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LDSS News

Principal – H. Grant
Vice-Principal – S. Little

Counsellors – T. Brown and K. Dezamits

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023

Our Principal's Message



There are only a few days left before the holidays and a well-deserved break for everyone. This is a time for gratitude and joy. I would like to thank the staff for everything they do to support learning and the social emotional needs of our students. Adolescence is a complex time in a person's life and staff often are supporting students through these difficult times. There is far more to teaching than the assignments themselves. We have many partners in this journey, and I would like to thank our parent group, Elizabeth Fry, Northern Health, and the students themselves. This year our Spirit Week activities were planned and coordinated by 3 groups – Mrs. Murray and her team, Happy Days Club, and Mrs. Hanson and her Elves. We have had a wonderful week of hot chocolate, a pancake breakfast, secret gift deliveries, games, and theme days. Today the door decorating contest closes. I hope you have been enjoying the entries on our Facebook page. If you haven't seen them yet, "like" us on Facebook.

When we return to school on January 8th, there will be 12 regular school days left before assessments. Semester One ends January 26th. Structures are in place to support students. Please contact the school if you need assistance.

**Happy Holidays
from the
Students and
Staff at LDSS**



Presentation from Cheslatta Carrier Nation

On Wednesday, December 13th members of Cheslatta Carrier Nation put on a presentation about the flooding of Ootsa Lake in October of 1952. Elder John Casimel shared memories from when he was 9 years old about walking away from his home during the flood. Mike Robertson shared historical maps referencing the land, cemeteries, village, and homestead loss. Mike also shared stories of how some residents were only given two weeks notice to Leave their homes permanently, and how they had no legal rights to stay or ask for a lawyer to help them fight for their homes. There was also a timelapse video showing all of the wildfires from 2018 to present, as well as a slideshow with historical photos. We look forward to future presentations at the school as well as upcoming field trips in the spring and summer.



Snowshoe Crew

Mr. Hofer's PE 9 class took advantage of the fresh snow on Tuesday and went snowshoeing in the school fields.



Holiday Baking at LLC

Mrs. Stewart and the students at LLC did some holiday baking today, and it sure looks amazing!



**Homework Help
Available
Monday to Friday**

ROOM 146

8:15-8:45 am

11:45-12:30 pm

3:15- 3:45 pm



And the Winners Are...

Classrooms decorated their doors for the holiday season, and judging was completed this afternoon by Mrs. Murray and her Elves. Thank you to everyone who participated, the school looks amazing! Below are the winners:

1st Place: Room 142
(Ms. Rensing)



2nd Place: Room 215
(Mr. Gooding)



3rd Place (TIE): Room 160 (Cultural Centre)
below and Room 216 (Mrs. Gilchrist) bottom left



4th Place: Room 220
(Mrs. Little)



LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

December 25 – January 5 th	Winter Break
January 19 th	Winter Formal Dance
January 22 nd – 26 th	Assessment Week
January 29 th	Semester 2 Begins
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	Talk About Learning Time (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 – Steven Little
Transcripts – TJ Pelletier

**Last day of classes is
Friday, December 22nd
Classes back in session on
Monday, January 8th**

