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LDSS News

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Vice-Principal – S. Little

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Friday, June 30th, 2023

Our Principal's Message



Thank you to everyone for a wonderful year. It was wonderful to see such a great community showing at both our Commencement Ceremony and the Awards Assembly. This newsletter contains some thank you messages, staffing updates, year-end photos, and dates for next year.

Ms. Michelle Culberson has served our Life Skills/Endeavours program in an exemplary way this school year. She has infused the program with joy and skill development. As she is on a term appointment, her contract is complete.

Ms. Pamela Gilchrist has served the Humanities department this year teaching both English and Social Studies. She brings genuine caring and

optimism to her work and the learners. She was also on a term appointment which has ended. Pam will remain on our staff in another capacity next year.

Ms. Jenn Gurtins has worked all year connected to various departments, teaching Information Technology, Junior Math, and Career Life Education. She has provided innovative projects and learning opportunities for her students in each of those areas. Again, this was a temporary assignment.

Mr. Bob Mills remains on the LDSS staff, however he will be on a leave for the 2023-2024 school year. Bob will be spending time with his family and doing some extended travel. We wish him safe adventures and look forward to his return.

Ms. Jody Patrick rejoined our team in the second semester, in a temporary assignment. She provided exemplary service and support to our learners, and we look forward to an opportunity for her to return to LDSS.

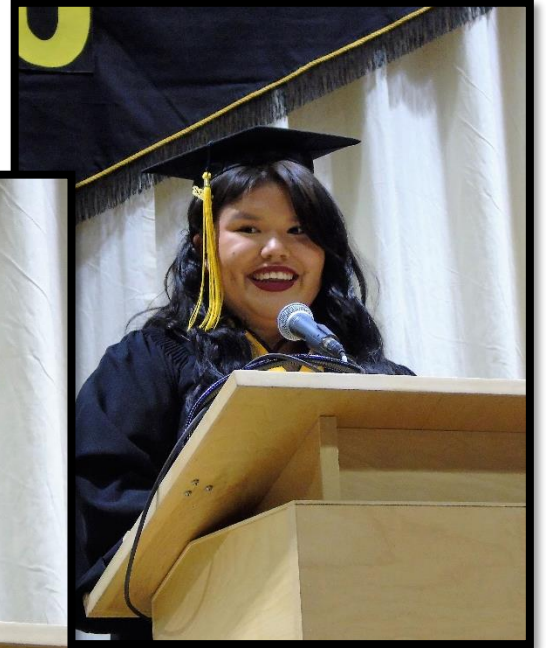
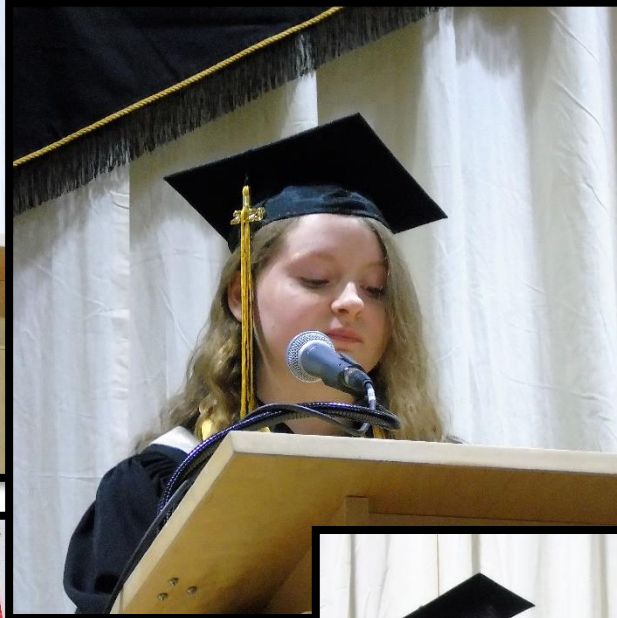
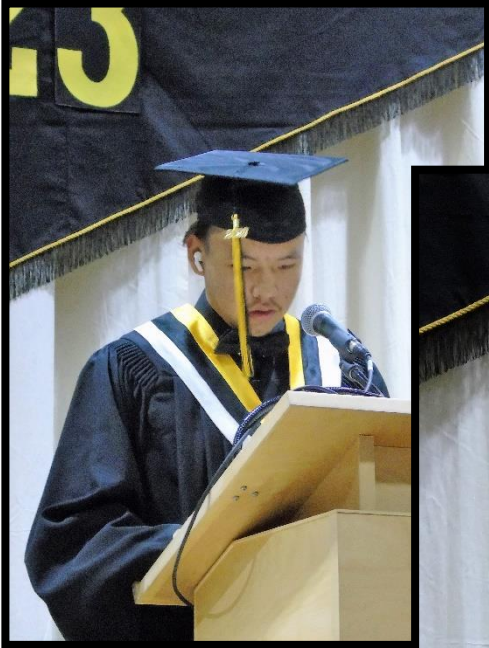
Ms. Shona Myram will be joining our clerical team for the 2023-2024 school year. Shona has excellent clerical skills, and we look forward to welcoming her aboard. Have a restful summer!

Graduating Class of 2023



Commencement 2023

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2023. The School Commencement Ceremony took place on June 16th where staff, students, family, and friends celebrated the success of this year's graduates. Jordin Tibbets-West opened the ceremony with a traditional welcome, followed later with speeches from fellow graduates Lela Thiessen (Valedictorian) and Marissa Crouse (Grad Speaker). This year's VA Montaldi Award Winner was Nicole Hamp while Marissa Crouse was the recipient of the award for Outstanding Contribution to the Student Body.



Year End Awards Assembly

Our Year End Awards Assembly was held last week with many students receiving well deserved awards. Certificates were handed out for every department including extra-curricular and service and citizenship. The assembly was well attended by family and community members which was great to see. After a busy year here at the school, it was great to take the opportunity to acknowledge our students and their supporters.





Congratulations to Ocean Kelly on completing her Youth Work in Trades Program with the School District #91 Automotive Department. As part of the program, Ocean was given a set of tools upon successful completion.



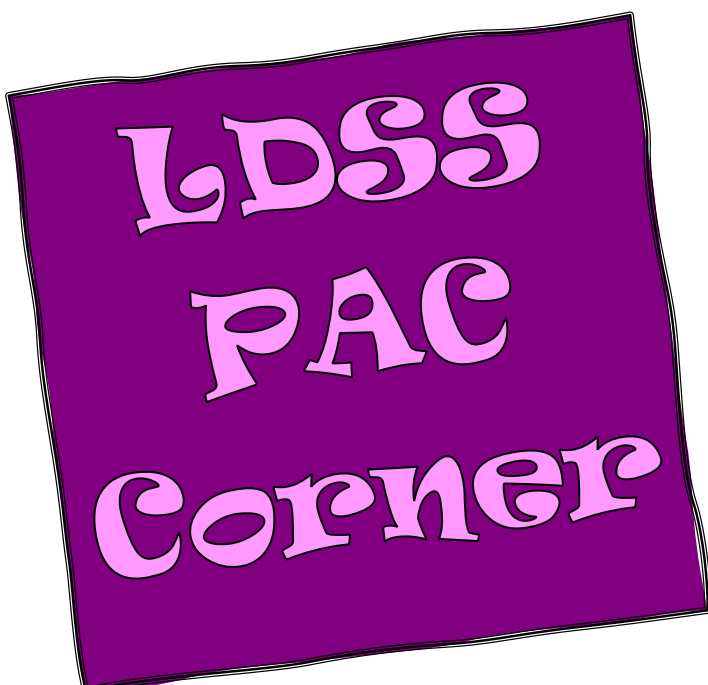
Congratulations again to our three-time provincial champion Archery Team. Pictured above are Laurie Wilson, Justin Derksen, and Kyden Albertson with their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies.

LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

June 30 th	Report Cards Mailed Home
September 4 th	Labour Day
September 5 th	First day of School (Morning Only)
September 15 th	School Photos
September 22 nd	District Planning Day (NO CLASSES)
September 30 th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 2 nd	Observation of Truth and Reconciliation Day (NO CLASSES)
October 9 th	Thanksgiving Day (NO CLASSES)
October 18 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Early Dismissal)
October 20 th	Provincial Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)
October 27 th	School Photo Retakes
November 10 th	Observation on Remembrance Day (NO CLASSES)
November 11 th	Remembrance Day
November 24 th	Pro-D Day (NO CLASSES)
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 – 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 Wilejto
Inclusive Education – Stacie Gray
Lakes Learning Centre – Danny Dell
Student Voice – Amy Dash
Transcripts – TJ Pelletier



Next PAC Meeting:

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