

## ALELA Report to the Board- April 2022

### NES:

- NES is loving the return to school with fewer restrictions! We were able to hold a school wide Assembly for the first time in ages. We look forward to being able to invite parents to our next one on Wednesday April 27!
- NES are excited to welcome parents in for Conferences April 20 and 21. We are looking forward to being able to share student progress face to face with parents!
- NES students took part in the West Kootenay Engineers Bridge Building competition with the help of NES ADST teacher Keith Greenhalf. We have heard that we have won two prizes although we don't know who yet. Keith's work in classrooms this year has really brought life into the ADST curriculum
- NES spring clubs kick off on May 2. We have some exciting opportunities for students this term! Parkour for K/1 students with Michael Garvey, Bike club for primary with Mike Riediger, Outdoor games with Steve Gascon and Mike Hibberson, and Drama with Lisa Dery. Intermediates can be part of Robotics with Mr. Greenhalf, Art with Tina Knooihuizen, Choir with Leah Holden, Running club with Anita Vibe and Sarah Arnett, and Rainbow club with Ben Gehrels. We are lucky to have volunteers from NSS and NES intermediates to support these folks. We also want to thank our sponsors- RDCK Recreation commission, NACF, and Vancouver Sun Adopt- a School.
- We have some new faces in our school with some new registrants. NES currently has 187 students enrolled!

### NSS:

- A few new enrollments; now have 130 students on our roster
- Winter Sports have wrapped up, and Spring sports starting
  - Golf, Girls Soccer, Track and Field
    - Thanks as always to our community coaches
  - Golf team has their first event on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Christina Lake
  - Girls soccer teams are hosting their home tournament on May 6/7 weekend, with out of town tournaments the last two weekends in April
- Have two WKTEP students doing their long practicum this Spring
  - Thanks to Tori Reid, Julia Flesaker, Jared Strand and Dorian Boswell for welcoming them to their classrooms
- Grad News
  - Scholarship and bursary applications submission has closed
  - Grads are now planning for a full grad banquet and ceremony for June 17/18<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation Assessments for grade 10s and 12s are scheduled for last week of April
- Next year's timetabling process is well underway

- Looking forward to hosting Miriam Miller on April 25<sup>th</sup> NI Day

#### Lucerne:

- Just before the spring break, we had a wonderful week of dance with Jess Dance. She worked with all of our students and taught them about body movement and hip-hop dance. The students loved the physical movement, and it added with an amazing dance presentation. We are thankful for the art starts funding to support this amazing program.
- Lucerne's foods program has always been a cornerstone of the school. Our students have participated in making lunches and healthy snacks for over ten years. We are so lucky that we have received a grant for \$19 000 to help support our breakfast and lunch program.
- Indigenous education is a big focus of Lucerne this year, from our book study on "Ensouling Our Schools" by Kevin Lamoreux and Jennifer Katz to our participation in the March for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. To support this focus, Eloise has been coming into our school on Thursdays to connect and support students, as well as to come into classes to share her knowledge. The students are so appreciative of her presence, and it has helped out students when they have become stressed out or dysregulated.
- In the next month we have so much happening, a highlight will be the canoe trip that our grade 4 to 7 will embark on. They are hoping, weather permitted, to canoe the whole lake. Our high school students will also have the opportunity to get their First Aid certification which will open up a variety of jobs for them. The K to 3 students will have a special training with the community paramedic on when to call 911 and what the dispatch

#### SZ

- Both schools had Teresa Weatherhead visit for Body Science.

#### EES

- Our students have been focusing on Self Regulation, and now have a sensory path for support.
- Leah has been doing drumming with the kids and they love it. We appreciate what she brings to our Eagles.
- We are excited to have the IVRC and community back in the building, promoting the school and literacy.

## BES

- Spring break camp for BES students was a success and enjoyed by all.
- Sharon Montgomery visited the school to discuss local history and show a Sinixt film on Caribou.
- In our latest round of assessments, we saw a significant jump in literacy, The addition of Mrs. Jackson and LST time is a major factor. Thank you.