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LDSS News

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Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022

Our Principal's Message



Welcome to Semester Two. This is always an exciting and busy time at the high school. We are closing semester one, starting semester two and in early preparations for next fall. This column will address four items: staffing changes, semester turnaround, early parent communication and cell phones.

There have been several staffing changes in the last few months. We have welcomed Mrs. **Sara Larsen**, working out of the Cultural Room in an Aboriginal Student Advocate position. Ms. **Jody Patrick** has joined us as a Learning Support Worker. Mr. Little has taken a parental leave until Spring Break to spend time with his growing family. In his absence, Mrs. **Tina Giesbrecht** and Mrs. **Colleen Needoba** are sharing that position.

We always take questions from families when we have a day without students as was the case on Monday. Right up until the end of the day on Friday students were submitting assignments and writing assessments. Monday, the **turnaround day**, was devoted to preparing and checking the report card marks and attending meetings focused on course changes and intervention plans for students needing to repeat a course, needing more time, or change in program focus. In the fall, the admin, clerical and counselling staff have three to five days for these tasks without also having report cards. It is extremely important that we are ready to welcome the students to their classes in a calm and organized manner. As I moved around the building on Tuesday, that is just what was observed.

At times, you may have questions or concerns related to your child's classes. If that is the case, **early parent/teacher contact** is very important. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the teacher by phone or by email to clarify any confusing or concerning messages that you are getting from your student. After you have spoken with the teacher, if your concerns persist, please contact a counsellor or myself.

Finally, most teachers have a **cell phone policy** that limits the use of devices during class time. We request that you contact the office if you need to get a message to your student during class time and we will be happy to pass the message on. If you have questions or requests for information to be placed in upcoming newsletters, please let me know.

LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

February 7th to 9th.....Ski/Snowboard Team Zones at Troll Mountain
February 8th.....Report Card mailed home
February 8th to 10th...Grad Photos
February 11th.....Professional Development Day
February 17th.....Tandoori Grill Lunch for Students and Staff
February 21st.....Family Day
March 21st.....Spring Break Begins
April 4th.....First Day Back to School
April 15th.....Good Friday
April 18th.....Easter Monday
April 29th.....Professional Development Day
May 13th.....Professional Development Day
May 23rd.....Victoria Day
June 17th.....Commencement Ceremony

Pro-D Day
Friday
February 11th

No School!





**Good Luck Emily!
LDSS is cheering
for you.**



Please join us in cheering on former LDSS student, biathlete Emily Dickson, as she competes at the 2022 Beijing Olympics. Emily, a 12-time national champion and a 26-time national medalist, is one of eight athletes on Team Canada. The upcoming Winter Olympics begin on Friday, February 4th.



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Dear Superintendents of Public School Districts and Independent School Authorities;

RE: Northern BC Healthy K to 12 Schools Newsletter

Schools in Northern BC have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 over the past two years. This has raised a lot of questions and concerns for parents/guardians, school staff, and school administration. Over this challenging time, Northern Health (NH) Public Health has worked closely with principals and superintendents of public school districts and independent school authorities, which has helped to strengthen relationships between the health authority and the broader school community in the North.

With this in mind, NH is establishing a new communication pathway for kindergarten to grade 12 (K-12) schools called the *Northern BC Healthy K to 12 Schools Newsletter*, applicable for all Northern BC schools, students, and their families. This newsletter will help to promote healthy schools and offer information and resources about a variety of health topics. The goals of the newsletter are to:

- Develop a clear pathway of communication to provide regular school health information to schools and parents across Northern BC
- Highlight other health information that is important for K to 12 school-age children and youth and their families
- Continue to strengthen communication between NH and Northern BC schools

Our aim is to publish two issues each school year for Autumn/Winter and Spring/Summer. It is best viewed in electronic format as there are web links built into the document. Though, schools are welcome to print copies as desired, since there are QR codes built in to increase accessibility to the information and resources.

We value your continued engagement and partnership to improve the health status of children and youth in Northern BC. If you have any questions, concerns, and ideas for future topics for the newsletter, email HealthySchools@northernhealth.ca.

Yours truly,

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LDSS Lakers clothing is available for order now!

Order and payment deadline is Thursday February 10th.

Call 250-692-7733 for more information.

Russell Lightweight Hood  \$30.00	Russell Hood  \$40.00	Russell Crewneck  \$35.00
Russell T-Shirt  \$20.00	Jogger Pants (Mens/Ladies)  \$40.00	

Lakes District Festival of the Performing Arts

The Lakes District Festival of the Performing Arts 2022 is currently a go!

The festival is scheduled to run from April 19th to 30th, 2022.

The closing date for entries will be February 28th, 2022.

- Instrumental - April 19th with adjudicator Calvin Dyck
- Piano – To Be Announced
- Speech Arts - April 22nd and 23rd with adjudicator Nitasha Rajoo
- Vocals - April 26th to 28th with adjudicator Karyn Way
- April 30th - Gala Honours Night

All current Public Health Orders will be followed. Participants over 12 years of age will be required to be vaccinated to participate.

Students and families interested in Speech Arts can contact Jess Shively (Speech Arts Coordinator) at (250) 692-3912 to help locate poems, etc. to use.