

March 12, 2024, Superintendent's Report



COMPETENCY:

1. SD10 Foods and Shop Classes Building Skills and Knowledge

Foods and shop classes at Lucerne and Nakusp Secondary Schools provide students with unique and specialized skills. Students receive hands-on learning opportunities with real-world applications by exploring learning through foods, woodworking, metals, and mechanics.

Both food rooms and shops have benefited from upgrades and rebuilds thanks to SD10 Board of Education and Ministry of Education and Child Care funding initiatives over the years. With the latest equipment and upgrades, students can work and learn in safe and flexible learning environments, use what they learn to fuel their interests and pursue those interests into their post-secondary years. Thanks go out to food and shop teachers Christina Barisoff and Ken Barisoff at Nakusp Secondary and Margot Baker and Ric Bardati at Lucerne Secondary.

ENVIRONMENT:

2. SD10 Wins the Take Me Outside 4 Learning Award

For the fourth year in a row, the district has won the annual Take Me Outside 4 Learning Challenge for the Kootenay-Boundary region. The challenge asks educators to commit to outdoor learning with their learners at least once weekly from September to June.

The learning challenge is designed to be simple and fun, with tangible tools and resources provided by the Columbia Basin Environmental Educators Network to help teachers and students achieve success learning outside. SD10 again had the greatest percentage of students participating in the region at 67%. As a result of the win, the district received resources from the outdoor learning store to enhance outdoor education in the district. Congratulations to our students and teachers!





HEALTH:

3. SD10 Uses Pink Shirt Day to Promote Inclusion and Well-being

Schools across the district organized activities and events to commemorate Pink Shirt Day on February 28th. Students participated in school-based and community initiatives focused on kindness, acceptance, and tolerance. Some highlights included:

- NSS student council participated in Anti-Bullying Bingo Night at the Legion sponsored by Kootenay Savings.
- Burton and Edgewood students created positive messages, put them on cut-out pink shirts, and displayed them throughout the school.
- Lucerne students engaged in a dialogue about how to make their environment safe and inclusive for all.
- NELCC children did pink shirt art, created a collage for the bulletin board, and read books on kindness.

