

## SD10 Principal's (ALELA) EPC Report January 2021

### Southern Zone

- PHO and Work Safe BC cleaning protocols are in place to ensure the health and safety of staff and students.
- Pearl Last visited our SZ which was a huge success. She will be joining our schools again next month with the hope of a continued program and relationship building.
- Our Strong Nation books arrived as we begin strengthening the indigenous voice in our libraries.

### EES-

- PAC is back with hot lunch for the students.
- Outdoor learning has been great this winter, though the cross country skis are dormant.

### BES-

- The Hungry Bear is growing. Mr J's class is making breakfast and having morning tea.
- We are starting buddy reading and playing games between classes.
- Laurie McDonald's lunch hour Art is a huge success.

### Lucerne

- First two weeks of January have been very busy, but we are back in the swing of things and staff and students are enjoying being back
  - In grade 2/3 the students have really got into exploring Minecraft math and the level of engagement in math has gone through the roof
  - The grade 4/5 class has begun a reading competition and have already finished nearly 50 books
  - Teresa Weatherhead came in to do presentations for our grade 6/7 and 8/9 classes on consent and puberty
  - The grade 10/11/12s are wrapping up their science and humanity courses, and will be picking new classes at the end of January

### Nakusp Secondary School

- *Physical and Mental Well Being*
  - Looking forward to working with the new SD10 Mental Health Outreach Coordinator
  - Plans to administer school wide and Ministry Student Learning Surveys in February
  - Received a \$5000 grant from the Vancouver Sun to support our meal programs; hot lunch now available 3x a week with free hot soup served several days a week
- *Indigenous Ed*

- Pearl Last has been here several times to do beading with Mrs. Barisoff's Textiles 11/12 class
- *Academics*
  - Semester 1 coming to an end, with exams at the end of January and new classes on February 1<sup>st</sup>; S1 report cards go home Feb 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Numeracy Assessment will be administered on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Climbing wall training and certification for staff and Climbing Society members happening this coming weekend; just in time for climbing class in timetable
- *Sports*
  - Ski/Snowboard team started practices on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Basketball practices continue for Jr/Sr Boys and Sr Girls teams
- *School Culture*
  - Last of the new weight room equipment is due in this week
  - Numerous Clubs still meeting weekly including Students Council, Yearbook, SAFE, & Battle of the Books
  - House Team battle still tight with only 12-point difference between first and fourth

### **Nakusp Elementary EPC Report January 2021**

#### **Physical and Mental Well-being:**

- **NES has been working hard on our School and Community connectedness goal. Our emphasis this year on giving back and caring for our school and community seems to be making a difference for our students**
- **Intermediate classes visited Halcyon house during December to sing carols and we are looking into continuing to visit and sing at Halcyon house**
- **Intramurals are in full swing and are really well attended, it is this time of year that students are really looking for something to do at lunch hour**
- **Our school assemblies are getting more practiced and we are finding better ways to celebrate our students' successes**
- **Our ski program is moving forward and we are all excited to hit the slopes together**
- **Hot Lunches are back with the help of PAC, students have access to two hot lunches a month.**
- **Jan Dion has continued to show up every morning to deliver healthy breakfast food and snacks donated by ALSCS to our students**

#### **Environmental and Place Conscious Learning:**

- NES students and staff continue to spend plenty of time in our community and outdoors
- The windstorm hit our forest pretty hard and when we had to close it for a couple days we really noticed how much of a role this space plays for our school. PE, class wonder walks, math walks, and much more takes place in this valued space

#### Indigenous Education:

- Ben Gehrels, NES IST, has been working hard to bring some great activities to our school and supporting Indigenous students both academically and social emotionally
- Ben has been doing group check-ins with our intermediate indigenous students
- Strong Nations texts are in use at Primary and are supplying some great reading options through an indigenous lens

#### Literacy:

- NES teachers continue our book study focused on Jennifer Serravallo's approach to assessing students reading in order to meet their individual needs most efficiently
- The Battle of the Books is set for March 2<sup>nd</sup> and two different groups are tackling some great books in preparation for this challenge