

## **Arrow Lakes Education Leadership Association (ALELA)**

### **EPC Report June 2021**

#### **NES**

- NES students have two busy weeks left with plenty of activities coming up!
- All four Intermediate classes have field trips to Whatshan Lake.
- Primary classes will be engaging in several local field trips and enjoying our community
- NES school clubs are winding down. We were really thankful to be able to offer our students something to engage with at the end of a trying year
- Intramural sports continue for two more weeks with the competition deadlocked
- Teresa Weatherhead continues to work with our classes as part of our Artist in the classroom program. Although we have had several interruptions and a condensed schedule, we have been able to offer our students a strong arts program this spring between Teresa, Betty Fahlman, and Eloise Charest
- NES will be celebrating National Indigenous Peoples' Day on June 21<sup>st</sup> with a number of fun educational activity stations
- NES Grade 7 grad will be held at 1:30 on June 25<sup>th</sup> in the Bonnington. We will be sharing this event with families via zoom link
- Summative report cards will go home on June 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **NSS**

##### GRAD

- Was held this past Friday for our 26 grade 12s with a 100% grad rate, including 1 Evergreen
- Live Streamed event in the gym, with car parade before hand
- Almost \$70,000 in scholarships and bursaries awarded
- Well received by grads, families, and the community

##### Sports

- Golf team continues to practice once a week and coaches report students are doing well
- Mountain biking continues to go to Mt. Abriel weekly, with a recent field trip to Butter Trail for practice
- Track and Field team is hosting a school meet next week (June 21<sup>st</sup>)

##### Field Trips

- Outdoor Ed class has been canoeing and hiking numerous times this term
- Geography class has been on a few local ecology field trips

##### Year End Plans

- Exams scheduled for last couple of days of the year
- No year end awards assembly this year, but will have a small event by invite for students and families to recognize some special achievements
- Excited to have Jaime Sing transition to VP role this summer, and the English/Electives posting will hopefully be filled this week

### **Lucerne**

- Indigenous education has been a big focus at our school in June, at the start of the month we held 215 seconds of silence for the children discovered in Kamloops
- The K to 3 class participated in drumming circles and have been practicing the Salish welcome song supported by Jess Britton
- Grade 6 to 12 group participated in the Blanket Exercise, an activity that teaches them about how the indigenous populations of Canada were displaced by colonizers.
- Jess Britton also presented on residential schools to the grade 8/9 English class as well as the grade 10 socials class and was able provide the students with a powerful perspective of someone whose family was affected by residential schools
- Finally grade 6 to 12 students went on a field trip to Lemon creek and were given a tour of the pit houses by Marilyn James
- Despite a strange year, we had a wonderful grad and while the students were disappointed they were not able to have a traditional ceremony, they were very happy to be able to have something and grateful for all the work the staff did to make it happen.

### **EES**

- Spuds in Tubs fry up in the next few weeks. The kids learned about potatoes from soil to late.
- Ms. Momeyer's class has been collaborating and working with Eclipse on an Art piece.
- New Kindergarten students joining the Wednesday Walk this week.
- The last Friday challenge was to build a life jacket from household items. There were some great ideas!

### **BES**

- Indigenous Day will be fantastic this year, set up by Ms. Smedbol.
- Older students are taking a leadership role with the primary class, helping with PE, Reading and Math.
- Eloise joined us for a plant identification walk and natural medicine lesson.
- Wrote letters to the MP and Prime Minister about recent residential school discoveries.
- Intermediate Class is setting Fun days for the school.