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Principal's PAC report

Hello families,

Aboriginal Education:

Naomi Legg (Aboriginal Academic Success teacher / Librarian) is a wealth of knowledge and experienced educator. Our goal this year is to offer Teepee teachings in each of our school assemblies and in making this learning visible – a living force. A schedule to have Naomi come into each class as well as offer one-on-one student support has been crafted, and now we are working through an equity lens. At our last staff meeting, I shared the article by Verna J. Kirkness and Ray Barnhardt regarding the Four R's of Indigenous education, being respect, relevance, reciprocity, and responsibility. In this we will circle back to next month's meeting to envision a child's journey through education, K-12 and beyond venture.

Learning (Students and Staff):

Student learning at Wildflower feels like a seamless process due to the deep connection, attachment focus, and depth of knowledge that each educator shares with each child. Learning in each class has depth, is challenging, and fun (although sometimes 'teacher fun').

The staff gathers each Friday (and beyond) to extend learning and to talk about how to propel learning forward, request support from one another, and the team at large. Further when forwarded to our school-based team, we as a small group collaboratively address the needs of the child and create a plan to support the student and teacher along this learning journey - together.

For my own professional development, I am attending the Compassionate Systems' Leadership course work (multi-districts attending), at UBC Nelson, this Friday and Saturday (October 21st and 22nd). As well, I've just started reading the book 'Good Inside' by Dr. Becky Kennedy this morning. The plan is in mid-November, some staff and parents are going to be reading this as a novel study. I'm trying to get ahead of the game!



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Field trips / Volunteers:

Our teachers and staff are incredible at collaborating and value outdoor / experiential learning. This is a several step process, so a huge thank you to our educators for doing what is best for kids and following the safety protocols outlined. We are so thankful to each of you.

As many of you know our districts field trip protocol and volunteer procedures have been re-developed. If you are interested in volunteering and/or taking part in learning with your kids, please ensure that a criminal records check has been completed. Further if you are interested in volunteering more, please see Misty as a volunteer orientation is needed. It is a relatively quick process.

https://www.sd8.bc.ca/sites/default/files/AP%20300.3%20Volunteers_2.pdf.

Foundation Skills Assessment Schedule:

Grade 4

Anna & Emily's classes

Monday	October 24 th (1:20-2:40 p.m.)
Tuesday	October 25 th (8:45-10:00 a.m.)
Tuesday	November 1 st (11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)
Monday	November 7 th (1:20 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.)

Kirsten & Heather's classes

Tuesday	October 25 th (11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)
Tuesday	November 1 st (8:45 - 10:00 am)
Monday	November 7 th (11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)
Tuesday	November 8 th (8:45 - 10:00 am)

Grade 7

Barb's class

Monday	October 24 th (8:45-10:00 a.m.)
Tuesday	October 25 th (1:20 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.)
Tuesday	November 1 st (1:20 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.)



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Tuesday November 8th (11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)
Krista & Kristin's class

Monday October 24th (11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)

Tuesday October 25th (1:20 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.)

Monday November 7th (8:45-10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday November 8th (1:20 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.)

Grade 4 & 7: Catch up dates are these

Wednesday November 9th (8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)

Wednesday November 9th (1:15 - 2:45 p.m.)

Thursday November 10th (1:15 - 2:45 p.m.)

Wildflower hosted Nelson's all candidate forum – open for gym rentals:

We love the opportunity to offer and rent out our gym space to outside groups, agencies, and events. If you hear of anyone in need of a large space, our gym rates are reasonable. Being a community hub is a value for us at Wildflower. Let's keep this place a buzz!

Lock down drill:

In October we conducted our annual lock down drill. The drill took about fifteen minutes. Each space in the building is checked to ensure that they are secured. Overall, it went well, and we learned of ways to run it even smoother for next year. Great job, staff, and students.

Student Trustee:

Let's please offer a Wildflower welcome to this year's student trustee, Jacqueline Willard. Jacqueline will be reaching out to the student body to gather their want for a focus in School District #8, what do we want to see as learners, in our larger community, and in the world. Let's make a plan and work the plan.

Wildscape Project:



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We are continuing to make good progress from the grace and hard work of our school community. Good things to come!

Renovation Status:

The next phase of the renovation will go back to the Universal bathroom with sick bed and cabinet. We are hoping to then engage the middle school students to assist in the planning and organization of our gym equipment storage room.

Upcoming Dates:

Professional Development Day Friday, October 21st

Great Shake out (Earthquake drill) Monday, October

Halloween, Monday, October 31st

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).

