



## December 13, 2022, Superintendent's Report

### 1. Applied Design Skills and Trades at Nakusp Elementary:

NES intermediate classes have taken hands-on learning to another level! Over the past few years, NES teachers have been working with students in a variety of mediums to build their capacity and skills around applied design, skills, and trades (ADST).

This year, intermediate teachers wanted to develop and enhance what has been done previously and offer a wider range of hands-on learning activities. The school split each group of classes, the two 4/5's and the two 6/7's, into three groups. These groups rotated through three activities during the term. For the Grade 6/7's, Ms. Vibe took on Fabric Arts, Mrs. Oakes took on Food preservation, and Mr. Greenhalf and Mr. Van Brummelen took on Robotics and Coding. For the Gr 4/5's, Mrs. Cook focused on Beading, Mrs. Volansky on Baking, and Mr. Greenhalf and Mr. Van Brummelen had Coding/ Robotics.

Students have really enjoyed this opportunity and have all learned a great deal in each area. The skills students are acquiring skills that transfer into so many aspects of their learning and help prepare students for the future. The program also responds to parent requests for more focus in ADST to help enhance student experience and learning in this area. The feedback from students has been very positive and a huge thanks goes out to staff for creating and providing such engaging learning opportunities.

### 2. New Bouldering Wall at Lucerne:

Rock climbing has always been a popular activity with outdoor education classes at Lucerne, and over the past few years this interest has grown. Recognizing this, and partly inspired by the climbing wall at Nakusp Secondary School, the Lucerne PAC began to explore building its own climbing wall. After consultations with staff, students, and Art Olson, SD10's Operations Manager, it was decided that a bouldering wall would be a feasible addition to the school.

After a year of fund raising, the PAC led by Theresa Tremaine, secured enough money to purchase a bouldering wall package from Binary Holds & Magiclab. The wall was designed to fit the needs of a K to 12 school and give access to all skill levels. The wall has been up and running for a little over a month and the students are regularly accessing the wall and loving it. Similarly, the community has also been accessing it, and the wall has been open every Wednesday night from seven to nine pm. On Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> the school held the grand opening and thanked the numerous sponsors and individuals who made donations. These include the following gold sponsors Valhalla Mountain Touring, More Core Diamond Drilling Services, Silvertown Building Supplies, as well as silver sponsors Valhalla Wood Preservatives, Kootenay Savings Credit Union, Kootenay Coop, the Adventure Domes, and our bronze sponsors, Nice Pipes Plumbing, J Oldham Fine Homes, and Silvertown Transport, as well as Columbia Basin trust, North Valley Mountain Film Festival, Rec Commission 6, RDCK Area-H. The school is so grateful to everyone who helped make this endeavor a reality

### **3. NSS Student-Council Puts Community First.**

In early November, Nakusp Secondary student council were excited to plan the first school dance since the pandemic began. The date the dance was scheduled for was Friday, December 2. Just recently, the village scheduled the 'Lite-Up Nakusp' event for the same date. The student-council met and decided to postpone the dance, so that students could support the parade and their community. This act of kindness and commitment to community caught the attention of CBC radio Kelowna and requested an interview to talk to the student council about the decision. Grade 12 student, Lexus Coates represented the council in the interview and explained the rationale for the decision. We are extremely proud of the student-council and thank them for their commitment to their community. The dance will be rescheduled for later in January.

### **4. Best Wishes for the Holiday Season:**

On behalf of the entire district, I would like to extend best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. We have so much to be grateful for, and I acknowledge and thank all our students, staff, families, caregivers and the greater SD10 community for all their efforts, care, and concern for our district. Looking forward to positive and productive 2023!