

ALELA EPC Report – October 2021

Lucerne

- On Oct. 1st we held our annual Harvest Festival. It was a beautiful day and a wonderful event. The students participated in cider making, putting the garden to sleep, as well as traditional harvest games and dances. Many of the foods that were harvested were put into our stone soup and the school shared a delicious meal to conclude the festival.
- With the recent covid cases in New Denver and area, we have made a concerted effort to spend more time outside. Last week our students explored the Nikkei Centre, went mushroom harvesting to make spore art, explored the forest on nature walks to bring back materials for art class, wrote nature-based poetry in the woods, and had gym classes outdoors. The weather was not always perfect, but as they say there is no such thing as bad weather, just poor clothing selection.
- Our publishing class produced their first school newspaper last week. The paper was ten pages long and included an advice column, song recommendations, an interview with the principal, cartoons, memes, short stories, and a satirical explanation for why summer break was created.
- Our student led conferences will be on November 5th. We are striving to provide a clear picture of what students have been doing in school so far, as well as the next steps they need to take in their learning.

Southern Zone

- Both schools had Pearl last visit for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Parent Conferences are at the end of the month.

Edgewood Elementary

- Terry Fox run was small, but it's great to discuss his Legacy with the kids.
- Wild Voices programs have started; we had our first presenter last week.
- The Great Pumpkin study, cross-curricular unit has been a hit... a community member donated a 100lb pumpkin to the study.

Burton Elementary

- BES is getting a new playground. It's a construction zone, but we thank Art and the fellas for what they are doing.
- The student leadership team is creating house teams and will start school pride competitions and sports through the year.
- Michael Garvey was at the school and taught about the seven grandfather teachings.
- Michelle Jackson has been working hard setting up our Literacy and Reading Recovery programs.
- We are excited for the unveiling of our first Bears News Paper, our revamped newsletter will be out soon.

Nakusp Elementary

- NES 15th annual Tryathlon was a great success with both Primary and intermediate students participating.
- Truth and Reconciliation week was observed at NES with special guests, learning activities, and an assembly.
- Clubs and Intramurals are up and running. Clubs are held Monday and Wednesday afternoons and we have a late bus running to support rural students.
- Intake conferences were held October 6 and 7th. It was great to connect with families and learn more about their child's needs. We met outside and were lucky to avoid most of the rain.
- Classroom and Learning Services teachers have been busy doing fall assessments to find out where our students are in advance of class reviews. Collaboration across the classes has never been more evident in our school to best serve the diverse learning needs of our students.

Nakusp Secondary

- Indigenous Week activities were held throughout the school the week of Sept Our activities culminated with Orange Shirt Day on Sept 29th. Thanks to Naomi Smedbol, Sheena Delong, some select students and our knowledge keeper Pearl Last for leading the activities
- The grade 9/10 Outdoor Ed class has been busy enjoying local nature here with a full day canoeing trip to MacDonald Creek Park as well as a Helicopter trip to Mt Abriel
- Terry Fox Run hosted during the great weather on Sept 24th – great student and staff participation
- Clubs continue in earnest, including SAFE, Yearbook, Student's Council and climbing club meeting regularly. We are looking forward to having
- Sports Teams are active with Sr Boys Soccer and all three Girls Volleyball teams out at playdays and tournaments
- Staff are enthusiastically signing up for Professional Learning Teams and are looking forward to working with their colleagues throughout the District to move learning forward
- Grads of 2022 have started their fundraising in earnest including a bottle drive, as well as a load of firewood to auction off