



Principal's Greeting

Happy New Year! As 2016 is underway, we are headed into a busy month. Carole Fullerton, a Mathematics specialist and consultant, will be working with our grade 7-12 math classes, Mr. Kipkie, and Ms. Fredrickson, this Friday. This is in conjunction with SD10 District Professional Learning, and our Lucerne School Growth Plan. If any parents are interested in learning more about Math Instruction and the new curriculum, Ms. Fullerton will be having a parent workshop at Nakusp Elementary Bonnington Centre at 6.30pm, January 7.

Mr. Parkstrom's Outdoor Education Class is heading out for their Avalanche Level 2 training trip on January 15. Staff will be participating on a Professional Development Day on Monday, January 18. The end of January brings the end of Semester 1/Term 2, and secondary report cards.

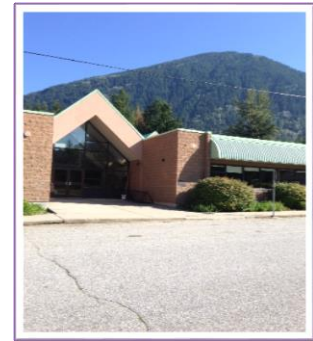
Please remember to send students appropriately dressed for winter weather, as we expect them to play outside at recess and lunch.

Warmly,

Nicol Suhr, Principal

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.



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Important Dates

January 4 – School back in session

January 5 – PAC; 6PM@ Lucerne library

January 7 – Carole Fullerton Parent Math Workshop; 6.30PM @ Nakusp Elementary Bonnington

January 18 – District ProD day; no classes

January 29 – End of Semester 1/Term 2

February 1 – Start of Semester 2/Term 3

February 2 – PAC; 6PM@ Lucerne Library

February 1-5 – Grade 10-12 Work Experience Week

February 8 – BC Family Day; no classes

Curriculum Changes in BC Schools

Lucerne is beginning implementation of the new K-9 curriculum this year. This month, our Grade 2/3 teacher, Heather Jenkins, is sharing about grade 2. For more information on all new curriculum, please see <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>.

"Following the new curriculum for English Language Arts, and the big ideas that 1) Everyone can be a reader and writer, 2) Listening and speaking helps us explore, share, and develop our ideas, and 3) Language and literature help us find meaning and joy, we have formed "Literature Study Groups" in which the students can read and enjoy a novel or piece of literature and then, within the group, share thoughts, ideas, and knowledge with respect to the text. Sometimes what we read and share is quite funny and laughter erupts; sometimes the book is sad and we (me!) get teary-eyed. Students feel safe and enjoy reading with each other and usually come away with new knowledge or a new perspective which, as we know, increases understanding. Our Learning resource teacher, Shane, takes two groups on a rotating basis and it's nice to have a male in the classroom modelling and showing that reading can be fun." ~ Heather Jenkins

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!

Planning Ahead Meetings

This month, we will begin to organize and think about plans for next September. Traditionally, this process has happened in two separate streams; with the School Planning Council/ School Growth Plan and separate staff meetings. This year, we will be shifting and integrating the process as the Ministry of Education guidelines around the process of School Growth Plan development have changed.

Through 4-5 meetings, from January through March, we will invite staff, several students and two PAC members to work together to co-create our 2015-2016 Lucerne School Growth Plan, and make recommendations around the secondary timetable. I will be communicating progress on this process in future newsletters, and at staff and PAC meetings. If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to speak with me through the school office, or join us at the PAC meetings. These are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6PM at the Lucerne School Library.

Math Workshop for Parents

Math - It's Not Really a 4-letter Word...

Our math curriculum is focussed on the big ideas, on mental math and on number sense. It encourages learners to think deeply about the math and make connections between ideas. How can we as parents support our children in becoming mathematical thinkers? Come and find out! NES Bonnington, Thursday, January 7 @ 6.30pm

Lunch@Lucerne Program

Program Menu- December 2015

DATE (Amount \$)	MENU ITEM
Tues. Jan. 5 (\$5.00)	Sloppy Joes
Wed. Jan.6 (\$5.00)	Stuffed Baked Potatoes
Thurs. Jan. 7 (\$2.00)	Halibut Chowder
Tues. Jan.12 (\$5.00)	Chicken, Broccoli, Cheese Bake
Wed. Jan. 13	Sub Sandwiches
Thurs. Jan.14 (\$2.00)	Beef Minestrone
Tues. Jan. 19 (\$5.00)	Tuna Melts
Wed. Jan. 20 (\$5.00)	Curry Bowl
Thurs. Jan. 21 (\$2.00)	Chicken Rice Soup
Tues. Jan. 26 (\$5.00)	Lasagna
Wed. Jan.27 (\$5.00)	Asian Salad Rolls & Peanut Sauce
Thurs. Jan.28 (\$2.00)	Cheesy Ham and Potato Soup