Day 5** - December 9/15: Decorate the Christmas Tree! Students will put up one or two of the decorations they made the day before.

**Day 6** - December 10/15: Free hot chocolate day! **Please send your child to school with a MUG to receive hot chocolate.**

**Day 7** - December 11/15: Pajama, Popcorn, and Movie Day! **Please encourage your child to wear their PJ's or cozy clothing to school. Popcorn will be served during the movie in the afternoon!**

**Day 8** - December 14/15: Ugly Christmas/Winter Sweater Day! **Please help your child find the ugliest, itchiest, vintage festive sweater!** Candy Cane Grams will be available for sale again during lunch on this day! \$1.00 each with proceeds going to the Student Council for future events.

**Day 9** - December 15/15: Crazy Christmas Hat/Hair Day! **Please encourage your child to adorn their head with Christmas themed wackiness!**

**Day 10** - December 16/15: Photos with Santa! Come have your picture taken with Santa during lunch. **Photos will be available for purchase/order. Candy Grams will be delivered today!**

**Day 11** - December 17/16: Outdoor Snow Art Day! **Please send your child to school with snow gear! Today is also the last day for food bank donations.**

**Day 12** - December 18/15: Last Day before Winter Break - Teacher's have plans for their classes.