

## **EPC Report – February 2021**

### **Nakusp Elementary School**

- **NES ski days were a great success! The ski hill staff did a great job of supporting our students physical literacy skills on the hill. Continuing with these types of activities goes a long way to improve our students mental health and feeling good about school.**
- **Although our youngest students did not participate in downhill skiing, they are taking part in cross country skiing with Ms. Tupper and Mr. Gehrels. There is an optional cross country ski trip coming up for those who want to challenge themselves.**
- **Assessment and Survey season is here. NES students are completing both MDI survey (gr 4-7) and FSA (gr 4 and 7) over the next couple weeks**
- **NES is excited to welcome local artist Betty Fahlman to the school immediately after Spring Break as the first of four artist visits. The students will have an opportunity to learn a variety of skills thanks to the art dollars from the school budget funds allocated by the board, PAC, and Art Starts grant**
- Students continue to order more NES “merch” which adds both colour and school spirit to our building
- Our second round of class review starts February 25<sup>th</sup>. This opportunity to check in with teachers on their class based goals is invaluable in meeting our school growth plan goals
- Hot Lunch and breakfast programs continue to operate successfully thanks to PAC, ALSCS, and volunteer Jan Dion
- Intramurals continue unabated and the students can be heard cheering their team on most lunch hours
- Childcare Centre renovations enter a more active phase Mar 1. NES has prepared by repurposing some rooms and installing additional shelving where we can.
- Carnival cultural afternoons coming up Feb 23 (primary) and 25 (intermediate). Although slightly scaled back from last year, we are confident this is going to be a lot of fun for all.

### **Nakusp Secondary School**

- **Moose hide campaign held this past Thursday (February 11<sup>th</sup>) and was huge success**
  - **Peer leaders presented to all classes, and took sign-up pledges from students who proudly wore their moose hide to stand up against violence towards woman and children**
- **Smart Minds/Smart Kids learning event presentation planned for staff on Thursday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - **This is a resource designed for educators who want to help youth develop resilience.**
- **Great staff participation at Katie White PLT, which is shifting our assessment practices, especially as we transition towards new K-9 reporting requirements**
- Students Council members continue to support school spirit with weekly theme days, and recently sold and distributed Valentine’s Day Candy grams

- Preparing for Anti-bullying day with a pink-theme breakfast as well as the purchase and distribution of pink socks and laces this year (instead of t-shirts) from the funds they received from KSCU Anti-bullying bingo last year
- Climbing and Bouldering Walls in finally in use – host a ‘grand opening’ when COVID has passed
  - Climbing class and club have started this term
  - Belay certification held last week so we have about 30 students and 6 staff certified to belay on the climbing wall
- Breakfast and snack program continues in earnest and is very well received
- Course Survey is going out this week to start our planning for Sept 2021
- Student Surveys (both school based and provincial survey) are being planned for the coming weeks
- Bottle drive held this past week to support basketball team travel (when that happens again...)
- Grad events seem to be picking up again with photos held this past week and the NSS Scholarship Society booklet distributed to grads this week (with an April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline)
  - Several have already informed us they have been accepted to post-secondary
  - Career Life Connections presentations will be schedule starting early March
- Safety plan update – smooth transition so far with updated guidelines

## Lucerne Board Report

A lot of great things have happened at Lucerne since our last board report:

- **Skiing has begun and while it was chilly last week, everyone who went had an amazing time**
- **The high school have had various presentations from engaging guest speakers, with discussion of the dangers of vaping, body science and consent, mental health and wellness, as well as how to prepare for graduation**
- **About 10 grade 4 to 9 students are participating in the BC Jr Skills competition, a competition focused on coding and robotics. Wish them luck as they compete on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> in the regional competition**
- **Our second In 2 Learning occurred the first week of February, with students engaging in avalanche safety training, meditative making, basketball training camp, or digital photography**
- **The K to 3 learning group celebrated the lunar New Year with a variety of fun and exciting activities, learning about the various ways cultures all over the world celebrate this day**

## Southern Zone

- **PHO and WorkSafeBC cleaning protocols are in place to ensure the health and safety of staff and students.**
- **Our music lessons are huge hit in the SZ**

EES-

- We are looking forward to having our EA position filled.
- The cross-country skis are out.
- The Primary class is working on Basketball, hoping to create future NSS Cougar stars!
- We are repurposing the Aerie into a Sensory room.

**BES-**

- We are excited to welcome our new IST support teacher, Ms. Smedbol, to the team.
- BES has creating cross-class groups for Math and Buddy reading as well as Games 4 Learning.
- The intermediate class is skiing at Summit Lake every Thursday this month. They are having fun and learning some new skills.
- The Bears have a student council that met for the first time last week; stay tuned for the initiatives.
- Our outdoor classroom is going up... we can't wait to use it.