

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

School District 5 Superintendent's Report to the Board



November, 2018



Lynn Hauptman - Superintendent

WE Day Celebrations

A number of our schools from across the district went to the WE Day at Roger's Place in Edmonton earlier this month.

Students who are part of WE Schools are stepping up and making a difference in their neighborhood and world at large.

This year's entertainment line-up included:

- o Craig Kielburger
- o Lilli Singh
- o Kenzie Ziegler
- o Johnny Orlando
- o Margaret Trudeau
- o Shawn Hook
- o Millie Davis and many, many more

Congratulations to all our students from Kootenay Orchards, Jaffray, Rocky Mountain, Elkford Secondary who earned their way through their service to this celebration.

Deputy Minister's Meeting with all Superintendents

The first of three meetings with the DM happened this month

Ministry staff led discussions on a number of topics including :

- o Government's priorities
- o Graduation Program
- o Aboriginal Tripartite Education Agreement
- o Workforce Development with ministry, PSEC and BCPSEA
- o Student Success and the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning



All GRADE 9 students at LMS painted for the No Stone Left Alone Project.

Remembrance Day Observations in our Schools

Our school's staff and students do an incredible job every year of observing Remembrance Day in their assemblies. This year was no exception. They do their utmost to help students understand the importance of this day and of the veterans who sacrificed so much on our behalf. Each school brings their own special touch with their own unique traditions and they look forward to having district staff, trustees, parents and the public attend their ceremonies. I had the privilege of attending the ceremony at Kootenay Orchards Elementary School – it was an amazing tribute to commemorate Remembrance Day – once again I was moved to tears.... Thank you.

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BCPSEA Symposium

I attended the annual symposium with Trustee Bellina and Director of HR Brent Reimer with a great emphasis on the upcoming bargaining. This is always a very productive two days with much learning for all!

This very fulsome program included the following highlights:

- o Bargaining Best Practices from Anne Grant of Queen's University Industrial Relations Centre
- o Collective Bargaining – A Cross-Canada Perspective
- o Working Sessions on Local Bargaining Toolkits; Arbitration Avoidance; Duty to Accommodate and Return to Work; Bargaining, Messaging and the Media; Practice and Estoppel and the ever-popular Cannabis and the Workplace
- o Union-Employer Relationship and Implications for Bargaining
- o Keith Baldrey, Legislative Bureau Chief – The View from Victoria
- o Legal Updates

District Student Advisory Committee (DSAC)

Approximately 38 District Student Advisory Council students met in the Board Office on October 18, 2018. This session was led by Chief Joe Pierre and Faye O'Neil, Aboriginal Education Coordinator. It was a great day where students focused on aboriginal leadership, individual student values and ethical decision making processes!



Education Update

Ministry of Education



2019–2020 House of Commons **Page Program** recruitment campaign : We encourage you to share the link to our website (ourcommons.ca/page) on your institution's various social media outlets and to follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/hocpagescdc) and/or Instagram (instagram.com/hoc_pages_cdc).

This year the ministry is pleased to announce a new Adoption Campaign. For more information on this important campaign, please see the following Web link at: Adoptnow.ca.



Launch of the New *erase* Website: The Ministry is pleased to announce the [new *erase* website](#) is now live. In addition to bullying and violence prevention, the new *erase* site includes information and resources on online safety, mental well-being, substance use, and sexual orientation and gender identity. The site was created following extensive consultation with students, parents and educators. Please visit the new *erase* site and share the link broadly with staff and colleagues.

Want a chance to make a difference in ocean conservation? Youth are invited to form a national team engaged in co-creating and delivering service projects to their home communities that address ocean health and ocean literacy in Canada. The Ocean Bridge 2019 cohort will run from February 2019 to January 2020.

Please visit Ocean Bridge to learn more about how to apply:
<https://education.ocean.org/oceanbridge/assignments/folder/1221>

Cannabis Legalization: As of October 17, 2018, cannabis will be legal for purchase, possession and use by those over the age of 19 in British Columbia; it will, however, continue to be illegal for youth under 19. Learn more about [cannabis legalization and implications for the B.C. K-12 system](#).



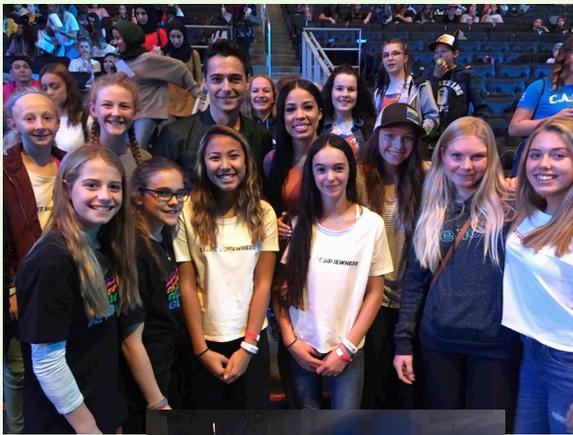
News from Schools



Chris and Dusty, SES learning to fish at Horseshoe Lake!



Kootenay Ice tickets from the Cranbrook Fire Department were given to Brody W. for showing excellent Pinewood school spirit. Brody created the "Pinewood – We Rock" wood plaque himself!



JEJSS students attend WE Day in Edmonton!

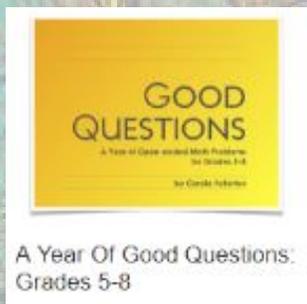


FSS grade 8 and 9's are completing the Fernie Ambassador Program this year. Picture shows the first group of ambassadors with their caps.

Director of Student Learning and Innovation - Diane Casault

Look who came to visit:

Carol Fullerton with a three part series on Proportional Reasoning for our intermediate Math teachers. Day one involved a learning series at Laurie Middle School followed the next day by in class demos and debrief (Oct 29 & 30). Thanks to LMS for the space on Monday as well as our two teacher volunteers from KOES: (Krista Cutler Gr.4 and Lauren Logan Gr.5). The group is looking forward to their final day of learning sharing on Tuesday April 9th.



She will be returning to present at this year's RSA day in April. Topics covered: Developing Competent Mathematicians in the Primary Classroom: Open-ended Tasks to Inspire Thought-Full Numeracy Learning.



Faye Brownlie

Thanks to Gordon Terrace Elementary school who organized a two day sharing session with Faye Brownlie and so graciously opened the invitation to other elementary schools on Nov 1 and 2. Faye Brownlie is one of BC's most sought after literacy and learning experts. She works in staff development in BC, nationally and internationally. A long-time advocate of improved learning for all students in inclusive settings, she fervently believes in our collective ability to make a difference for each and every learner. Faye works with students and teachers from K-12 and especially enjoys co-planning, co-teaching, and reflecting on the lessons with teams of teachers. Together we are better!



The Revised BC Early Learning Framework

A SD 5 and representation of Early Years partners attended one of 7 regional sessions November 5th in Creston. The 7 regional sessions held throughout the Province were for the purpose of gathering feedback and perspectives about the Revised BC Early Learning Framework.

Key changes in the Framework are as follows:

- Builds on Indigenous worldviews and perspectives
- Focuses on birth to eight
- Reflects strength-based focus through inclusive practices
- Positions early learning and play as a continuum
- Integrates inquiry based practice
- Aligns with the K-12 Curriculum and Competencies

Additional Feedback Processes

In support of [Child Care BC Initiatives](#), the Ministry of Education committed to updating the [Early Learning Framework \(2008\)](#) and accompanying documents and to making them widely available to educators and parents. A draft of the revised Framework is now complete and is available for your feedback. Please read the [2018 Revised Early Learning Framework \(Draft\) attachment](#) for more information.

Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education- Jason Tichauer

Aboriginal Education

We had our first full meeting of the Enhancement Agreement Review Committee recently. We were able to share our data from the Student Sense of Belonging Surveys from last spring as well as information around what is happening in our schools. It was a great day!

As well, Joe Pierre, Faye O'Neil and I have been visiting schools for the past few weeks to meet with Principals and Aboriginal Education Support Workers around school and district initiatives for this year. We have had some super conversations and will be looking to finish up with the last few schools imminently.

Safe Schools Coordinator Updates

This past month saw the annual Safe Schools Coordinator meeting in Richmond. There were several important updates for district-based coordinators. Firstly, there was the announcement that the ERASE online reporting tool has been reworked and modernized. Chief priority amongst the improvements is the ability for those making reports to attach digital images. This is significant for a few reasons- not just as evidence, but also for the ability to track the image.

As well, there is now the need to redo our Fair Notice Pamphlet to students and parents to include recent updates. Mainly, we need to inform folks of the ability to do Digital Data Analyses.

Dual Credit Handbook

We have been meeting with our partners at the College of the Rockies to produce a Dual Credit Handbook. This handbook will detail all dual credit options for students and parents so that they can see different options available and so that our two systems can be united in expanding our student options and opportunities. More to come!



New Rainbow Crosswalks at LMS and MBSS!



Director of Instruction, Human Resources - Brent Reimer

Human Resources to date has filled 155 teaching and 100 CUPE positions for the current school year. The Education Fund positions are now posted and many are already filled.

With the restored language of the teacher collective agreement, we are reviewing classes monthly that require remedy. These are situations where classes exceed the stipulated class size limits or composition or both. Remedy for a class in this situation can be additional prep time, a co-teacher or another agreed upon support.

We are in the initial stages of preparing for CUPE bargaining which we expect could commence prior to the winter break.

District Management spent a morning last week speaking with the Education students at the College of the Rockies. We were able to discuss the roles and responsibilities of staff as well as the hiring practices of teachers within the district. It was a well received interactive session!

Place-conscious learning at its best!

<https://youtu.be/neSD6x0trA0>

FSS Time and Place | FINAL 1080

vimeo.com

This is "FSS Time and Place | FINAL 1080" by Dylan Siggers

ELL Teacher, Patricia Michael continues to travel across School District 5 examining and administering tests to our English Language Learners.



The Dark Halloween Art Gallery at MBSS!

District Principal Student Services - Darcy Verbeurgt

Mandt Training

Approximately 60 staff (Principals, Student Services Teachers, Counsellors, Education Assistants and Itinerants) took Mandt training in October. There were recertification and new training sessions offered in both the Elk Valley and in Cranbrook. On Friday, October 19, school clerical staff were trained in the Mandt System. Thank you to Mandt instructors – Julie Russchen & Darcy Verbeurgt for continuing to keep our staff meeting the certification requirements. This certification requires that all students of the Mandt System role model the philosophy of treating all people with dignity and respect, displaying courteous, respectful and professional interactions.



YOUTH CARE WORKERS' MEETING

On Friday, October 26, School District 5 Youth Care Workers met in Jaffray for the first YCW Meeting of the 2018/2019 School year. This day was spent collaborating and discussing new ideas and activities as well as discussing the roles and responsibilities of our Youth Care Workers in SD5.

Shelley Moore

On Tuesday, November 6, Shelley Moore engaged Student Services Teachers and Itinerants with her inspirational look at Inclusion in Education. Shelley helped them look at inclusion as a concept of teaching to the diversity of all rather than a just a special education initiative. She reminded them that we are all diverse, we all have strengths, we all have stretches and we all need to get better at something. The difference in teaching to diversity however, is that we don't start with deficits we start with strengths and this includes everyone....students, teachers, support staff, custodians, bus drivers, parents, etc. Thank you, Shelley. We look forward to having you back to our District in January, March and June.



A student from Mount Baker Secondary attended Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS) in Huntsville Alabama, USA. The week-long camp was held at the US Space and Rocket Center. There were 180 students with visual impairments from 12 different countries, including India, Germany, Israel, New Zealand attend and experience what it is like to be an astronaut. Becoming an astronaut requires 20/20 vision but for this week at SCIVIS the barriers are reduced and materials are provided in braille, large print or electronic format so students with visual impairment can get a feel for what it's like to work for NASA and be in Space. The students take part in hands-on astronaut training which includes completing three space mission simulations. Students work as a team in different roles such as mission control center at NASA, the International Space Station, and the Space Shuttle to fix a satellite using the Canadarm. The students also experience training equipment such as 1/6th gravity chair, the "Moon Shot" ride to simulate shuttle lift off, and experience weightlessness in a 24-foot-deep Scuba tank. This life changing week is filled with personal growth and development, and lasting friendships.



District Principal Transformative Learning - Jennifer Roberts

Place-Based Learning - Gordon Terrace planted, nurtured, harvested and prepared a meal from their own GTES grown vegetables!



Ms. Lloyd's Grade 8 Science:
Looking at the impact of temp
on the creation of the cloud.



MyED Teacher Training

MyEducation Middle and Secondary School Teacher Training was held on October 23. Elementary teachers will be trained on November 14.



Lego Wedo Pro-D

On October 19, elementary teachers from Cranbrook were introduced to Lego Wedo. Lego Wedo is a STEM activity that involves collaborating with small groups to design and build a lego robot which can be controlled by coding. Twenty teachers from six different schools enjoyed the engaging and informative day! They are keen to share their experience with their students and colleagues!

Digital Citizenship

The second instalment of our monthly Digital Citizenship Resources is available in the portal. This month's topic is "Etiquette and Physical Usage of Technology." There are some books that are appropriate for K-6 and some articles for older grades as well as a short slide deck of some general etiquette guidelines.

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2018 Environmental Education Awards of Excellence

From coast to coast to coast, over 300 educators gathered to learn, share and connect at the EECOM 2018 environmental education conference on October 18-21 at the St Eugene Mission.

A huge thank you to School District 5 for supplying the school busses for the field studies on Saturday, October 20. A total of nine School District bus drivers safely transported conference attendees and dignitaries to various sites in the East Kootenays. Congratulations to School District 5 teacher, Mardelle Sauerborn for receiving the CBEEN Award of Environmental Education Excellence at the conference. KBEE also won the National EECOM award for Outstanding K-12 District.



National Take Me Outside Day for Learning

National Take Me Outside Day for Learning was October 24. Thank you to our amazing teachers for taking our students in SD5 outside to learn...not just for this one day but every day!!

