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Helping you to grow to be your best!

LDSS News

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Vice-Principal – S. Little

Counsellors – T. Brown and K. Dezamits

Wednesday, September 27th, 2023

Our Principal's Message



Fall is now upon us and soon Thanksgiving will be here. In keeping with that theme, first some gratitude.

Thank you to the Happy Days club, with support of the community, for an outstanding Open House and Welcome Back BBQ. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community and have a chance to chat with you informally. Please remember that our door is always open.

Thank you to the teaching staff for the time you have invested in making the changes related to the new Reporting expectations. Specifically:

- This week, all students are engaged in a goal setting exercise. The goals set will be reflected upon twice a year at the end of semester and sent home with report cards. See attachment to this newsletter.
- Next week, an informal Learning Update (formally called an Interim) will be completed and mailed home the following week. This report focusses on the behaviours that support learning.

Monday is a statutory holiday for observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. I believe that reconciliation takes action. There are many paths to healing. Two quotes resonate with me:

“Education has gotten us into this mess and education will get us out.” – Honorable Murray Sinclair

“Sport can heal, the land can heal, and our culture can heal. We’re on a good path right now. We are heading toward our young people and communities being healthy and passionate about life.” – Jeff Hovarth, Principal, Morley Community School, Spirit North

Please take time over the coming days to connect to the land, your culture, and your community.

No Ice, No Problem

Thank you to BLNDC for assisting with the generous donation towards the purchase of inline skates so that our students could continue with their hockey class in the absence of ice. We would also like to thank Blu-Jay Sports for their assistance with the timely acquisition of these blades.



Open House Well Attended

The sun was shining and the grills were busy last Wednesday evening. The Happy Days Club organized open house was enjoyed by many students, families, and staff. It was a great opportunity to meet and visit with people in the school community. A big thank you to the Happy Days Club, PAC, Rotary, and LDSS Staff for making this event so successful.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 ~ 2023/2024

Core Competency Goal Setting and Self-Assessment SECONDARY

BC Core Competency Goal Setting and Self-Assessment are an integral part of the new BC K-12 Student Reporting Policy. The policy requires each student in BC to set personal goals based on the Core Competencies focused on the communication, thinking and social skills we all need to be successful now and in the future. Each term, students will complete a self-assessment of their progress to meet their personal goals.

In **School District 91**, we have consolidated the 6 BC Core Competencies into three focus statements reflecting District 91 priorities for all of our students. A copy of the Core Competency Goal Setting and Self-Assessment page will accompany the Formal Learning Updates and Summary of Learning for caregivers. A copy will also be kept at the school to allow for a reflective process throughout the school year.



BC Core Competency: **COMMUNICATION**



SD91 Core Competency Focus Area:

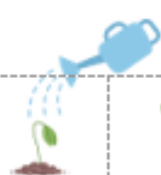
We can speak and listen actively and respectfully.

My Personal Goal for this Core Competency Focus Area:

SEMESTER 1 (September to February)

My progress to meet my goal:

My reflection on my progress to meet my goal:



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Not there yet.
Needs frequent support.

Getting there.
Needs some support.

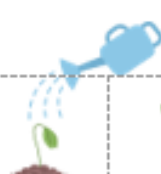
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Is independent.

Ready for a new goal.

SEMESTER 2 (February to June)

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BC Core Competency: **THINKING**



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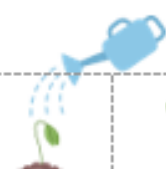
We can reflect, evaluate, and grow in our own thinking, and actions.

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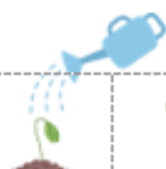
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BC Core Competency: **PERSONAL & SOCIAL**



SD91 Core Competency Focus Area:

We can show respect and inclusive behaviour as we learn and play.

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SEMESTER 1 (September to February)

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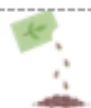
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Do you want
to volunteer?



Interested in volunteering
for Northern Health at The
Pines Long-Term Care Home?

If you are in Grades 9-12,
please attend a meeting with
Northern Health on
Thursday Oct 12 at 11:15 in
room 211 to find out more
information about this
opportunity.

LEARNING to lead™

MINERVA



THE PROGRAM

Learning to Lead™ is a free leadership program open to self-identified girls in Grades 10-12. Participants gain confidence through interactive workshops and activities within a fun and supportive community.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Learning to Lead™ is all about helping youth increase:

- **Self-knowledge** of their unique leadership ability
- **Connections** to supportive peers and inspiring mentors
- **Confidence** to take action!

FALL 2023 DATES

L2L FALL

- Participants attend 2-hour Zoom session once a week for 4 weeks (Oct 4, 11, 18, 25)

L2L STEM

- Participants attend a specialized virtual weekend with mentors and advice applicable to STEM fields (Oct 20-22)

L2L TECH

- Participants attend a specialized virtual weekend with mentors and advice applicable to Tech fields (Nov 17-19)



JOIN US!

Up to 50 participants will be selected to attend each cohort. Participants are welcome to apply and attend any and all program offerings.

REGISTRATION: minervabc.ca/learning-to-lead

Superintendent's Report to the Board

Superintendent Karla Mitchell presented her monthly report at the Regular School Board Meeting on September 25, 2023.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca.

School Board Meeting

**Monday, October 23, 2023
6:00 pm**

**Room 112, FSJSS
Fort St. James, BC**

Important Public Attendance Notice:

Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.

Due to limited space and seating availability, please request your seat prior to noon on meeting day if you wish to attend in person.

Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information for the Teams link or you may request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

Contact:

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**NO CLASSES
Monday, October 2nd**

**In Observance of the
National Day for
Truth and
Reconciliation.**



Proposed Policy Updates

The School District 91 Policy Committee is currently working on creation and implementation of:

Policy 406.7 – Public Interest Disclosure (PIDA)

Members of the public are welcome to review and encouraged to provide feedback prior to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 13th [here](#) or on the 'Policies and Regulations' page at www.sd91.bc.ca.

LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day
September 30 th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 2 nd	Observation of Truth and Reconciliation Day (NO CLASSES)
October 4 th	Project Natural Resource Management
October 5 th	Ski/Snowboard Team Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
October 6 th	Post Secondary Institute visits for Grades 10-12
October 9 th	Thanksgiving Day (NO CLASSES)
October 17 th -18 th	Project Firefighter
October 18 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Early Dismissal)
October 20 th	Provincial Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)
October 27 th	School Photo Retakes
October 27 th	Halloween Dance (PAC Sponsored)
November 10 th	Observation of Remembrance Day (NO CLASSES)
November 11 th	Remembrance Day
November 24 th	Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)
November 28 th	PAC Meeting 6:00 pm
December 25 – January 5 th	Winter Break
February 9 th	Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)
February 14 th – 16 th	Grad Photos
February 19 th	Family Day (NO CLASSES)
March 13 th	Parent Teacher Interviews (Early Dismissal)
March 25 th – April 5 th	Spring Break
April 15 th	Grad Photo Retakes
April 26 th	Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)
May 10 th	District Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)

SCHOOL CONTACTS OF NOTE

Athletics – Steven Little
Book Club – Karen Isaak
Careers – Patti Dube
Counselling – Kim Dezamits or Tracey Brown
Discipline – Steven Little
Guitar Club – Steve Wilejto
Inclusive Education – Stacie Gray
Lakes Learning Centre – Danny Dell
Student Voice – Amy Dash
Transcripts – TJ Pelletier



Next PAC Meeting:
Tuesday,
November 28th
6:00 pm @ LDSS

Contact the PAC Chair
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