

ALELA EPC Report September 2021

Nakusp Elementary School

- NES is up and running with 181 students and several new staff members
- Sarah Arnett- Grade 3/4, Kim Hood- LST, Sarah Sanders- EA, Leigha Anderson- EA, Kumi Smith- EA practicum
- Keith Greenhalf has 0.2FTE ADST- hands on learning. He is working with mostly intermediate classes on Thursday and Friday this term but will switch in February
- NES has two 0.1 FTE literacy coaches this year- one in intermediate and one in primary this is helping us to align our literacy program and ensure each child's needs are met
- Leah Holden is back with her musical mastery working with all classes except Mrs. Boswell who is a musical master of her own
- NES 15th Annual Tryathlon will be on September 24th starting at 1pm.
- Parent Intake conferences will most likely be held outside on October 6th and 7th.

Southern Zone

- Both schools have been taking their learning outside.
- Both schools are receiving Music lessons from Ms. Lea Holden on Mondays. Very excited to have the continuity with music in our classes.
- Mr. Greenhalf is in the SZ on Tuesdays. The counseling time in the southern zone is appreciated.
- Strong start started this week. It was great to meet new families.

Edgewood Elementary School

- 7 Enrolled Students
- We are happy to introduce Sarah Davidson as our EA.

Burton Elementary School

- 38 Enrolled Students.
- We are excited to have a Mrs. Jackson as our LST/IST this year.
- We are also happy to have Ms. Morrow as our EA
- The Picnic tables in the outdoor classroom have enhanced that space! Thanks Art and the gang.
- Terry Fox Run planned for the end of month.

Lucerne Elementary Secondary School

- School start-up has progressed smoothly, with staff and students happy to be back in the building. We capped off our first week of school by inviting local elder Eloise to come to our school and share some words of wisdom. She performed a smudge and spoke to the staff and students about the importance of gratitude and community.
- On the 23 & 24th of September our high school is taking their learning outside with a trip to Wragge Beach. The students will camp overnight and will make connections between what they are learning in the classroom with the outdoors.

- Our staff will participate in a book study this year, with a portion of each staff meeting reserved for discussing the book *Ensouling Our Schools*. This book makes connections between trauma informed schools, truth and reconciliation, and universal design for learning.
- Another focus of our school this year is diving deeper into assessment and identifying ways that we can better support our students. This involves focusing our grade group and school-based meetings around student work and helping staff and students in identifying clear next steps for student learning.

Nakusp Secondary School

- Smooth startup, with 128 students currently registered.
- Welcome our new teacher, Naomi Smedbol, and new EAs, Anya Harrison and Kirsten Roodzant.
- Teams and Clubs in full swing already, including Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Mountain Biking, Climbing, SAFE, and Yearbook.
 - Thanks, as always to our coaches, both staff and community members.
- Outdoor Ed class has already been out canoeing, with a full trip planned for later this week to MacDonald Creek Park.
- Grad 2022 have met and are starting their planning for their June celebration; we're hoping for a full return to normal for our convocation ceremony.
- Staff have shown great interest in the Professional Development Plans for this year and are looking forward to engaging and robust work and conversations in the areas of SEL, Portfolio Development and Assessment.
 - Working on converting a room to a social/emotional space (shared between NES and NSS).
- Our hot lunch and breakfast program are up and running, and already a bit hit with students. Thanks to Breakfast Club of Canada, Vancouver Sun, ASLCS and C-Links for support.
- First PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29th @ 5:15 pm.