

## Principals; Report March 2022

### NES

- Spring break is here! It has been a pretty challenging few months but we have made the best of it here at NES! With plenty of activities both in school and after school.
- NES FSA results were excellent! In Literacy, both grade 4 and 7 classes had 91% of students on track or exceeding. In Math grade 4 had 75% (9 of 12 students) on track and grade 7's had 100% of students meeting or exceeding. The work of our staff to build these skills through turbulent times cannot be overstated.
- Our second round of clubs finishes up on Monday March 7. It was a great month of exploration and learning. Our littles enjoyed Parkour, cross country skiing, and drama. Our intermediates had choir- see the good news video, drama, basketball, board games, and rainbow club.
- Our ski days conclude Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>, Claire Jackson and the team at the hill did an outstanding job of working with our students. The joy and confidence that our students gain from building these skills cannot be overstated!
- Next week we have Jess Dance at NES. We are really excited to be able to access this and NES owes a big thanks to PAC for sponsoring this activity!
- NES received a \$27000 grant from Breakfast Club of Canada

### Lucerne

- This past week our school has been jumping and jiving with Natasha from Jess Dance. Students from all grades had five amazing days of hip hop dance, and during that time also learned a lot about the history of hip hop. Natasha was a wonderful instructor and kindly pushed our students out of their comfort zone, the results were nothing short of phenomenal. They hipped, they hopped, and they danced until they just couldn't stop.
- We were the lucky recipients of a food and nutrition grant from Interior Health, part of this money went to running our breakfast program, and another part of it went to running two workshops at our school. The first of these workshops was a fermenting workshop where students learned how to make sauerkraut and kimchi. The second workshop is a foraging workshop that we will be holding after spring break.
- On Monday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, community members of New Denver held a march in honor and remembrance of missing and murdered indigenous women. Elders and local knowledge keepers, Eloise, Nicole Blacksioux, and Jes Britton, helped organize a circle at the school to mark the event. Classes met on the lower field and listened to guest speakers, and participated in a drumming circle. This was an incredibly powerful event and led to age-appropriate discussions throughout the school.
- We also welcomed a new staff member to our school this passed month. Kyoko Conne has rejoined the school and is partnering up with Laurie Van Dijk in the K/1 classroom. We are so happy to have her back in the class, and she has already made her mark.

### NSS

- Second semester is well underway
- Winter Sports are wrapping up (or have already)

- Ski/Snowboard team travelled to Golden this past week for Provincials; Girls Snowboard team medalled on both days
- Basketball teams wrapped up playoffs
  - Thanks to all our community coaches for supporting our programs
- Spring Sports will start after Spring Break, including girls soccer, golf, mountain biking as well as track & field
- Jess Dance will be here all this week with our PE classes
- Flipchart, Anime and Beading programs (Mental Health initiatives) wrap up by Spring Break
- Grads are busy with their plans for year-end
  - Grad photos occurred late month
  - Scholarship and bursary applications due mid-April
  - Year end plans in flux but hoping for restrictions to have been lifted for a community event
- Breakfast and lunch programs continue to be big hits
- Grade 10 and 12's will be writing Graduation Assessments in late April
- Timetabling for 2022/23 is well underway, with initial student and staff surveys finishing up this week

### **SZ**

- Both schools experienced Jess dance. The feedback from all participants was 'can we do this again'!

### **EES**

- Our Eagles have finished Basketball and moving to Soccer. This year we will join Burton in the Soccer league, so they want to be prepared.
- Our students have been working towards increasing our positive interactions and creating a kind school
- We appreciate the work that has been done to ensure our students get to school safely! Thanks to Mr. Olsen and Ms. Grenier

### **BES**

- We will have a spring break camp for BES students as an introduction to the Seamless Day Program
- Michael Garvey visited the school to support the teachers and introduce the students to some indigenous topics.
- Mrs. Jackson's cooking with Literacy program is a hit.