

Principal – H. Grant

Vice-Principal – S. Little

Counsellors - T. Brown and K. Dezamits

Thursday, June 1st, 2023

Our Principal's Message



We are pleased to welcome Mr. Little as our permanent Vice Principal at LDSS. He has been in this interim role since shortly after Spring Break and has been doing an excellent job. His portfolio includes, but is not limited to, behaviour, discipline, transportation, health and safety, and technology. He brings a range of skills and teaching experiences and has deep ties to the community. Please join us in making him feel welcome.

Later in this newsletter you will find information on:

- 7-up Day no classes for grade 8's that day (June 6th)
- Commencement Ceremony (June 16th at 1:00 pm)
- Assessment schedule (June 22nd June 23rd)
- Awards Assembly (June 19th at 1:30 pm)
- Sports teams that have just wrapped up

At this time, I would like to give my sincere thanks to Pam Higginson (chair) and the LDSS PAC for their phenomenal support for students and staff this year. They have worked diligently for 2 years in a row to plan and deliver Career related programming to support students and our school plan. They have also given countless hours to build community and school spirit through activities like dances and the Happy Days Club. Staff have truly appreciated the support and the activities designed to honour us as well as our students. It takes a village, and this is a great one!

Archery Team Wins Provincials Again

Congratulations to the LDSS Archery Team, or should we say the Three-Time Provincial Champions? The team practiced afterschool for two months before participating in the provincial tournament which was held virtually. Results were sent through photographs and video by team coach Mr. Hofer. Podium results are as follows:

1st Overall in Province: Laurie Wilson (awarded \$1500 scholarship)

2nd Overall in Province: Justin Derksen (awarded \$1000 scholarship)

3rd overall in Province: Kyden Albertson (awarded \$500 scholarship)

The team is currently ranked as the #1 high school team in all of BC. Congratulations to all members on another outstanding competition and a big thank you to Mr. Hofer for all of your time and effort spent with the archery team.







June Assessment Week Schedule

Monday, June 19 th	Tuesday, June 20 th	Wednesday, June 21 st	Thursday, June 22 nd	Friday, June 23 rd
8:47 – 10:12 am Regular Classes (Block A) Literacy 10 Assessment (select students)	Tutorials (8:45 – 9:30 am)	Numeracy 10 Assessment (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)	Tutorials (8:45 – 9:30 am)	
Break (10:12 – 10:26 am)	Break (9:30 - 9:45 am)	Tutorials	Break (9:30 – 9:45 am)	
10:26 am – 11:45 am Regular Classes (Block B) Literacy 10 Assessment Cont. (select students)	Block A assessment (9:45 – 11:45 am)	National Indigenous Day Activities in Community	Block C assessment (9:45 – 11:45 am)	"I' Completion and Make-up Assessments
12:30 – 1:30 pm Regular Classes (Block C)	Block B assessment (12:45 – 2:45 pm)	Tutorials National Indigenous Day Activities in Community	Block A assessment (12:45 – 2:45 pm)	
AWARDS ASSEMBLY 1:30 pm start time				

Key:

- Assessment An exam or assessment activity will take place in this block. Students must stay
 one hour and may be dismissed if there is an appropriate plan set up.
- Tutorial Time set aside to prepare for final assessment.
- Class Each class will continue to be held all week until Friday.
- "I" Completion Students only need to attend these blocks if they are not finished.

Grad Commencement Information

Thursday, June 15th:

- 1:00 pm Rehearsal for Commencement Ceremony (All graduates participating in commencement must attend).
- Gowns can be picked up after 9:00 am.

Friday, June 16th:

1:00 – 3:00 pm Commencement Ceremony in LDSS Gym

- Graduates must be here by 12:00 pm.
- Gowns must be left at the school following the ceremony.
- Seating for mobility challenges will be reserved on the floor for the person and one attendant. Please contact the office by Thursday, June 15th.

*Grads must return their Commencement Application and \$35 fee to the office by June 7th. Gowns will not be given to graduates who have not handed in their application and fee.

Year End Awards Assembly

The LDSS Year Awards Assembly will take place on Monday, June 19th at 1:30 pm. If your student is receiving an award, you will be notified by text/phone/email sometime the week prior.

Student Voice Organizes Mental Health Fair

The district Student Voice group organized a Mental Health Fair which was held last Wednesday afternoon for LDSS. The goal of this event is to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and connect students with community groups the provide support. We had five groups from the community participate: Foundry, Carrier Sekani Family Services, Northern Health (Public Health), Northern Health (Addictions Counselling), and the Schizophrenia Society. Students participated in educational activities, a spin-thewheel question box, an activity walk at the track and door prizes. Thank you to the Student Voice, Mr. Little, and all the community groups for making this such a great event for our students.













Mountain Bikers Participate in Provincials

Fourteen students travelled and rode in Nakusp and Nelson. They then travelled to Rossland where they competed in the Provincial Championships on May 27th. Cross-country races happened in the morning and two Enduro races were scheduled for the afternoon.

We would like to highlight the following students' accomplishments:

- Nicole Hamp 3rd place in Senior Girls Enduro Dylan Stewart 15th place in Grade 8 Enduro
- Parker Jones 18th place in Grade 8 Enduro

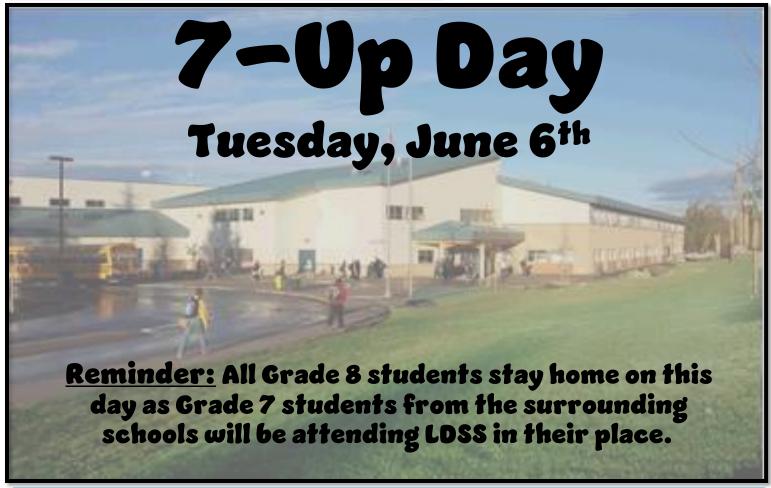
Congratulations to all our riders. It was a great trip.

We would like to thank TAHTSA TIMBER for sponsoring our team by paying for the fuel, LAKES DISTRICT MAINTENANCE for paying for the team jerseys, and RANDY and GABRIELA HAMP for hauling the bikes and being the cooks for everyone on the trip.





Purchase some of the Tru Earth Dishwasher Detergent Tablets through the PAC fundraising link: https://fundraising.tru.earth/LDSSPAC all funds raised go to the Happy Days Club!



LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

June 1 st	Alternative Arts Festival
June 2 nd	PAC Sponsored Dance in the Evening
June 6 th	7-Up Day – Grade 8's Stay Home
	7-Up Day Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
June 9 th	All Library Books Due Back
June 15 th	Grad Commencement Rehearsal 1:00 pm
	Grad Commencement Ceremony 1:00 pm
	Year End Awards Assembly 1:30 pm
June 20 th – 23 rd	Assessment Week
June 21 st	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22 nd	All Textbooks Due Back
	"I" Completion Day - (No Regular Classes)
	Report Cards Mailed Home
September 5 th	First day of School (Morning Only)



Next PAC Meeting:

Contact the PAC Chair (Pam Higginson) at:

Idsspacchair@gmail.com
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SCHOOL CONTACTS OF NOTE

Athletics – Patti Dube (she can direct you to individual coaches)

Book Club - Karen Isaak

Careers - Patti Dube

Counselling - Kim Dezamits or Tracey Brown

Discipline - Steven Little

Guitar Club - Steve Wileito

Inclusive Education – Stacie Gray

Lakes Learning Centre - Danny Dell

Student Voice - Amy Dash

Transcripts – TJ Pelletier



Proposed Policy Updates

The School District 91 Policy Committee is currently working on updates to Policy 200.2 – Trustee Standards of Conduct.

Members of the public are welcome to review and encouraged to provide feedback here or on the 'Policies and Regulations' page at www.sd91.bc.ca.



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Karla Mitchell presented her monthly report at the Regular School Board Meeting on May 15, 2023.

Please click this <u>link</u> to view the report or find it under the Latest News heading at <u>www.sd91.bc.ca</u>.



Parent/Caregiver Child Care Survey Closed

We wish to thank the 120 parents/caregivers that completed the online child care survey. Some of the key messages that surfaced from this survey are:

- Additional child care spaces are needed across SD 91,
- · Many families need Before/After School Care, and
- The lack of child care services has impacted employment status for many parents/caregivers.

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) will endeavour to create new child care spaces for families.





School Board Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2023 6:00 pm

Muriel Mould Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Burns Lake, BC

Important Public Attendance Notice:

We are at capacity for in-house attendance at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on June 26, 2023.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

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