

# ALELA EPC Report December 2021

## ***NES EPC report***

- NES is sliding into the winter break with lots of fun seasonal activities.
- Each class is busy preparing for our virtual Christmas concert with Ms. Holden juggling all the classes and filming furiously. We will be posting this video via a restricted Youtube link as we did last year.
- Fall clubs have wrapped up with one brief interruption to allow for our brush with COVID to abate. We hope to be back up and running in the new year with new clubs. Our bus run will be reduced during the winter session due to road and weather conditions.
- Several classes have been visiting Halcyon House to sing carols. We have a group of primary classes visiting both Minto and Halcyon House to seeing next week as well
- NES is excited to be able to have whole school assemblies in the gym again starting Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup>! Although we are still not able to invite parents in, we are happy to be able to be together as a school anyway!

## ***Nakusp Secondary School***

- Winter Sports Season already going strong:
  - Numerous basketball teams already practising and traveling to tournaments
    - NSS and Lucerne have created a joint team for both Jr/Sr Bloys, and group practices occurring in both locations
  - Ski & Snowboard hosted their annual auction and are eagerly awaiting their season
- School Wide Ski Trip to Nelson scheduled to occur today (Dec 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Annual 12 Days of Christmas events have been in full swing
  - Kicked off with 'Deck the Halls' on Dec 2nd
  - With PHO changes to gatherings, will wrap up with a modified 'Reindeer Games' on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>
- NSS Staff continue to be actively engaged in Professional Learning Teams including Katie White (assessment), Miriam Miller (SEL) and NOIE
  - Looking forward to Jan 24<sup>th</sup> NI Day plans
- Staff and students are looking forward to a well-deserved winter break!

## ***EPC Report – Lucerne***

The holiday spirit has come to Lucerne as the student council planned their annual 12 Days of Christmas. Each day has been filled with festive cheer, ranging from hot chocolate to a visit from Santa Claus. The school has been decorated and each of the school teams has been creating beautiful bulletin boards.

On Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> we had a school wide pizza day and also had Matty Hillman in to speak to our high school students about Mental Health. This day was much appreciated across the school and we are especially thankful to the amazing chefs who made the pizza.

We have numerous learning groups going on at our school this year, and in particular the Katie White Team, as well as the teachers working with Jen Moroz have focused in deep on assessment and the best way to support our students in identifying their next steps.

Last but not least, we had the Circle of Indigenous Nations come to our school and do drumming with our K to 7 group. This was a really powerful day and provided authentic learning experiences for our students. One of our grade three students said it was his favourite thing that he has done all year.

Southern Zone-

- Both schools honored all the brave men and women who fought for our country and freedoms on Remembrance Day.

EES-

- Cross Country Skiing is back! Such a blessing to be outdoors and learn how to ski.
- We are working on Basketball skills.
- PAC is setting up an end of 2021 brunch for students.
- The class will be caroling with Ms. Holden around town on Monday

BES-

- We had a grand opening for our playground. The students love it.
- We have extra lunch and breakfast food for our kids. Thanks to PAC for helping out.
- Mrs. Jackson has set up whole school literacy activities. Kids love working between classes.
- PAC and hot lunch are back.
- We have the best sledding hill in the district...