

ALELA EPC Report – February 2022

NES:

- NES has 184 students enrolled as of February 1st; this is the most we have had since 2013.
- NES has struggled with attendance issues for both staff and students over the last month but continue to do our best to provide our usual amazing learning and extra curricular activities
- Clubs are up and running on Mondays and Wednesdays. This term we have Parkour with Michael Garvey, CentreStage drama with Lisa Dery, and Cross Country skiing with Sarah Arnett, Leah Anderson and Rowan Vibe Coleman for the primary students. We have Basketball with Cam Leitch, CentreStage with Lisa Dery, Choir with Leah Holden and Strategy Games with Steve Gascon and Mike Hibberson. We are lucky to have the support of RDCK Rec Com, NACF, and Vancouver Sun's Adopt a School program.
- Ms. Tupper has been supporting Primary classes with cross country skiing instruction on Friday afternoons which will lead to some exciting field trips to Valhalla Hills trails in February.
- NES celebrated Carnival with some great French Canadian themed activities including songs, stories, snowshoe races, "dog" sled races, Poutine, and Beaver tails on February 11th.
- Students across the grades are preparing for NES Battle of the Books after spring break. This activity advances our Literacy Growth plan goal and creates a fun and rewarding opportunity to enjoy reading
- Intermediate classes will be accessing Summit lake ski hill for some down hill skiing fun, many thanks to RDCK and Paul Petterson for supporting these activities and ensuring equitable access for all.
- Jess Dance will be at NES from Mar 7 to 11. We are really excited to have Dance back this year!

Southern Zone:

- Both had the grade 3-7s Skiing at Summit lake. We had amazing conditions. Thank you Summit Lake!

EES-

- We have a bus/van driver. Welcome Cordell 'Clipper' Clipperstein.
- Class has been baking on Wednesday's with Ms. Momeyer, while half the class was skiing with Mr. Cook. Tasty stuff

BES-

- BES has Cross-country Skis! Thanks to PAC,
- Seamless Day has a manager... We welcome Christy 'Conch' Kenschuh
- We want to thank Art Olsen for stepping in and saving our last ski day! We really appreciate what he does to ensure our kids are safe and able to go on field trips
- PAC set up a hot lunch on the hill, it was so great to have a community lunch with both BES and EES

NSS:

- Semester 1 exams went well, and students have transitioned to Semester 2 classes
 - Report cards went home the first week of February
- NSS welcomed our 2nd International Student, a grade 12 girl from Italy

- Our grade 10 students from Germany leaves at the end of February
- This has been a great partnership with SD8
- Grads of 2022 are busy applying for post-secondary opportunities
 - Grad photos planned with Lee Orr this week (Feb 15/16/17)
 - Students are meeting with local NSS Scholarship society on for Feb 23rd to go over plans on how/when to apply
 - No word on restrictions for their June 18th event yet → planning small and can always scale up
- Sports teams continue to be busy despite recent restrictions
 - Boys and Girls basketball in full swing (4 teams), including a joint Sr Boys squad with Lucerne students
 - Tournaments allowed again so many opportunities coming up for travel
 - Ski/Snowboard team has been practicing every weekend, and BC School Sports is planning a provincial championship in Golden at the end of the month
 - Working on contingencies to try to attend this event
- Food offerings for students in the morning and at lunch continue to be a huge hit
 - Additional funding from Breakfast Club of Canada and Vancouver Sun recently so hoping to expand our plans
- On shared NI Day in January, several staff participated with the professional learning team led by Miriam Miller
 - Plan to have some release day follow ups in the coming weeks
- Graduation Assessments for January were cancelled so plans being formulated for students who were supposed to write last month; still two more opportunities this year (April and June)

Lucerne:

Skiing has been the big theme at Lucerne this past month. Our K to 7 students went to the hill three times each and their progress was astounding to see. Our High School students went to Whitewater twice and had a phenomenal time. Finally for In 2 Learning week, we ran both the Avalanche Safety Training 1 and Avalanche Safety Training 2 courses. The students went into the back country and learned how to safely navigate and play in our spectacular backyard.

On Jan 31st, the school and community came together to celebrate the Spark in the Dark festival. At the school students built their own handmade lanterns, and learned the Spark in the Dark song, then after school, accompanied by their parents, they joined in a parade that began at the school, went past the old folks home, and ended up at Centennial park. It was an amazing night, and a CBC reporter came and shone a light on the magic that was happening.

In staffing news, we welcomed two amazing teachers onto our team this month. Margot Baker is back at the school and teaching a variety of high school electives, most notably she is bringing her talents as a potter and teaching our students ceramics. We have also welcomed a teacher new to Lucerne, but not to the district, Dyllan Lachelt will be joining us two times a week and helping students with their online courses as well as teaching media studies and a couple other electives. We are so happy to have them at our school.

We have another busy month ahead of us, with Teresa Weatherhead coming in for body science, and Jess Dance coming in to teach our students how to dance in the hip hop style. It is sure to be another amazing month here at Lucerne.