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LDSS News

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Wednesday May 4th, 2022

Our Principal's Message



Here we are in May, and I find myself wanting to comment on how busy it is, yet I know I have said that in different ways all year! So, LDSS continues to be an active, vibrant place of learning. Looking forward, we have a number of events and activities coming up. Please continue to check important dates in this newsletter and also from any feature articles.

Tomorrow is National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day, a time when communities and our allies wear red and gather to remember, honour and give voice to women whose stories have not been heard. Being on Highway 16, the Highway of Tears, makes this day especially relevant to this region. This day is recognition that Indigenous women and children are at increased risk of their personal safety and is a call to action to our community to change this.

In two weeks, the School District will be hosting our second annual "Share the Love" day. In secondary, we teach about many kinds of discrimination such as racism, misogyny and sexual harassment. We strive to create safe and welcoming spaces for all. This is important work, given that 19% of BC high school students identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or not exclusively heterosexual and 70% of students report hearing homophobic slurs every day in school. The presence of a supportive adult in a young person's life is an important protective factor for youth. As part of the School District's strategic plan we support the goal of honoring diversity by teaching respect for all diversities within our community. All members of the community are to be welcomed, respected, included, accepted and supported in our schools. One strategy to move us towards this important goal is to host an annual awareness day. On that day, at LDSS, students will:

- listen to an address from our superintendent and a guest.
- watch a video on microaggressions and be involved in a teacher led discussion.
- have the option of participating in:
 - o joining an online panel of youth talking about their experiences in school.
 - o joining an online quiz at lunchtime.
 - o meeting with other GSAs virtually.
 - o creating a piece of collaborative art.
 - o participating in an online scavenger hunt (in the week leading up to May 17).

Lastly, term 3 report cards have been mailed home. Please contact teachers directly if you have questions or concerns, especially if your student is struggling in a required course. There is still time for intervention. Following those report cards, we calculate our Distinction, Honour Roll and Principal's lists. This is attached to our newsletter. We honor these students with a lunch (distinction) or sundaes (honour roll and principal's) on days listed on the following pages.

Congratulations to Alex Lea on his multi-award-winning entry in the Central Interior Science Exhibition. Alex's project was on Sustainable Nutrient Regeneration.

- ✓ Silver Medalist (Best in Fair)
- ✓ BC Agriculture in the Classroom Award
- ✓ CANFOR Award
- ✓ Canada Wide Science Fair Finalist



Congratulations to Ali Shively for winning gold with her Speech Arts performance at this year's Lakes District Festival of the Performing Arts.

TERM THREE HONOUR ROLL

Honour Roll with Distinction (“A” Average)

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Benoit, Caiomi Borne, Clark Burgie, Riegan Cuerrier, Sapphira Hanson, Katie Hiatt, Holly Hoffos, Bobby Kreutzberg, Lars Mackay, Avalon Miller, Ava Miller, Blake O'Meara, Tehya Orr, Violet Petersen, Aliana Shively, Maddy Stanyer, Bree Traxler, Kayley Voss, Thom Waddle, Phaedra Wilson, Sebastian Wipfli, Zane	Anderson, Alex Benson, Ryliegh Brown, Tiara Brown, Tucker Buller, Sean Gerow, Nyah Gray, Abby Griffin, Carys MacWilliam, Emma Nguyen, Lina Somerville, Rebekah Wainwright, Courtney Westergard, Annika Zayac, Alexander	Abraham, Sierra Dell, Haley Finstad, Tephilla Hill, Jesse Joseph, Susan Reynolds, Jayden Shively, Aly Shively, Kai Spanks, Sarah Tompkins, Georgia Varga, Jady Westergard, Asher Wainwright, Emma Wainwright, Mya Wilson, Laurie	Belcourt, Hannah Belcourt, Kaitlin Bevan, Dorian Cook, Megan Crouse, Marissa Davis, Maggie Hamp, Nicole Hanson, Amy Higginson, Cody Hunter, Jonathan Magel, Mikahla Nguyen, Tam Philip, Maddy Stiffler, Nina Thiessen, Lela Vanzetta, Koen Wilson, Jaiden	Bender, Adrienne Brinkhurst, May Collings, Danyka Coulson, Bobbi-Lynn Elliott, Gemma Higginson, Brooklyn Illes, Jordan Johnston, Landon Lambert, Katrina Moore, Ami Van Tine, Sydney Zayac, Hannah

Honour Roll (“B” Average)

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Antoine, Ava Clayton, Kyle DeChamplain, Kane Finstad, Hadasa Green, Tessa Johnson, Natale Lambert, Jasmyn MacPherson, Brodie McKee, Taylor Petkau, Charlie Sharma, Parina Shively, Nick Stiffler, Andrina Vitela-Aguilera, Rafael Wilson, Sebastian	Albertson, Kyden Bergeron, Katelyn Colangelo, Bella Cunningham, Emma Derksen, Justin Elliott, Finn Fast, Curtis French-Prince, Nevaeh Higginson, Kim Jack, Leah Killaly, Keira Lambert, Emmitt Lievsey, Miles Mailloux, Hunter Morgan, Dwight Reynolds, Isaiah Rollert, Sage Spanks, Seth Voss, Sean William, Hadley Williams, Douglas Wilson, Oliver Zayac, Isaac	Amendt, Brody Bell, Kaiden Benedict, Dylan Crouse, Hailey Cunningham, Brandon Hanson, Noah Harder, Megan Hoffos, Billy Joseph, Susan Klassen, Zander Lambert, Logan Lea, Alex McKee, Keegan Muller-Albrecht, Nina Obarianyk, Miryam Petkau, Cameron Rakochy, Jady Stiffler, Celine Thom-Lucy, Cooper Vandenberg, Anyon Wall, Kendra Waters, Sarah Williams, Jerney Yarjau, Ethan	Chalmers, Joey Basil, Dredon Douglas, Leland England, Mary-Anne Fehr, David Leith, Rebecca Lucier-Hall, Sarah McLeod, Jordan Oldfield, Kyra Penner, Tim Reynolds, Jeffrey Sackney, Linden Stanyer, Jordyn Thiessen, Savana Tom, Virginia Turner, Rhyce Waddle, Morgan	Alfred, Briley Bishop, Teaira Brown, Daylan Cahoose, Illianna Cooke, Tate Finch, Gabe Godfrey, Dale Hill, Keaton Luckey, Will Mann, Solarus Morgan, Wyatt Obarianyk, Mark Reimer, Cynthia Thom-Lucy, Zoey Watson, Kiara Weller, Hosanna West, Jaden Wipfli, Emily Wooldridge, Kaytlyn Wright, Tamara

Principal’s List (Good/Excellent Work Habits)

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Anderson, Blair Currie, Henry Davis, Natalie Mackereth, Lena Mailloux, Logan Tom, Antoine Tom, Jacob Wall, Alyssa Whitford, Dayna William, Rihanna	Adam, Thelma Hoffman, Zoe MacDonald, Kayden Menzel, Daemon Nguyen, Ellie Rogers, Simon Tran, Lucas Williams, Ben	Hamp, Julia Perry, Kale Peterson, Ashley Wilson, Chelsea	Alfred, Dayin England, Tiffany Konkin, Avery Sampson, Ciara Williams, Jamal	Adam, Athanase Green, Brody Joseph, Tim Plasway, CoCo Shields, Donavyn Tom, Tyson Varga, Ethan Yarjau, Dakota

Honor Roll with Distinction:
Grade 8/9 – All As (can have one B)
Grade 10, 11, 12 – Average 86% or above

Honour Roll:
Grade 8/9: All As and Bs (can have one C+)
Grade 10, 11, 12 – Average 73% or above

Principal’s List:
All Gs and Es (can have one S) OR by nomination

Tuesday, May 18th:
Honour Roll and Principal’s List
Sundae Celebration

Wednesday, May 19th:
Honour Roll with Distinction Lunch

Book Club Notes



Now we know which one of them was lying and what we thought of the plot twists as we finished our discussion of Karen M. McManus' book *One of Us is Lying*. We all decided the book was well written and most enjoyed the storyline, but it was not everyone's preferred genre. We decided to move from murder, deception and high school romance to horror. Everyone has picked their own title and we plan to have a rousing discussion about the genre, writing styles and do the chosen titles send chills down our spines! The club meets most Tuesdays at lunch in the Room to the Left above the Learning Commons.

HealthCare Travelling Roadshow Coming to LDSS

Tomorrow morning (May 5th) UBC/UNBC staff are coming to our school along with healthcare professionals for a presentation to all grade 10/11 students (and any grade 9 and 12 students who have signed up). Students will rotate through several stations with hands-on equipment focusing on various medical fields and professions. The coordinator of the Northern Medical Program will also be presenting a separate information session to students who are specifically interested in a career in medicine.

ICBC Road Safety Speaker



Ted Swan, ICBC Road Safety Speaker, will be making a stop at our school on Monday, May 9th to give a presentation to our grades 11 and 12 students. Ted has over 30 years experience as a paramedic and uses this background to help give an informative look at what a crash scene looks like from the initial paramedic response to the hospital. He also describes the science involved in a crash, from both the passenger(s) and vehicle perspective.



A Comment from the Commons: Study Tips



Have you started **studying** for finals yet? It does seem like it is a long way off before you have to worry about studying for exams, but there are strategies you can use starting now that will make writing final exams a little easier. And the great thing about these strategies is, that they will also help you when writing quizzes and test and some of them are pretty easy to do!

For example: **reviewing classes at the end of every day.** Sometime after your school day is finished review what you did in your classes that day – talk it over with a friend, a coworker or your family. Briefly mention the ideas or concepts you learned or reviewed and describe the activities you did. What did you have a tough time understanding or what made sense to you right away? This oral review of the day should not take long, maybe ten or so minutes, but this short activity is studying.

It brings back to your mind the ideas you learned that day and this type of regular review can help move information from your short-term memory to your long-term memory. Putting information into your long-term memory makes it retrievable weeks later while information in your short-term memory disappears quickly and often cannot be recalled when writing tests or exams.



PRESS RELEASE
April 27, 2022

Manu Madhok, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce the following addition to the administrative team, effective August 1, 2022.

Deborah Koehn will be joining Babine Elementary Secondary School in Granisle as the new Principal. She replaces Dylan Watt who is retiring from the district this summer.

Deborah is a long-time educator in Northern BC, including 33 years in SD57 and as an instructor in the Teacher Education programs at UNBC and Vancouver Island University (VIU). Currently, she is working for SD91 as a District Vice-Principal, supporting schools, students, and families during the pandemic.

Deborah has a Bachelor of Education from UBC and a Master of Education from UVIC. During her long and distinguished career, she has been part of numerous regional and provincial Education committees. She has also presented at several national and international conferences since 2009.

Deborah was the recipient of the UNBC: University Excellence Award for Professional Practice, Mentorship & Stewardship, and the Association of BC Deans of Education: Teacher Educator Award in 2020. She was chosen for a British Columbia Premier’s Award for Literacy Teaching in 2007.

Deborah brings a passion for outdoor, experiential, and student-centered learning. She also brings a deep commitment to expanding Indigenous language and culture and building strong relationships with the local communities to improve student success.

Manu Madhok commented, “As a district, we have had a chance to work with Deb Koehn on several learning initiatives over the last 5 years and are excited to have her join us as a school leader. Deb’s significant leadership experience in BC education will strongly impact Babine Elementary -Secondary and the communities of Granisle and Tachet that are served by the school.”

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LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

May 3 rd -4 th	Project Forest Management
May 5 th	Red Dress Day
	Health Care Road Show (Gr. 10/11)
May 9 th	ICBC Road Safety Speaker (Gr. 10-12)
May 10 th	Grade 8 Trip to UNBC
May 13 th	Professional Development Day
May 17 th	Share the Love Day
May 18 th	Honour Roll/Principal’s List Sundaes
May 19 th	Distinction Lunch
May 23 rd	Victoria Day
May 31 st	PAC Meeting
June 7 th	7-Up Day
June 17 th	Commencement Ceremony
June 20 th	Assessment Week Begins
June 21 st	National Indigenous Day
June 24 th	Last Day of Classes

