

March 28, 2023, Superintendent's Report

1. Nakusp Child Care Centre Opens Its Doors to Two Programs:

On February 27th the NELCCC opened its doors to children and students in two care programs. The multi-age program has five children aged 0 to 5 years old enrolled full-time and the after-school care program, has five Nakusp Elementary students enrolled in either full or part time. During the first week of spring break, the Centre put on a day camp for school-age children, and 12 students participated in the week-long program. The district is thrilled to be able to offer quality childcare to families and is excited to see the programs grow and develop over time.

District Lead for childcare, Tim Van Brummelen, and the dedicated team of early childhood educators and responsible adults at the Centre have spent a great deal of time creating an innovative environment and preparing engaging programming that will enhance children's learning and growth. The opening of the Centre would not be possible without dedicated district staff, the New Spaces Childcare and Columbia Basin trust grants, and the on-going support of the Ministry of Education and Child Care. An official opening of the Centre will take place in late May to celebrate and publicly acknowledge the many people who made the NELCCC a reality.

2. SD10 Learning Support Services – Meeting the Needs of All Learners:

One of the Board of Education's priorities this year is Inclusive Education - Meeting the needs of each learner. While students are supported in each of their classrooms, the learning support team at each school plays an integral role in ensuring that all students receive the supports they require. This team is comprised of the classroom teacher, education assistant, school counsellor, administrators, and the learning support teacher.

The learning support teacher at each school acts a case manager, liaison, and as a resource for the entire team. They also ensure that students who require additional support and/or academic challenge are receiving the appropriate interventions. They work with outside consultants (occupational therapist, speech and language pathologist, educational psychologist, physical therapist, and other outside agencies) to make sure that students are assessed and learning plans, adaptations, and/or modifications are designed and implemented. They work closely alongside classroom teachers and education assistants to support the learning of each student who requires additional support. It takes an entire team to meet the needs of each learner, and SD10 educators and support staff work collaboratively and efficiently to meet those needs.

3. Nakusp Ski and Snowboard Teams Shine at Provincial Championships:

The Nakusp Secondary ski and snowboard teams wrapped up a successful season with some outstanding results at the Provincial Championships in Kamloops. The event hosted almost 400 athletes and our teams represented their school and the district extremely well.

Nico Kautzky won the individual gold medal in snowboarding with the fastest time in his event. The snowboard team comprised of Lexus Coates, Alanna Minchin, Dharia Phillipson, Rowan Vibe Coleman, Nico Kautzky, and Vanesa Sing finished 4th in the province. The ski team comprised of Livia Hibberson, Kate Watt, Vanesa Sing, Sophia Ballard, Aubrey Humphries, and Emily Hembling finished 10th in the province. We are very proud of the accomplishments of all the athletes and send a huge thank you to all the coaches and parent volunteers who supported the team throughout the season.