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Morning Families,

Orange Shirt Day:



After a full week of pre-teaching and learning about the intention behind Truth and Reconciliation and the significance of the orange shirt, on this somber day we came together as a full school community. To mark this day, we had our first assembly of the year in our newly renovated gymnasium. We stood as one and joined in singing 'Oh Canada' in three languages, English, Cree, and French (to the best of our ability), with a spirited visual full of dance and community gathering. A student read out the Territorial acknowledgement, and the assembly set the stage for continued learning and a walk up to Trafalgar to 'attempt' to listen to Elders speak. We went, tried our best, felt a little frustrated, focused on the resilience of it all and left. Naomi Legg then went into each class throughout the day, read a story and continued the teachings. It was a rich and meaningful day. Thank you to some parent volunteers who came with us to support their kids and the walk up to our destination.

Cross Country Running:

Cole and Kristin have volunteered their time to co-coach cross country running this year. Wednesday was the first race of the year. This last week's race was held upon the beautiful trails around Selkirk College in Castlegar. We are thankful for our participants and coaches. Way to go everyone!





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Kids at play:

In playing hide and seek with some students, I discovered a group making a home for a young slug. It was a good hiding spot until my questions as to what they were making gave way to me being discovered. Such fun when friends rally together to make the world a better place, for slugs and all.



Work parties:

Much forward motion was gained for our playground this weekend. Thank you for all that came out! We are certainly getting there!





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Lockdown drill rescheduled:

I also want to let parents know that our lockdown drill has been rescheduled to be on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, before lunch. I recognize that this is difficult for some. Please know that the language used will be of Elementary style. These drills are mandated Provincially.

Looking forward to a full week ahead,

Sincerely,

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I gratefully acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District No.8 (Kootenay Lake).

