

## **Nakusp Secondary School**

- Enrollment remains steady at 140 students
- Term change on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, with EF electives switching as well as some grade 8 and 9 elective classes
- Report cards for term 1 slated to go home this week
- Student led Virtual Remembrance Day celebration held on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>; we missed having our Legion guests and hosting the Veteran's Tea this year
- Students submitted their art, stories and poetry for the annual Legion Contest
- The Owls are still hanging on to their slim lead in house team competition after winning the round robin volleyball tournament
- Fall sports have wrapped up (Mountain Biking and Soccer) but volleyball and basketball practices continue
- Honoured to be hosting the Indigenous Equity Scan on Thursday
- Thanks to Teresa Weatherhead for the Sexual Health Presentations to all grades
- New weight room equipment has started arriving
- Climbing wall mats expected in the next few weeks
- Breakfast and hot lunch programs have expanded and continue to be a huge hit
- Grads have started applying for post-secondary spots and work has begun on applications for outside scholarships and bursaries
- Grads continue fundraising efforts with sandbags at local businesses as well as a selling pointsettias for the holidays
- Just finished hosting a WKTEP teacher candidate (in English). We hope to have Dyllan back for her long practicum in the new year
- Welcome Sarah Sanders as the successful candidate for the 15-hour EA position

## **Lucerne Elementary Secondary**

- Student Council organized a fantastic Halloween parade and party for students. We also made a short video of our parade and sent it to the Pavilion as we will be unable to go there this year.
- We held our Remembrance Day Assembly today, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, and it was really successful. Student Council organized a walk down to the Cenotaph and then Senna led the placement of stones painted with poppies and Shanna read In Flander's Field.
- Photos have gone out to everyone who had their picture taken. Each student has a code and can view their photos. If students have lost their code, they can contact the school to receive their code.
- Valerie Piercey-Wilson has been hired as the temporary Learning Support Teacher to fill in while Kristin Kipkie is on leave
- Upcoming Dates
  - Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> – Grade 10 to 12 Work Exp
  - Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal
  - Nov. 23 to 27<sup>th</sup> – Mark Ikeda will be coming to the school to work with the high school English classes and also to do some movement workshops
  - First Week of December – Student Reports

## **Southern Zone**

- PHO and Worksafe cleaning protocols are in place to ensure the health and safety of staff and students.
- Staff, students and parents have been reminded to remain diligent with hand washing and social distancing. Stay home if you are sick.
- Parent conferences were held this last month at both schools.
- We are so thankful for Music lessons from Ms. Lea Holden. We love music in our schools.
- The counseling time in the southern zone is appreciated. Mr Greenhalf is joining us once a week.
- BES grew by another student this month. We are now @ 31.
- Strongstart re-opened in the SZ.

### **EES**

- Respect/Excellence/Pride tickets have been handed out and we are looking forward to our first draw at the end of the month.
- Walking Wednesday is a hit with the new students. We received positive feedback from both students and parents.

### **BES**

- SS will be moving into the former BCLC workout room. We thank them for all they've done for the school and we are also excited to move SS in.
- The intermediate class has started a small breakfast program.

### **NES**

- NES enrolment sits at 161 as we seem to be picking up new students every week
- Things are falling in to place in many ways at the school as staff and students become more accustomed to our new normal.
- We continue to abide by our guidelines and pay close attention to making sure we are doing our best to stay safe and healthy while making the best of our situation and maintaining a sense of community
- We have held two assemblies and are starting to get the hang of it. Although our first one was a challenging, we used it to make sure our Remembrance day assembly was great. Harvey Truax recorded a message for us and Jack Watt recorded The Last Post and Reveille for us. Several grade 7 students read poetry to the school as well.
- Intramurals have started up and students have been enjoying some lunch time soccer. For our little ones this is all new and it's a tough choice between playing in the snow and playing sports. Our older students have been more committed and it is awesome to hear the team chants as they prepare to play.
- Our PAC volunteers are preparing to kick off our hot lunch program again starting November 27<sup>th</sup>
- NES has teamed up with Kate Lario to order some school logo apparel. We hope to have these products available before the winter break
- Leah Holden continues to share her musical talents with our students and is preparing to film a winter concert that we hope to be able to beam in to NES family homes as a virtual concert
- All in all things are going pretty well with our new normal: our students are laughing, learning and achieving with their friends