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Principal PAC report: January

Gr. 9 Transitions:

If your child is planning on attending LVR, there is a parent session for current grade 9 students to welcome and inform on Tuesday, February 7th from 6-7 p.m. Further, on February 13th, I will be taking Wildflower's grade 9's to LVR in the afternoon to complete their course sections on MyEd (finalizing course input from the students themselves). If your child is planning on attending either Mt. Sentinel (MSS) or Salmo Secondary (SSS), please contact me at the school and I will connect with Principal Maloff (MSS) or Principal Francis (SSS) to organize an orientation into one of our other feeder schools.

Recycling:

Into the new year, we have continued to recycle our paper and cardboard, as well as continue our compost initiative and pen recycling. As parents, we'd you're your support to remind all to reduce, re-use, and recycle. The least amount of waste we can accrue as a school community the better. Each class has their own system, but as a school community we will be expanding this to a larger system. Stay tuned for our progress next month.

Class configurations:

Currently, we are in process and working on class configurations for our four feeder classes entering our middle school program, as well as a larger school intake process. We have held two evening sessions with our upcoming Seedling parents as well as those hoping to enter our multi-age elementary program. With all these moving parts, my role as well as Cole (case manager / inclusive support teacher) is to work to ensure class composition meets the needs of the members of the British Columbia Teachers Federation (BCTF). This is to support the language bargained for by teachers to support the learning environments for all learners and teachers working conditions. In the next few weeks, we will work with teachers to complete this process. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Inside shoes and socks (need):

Friendly reminder to please check with your child to ensure that they have inside shoes and socks. Currently, there are quite a few that do not. This is important for these several reasons: one being for the upcoming fire drills (no time to run to find shoes), secondly, sanitary reasons (multiple people on flooring with bare feet – germ fest), thirdly, in case of broken glass/window, and fourthly, something falling on foot not in a shoe. You never know...

Equipment room:

Progress is being made in our school equipment room. It is very satisfying to develop workable solutions for all. Thank you to the 'Big Kids' for reaching out to staff to determine the needs of the teachers and interest of the student body in re-curating our physical education needs at Wildflower. Thanks for making the plan and working the plan (my family moto).



District Support appreciated:

The district supported each school to update First Aid training. This was an added bonus that did not come out of our school budget – always greatly appreciated! Thank you to Cole for devoting some extra time on his Friday to make this happen – you rock!

Bus Loading zone plus: Drop and go zone only.

Important messaging about the front Stanley Street bus loading zone. This is not an area that parents / families are able to park (not even to bring your children into the building) – solely classified as a drop off zone. You can stop briefly past the tree and sign, but not before, to drop off the kids. This has been difficult for the bus drivers to navigate, so thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

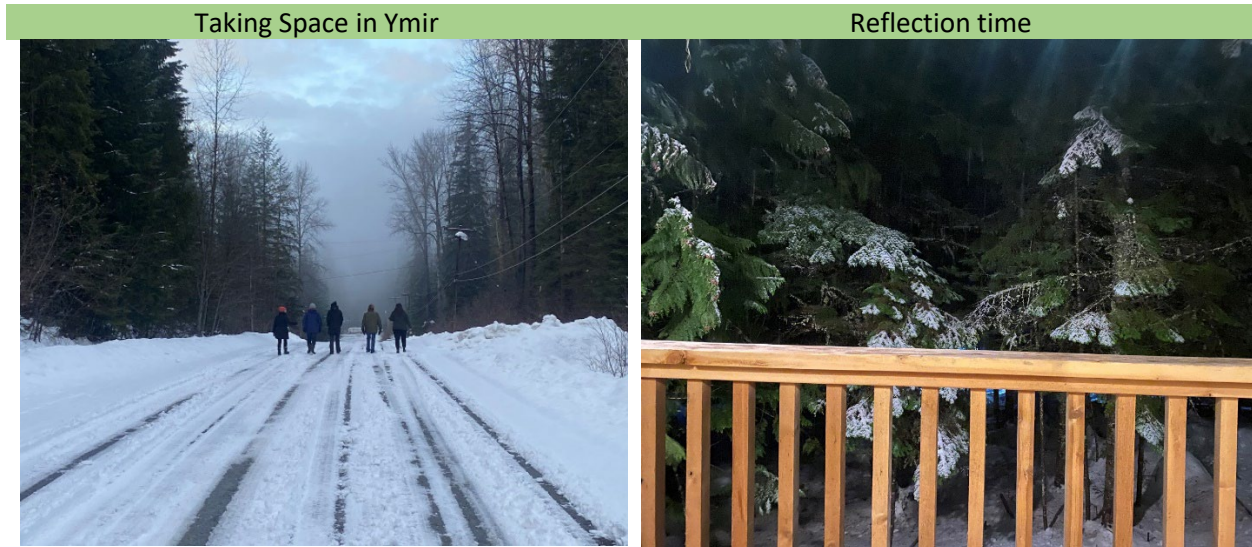
Strategic Plan Engagement process:

We are hoping that as many of you as possible are willing to offer your ideas for our upcoming strategic plan 2024-2029. Below is the website that provides you all with the survey link as well as the

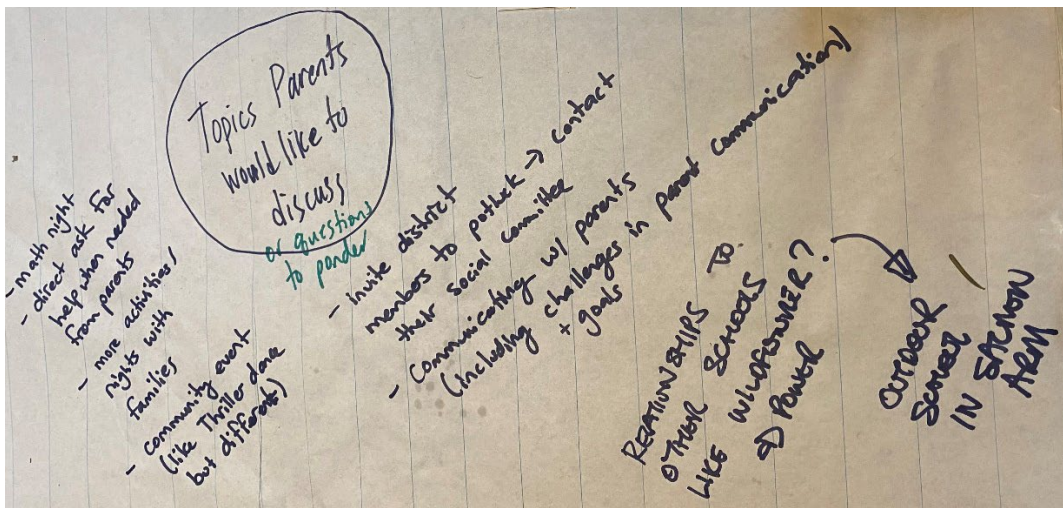
information which all public education schools are to abide, complete with links. At our last staff meeting we reviewed this together, as well as briefly brought forward during the last PAC meeting (link to website forthcoming – time restraints). For more information, please attend the Nelson Family of school’s engagement session on February 13th from 4-6 p.m. in the LVR gymnasium.

<https://engage.sd8.bc.ca/sd8-strategic-plan>

Retreat:



Parent’s voice:





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Staff request:

- Direct ask for help when needed from parents.
 - The full staff discussed and said that when something is needed the staff would reach out. We also spoke about communication protocol (role of PAC and parent community).

School wide events:

- More activity nights with families.
 - Eco-Grief session, Feb 9th
 - Heather's class is planning a dance March 16th.
 - Seedling's concert (last week before Spring Break, date tbd.)
 - Math night
 - In the works. We are in the planning phase. Looking into April to offer this as an evening event, date tbd.
 - Student, Parent, Staff engagement, date tbd.

Connection / Communication:

- Connection with social club from district office is being made this week.
- PAC message, issue dealing with (not just the positives) - monthly. This month parking, recycling (reducing waste in schools), and class configurations.

Relationships / Professional development:

- Connect with other schools with similar programs.
- Professional development to deepen multi-age practice (offer as well as to engage in).

District messaging:

British Columbia Bereavement Helpline

<https://www.bcbh.ca>

Call the Helpline at 604-738-9950

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am - 5pm, Wednesday and Friday 9am - 8:30pm and Saturday 9am - 1pm

Toll free 1-877-779-2223

Free Webinar – Support Your Children's Challenging Behaviors

If you feel at a loss about what is effective to support your child's challenging behaviours, please join me in our next free webinar on Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. PST.



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In this webinar you'll learn:

- Why behaviour interventions (e.g., tokens, consequences, rewards, etc.) are ineffective for kids with trauma backgrounds
- Important practices to successfully implement behaviour-focused strategies
- What types of situations are helpful to apply behaviour-focused strategies
- What other types of strategies and ideas are effective in helping kids with trauma backgrounds

Advanced registration is required and space is limited, so save your spot: <https://complextrauma-ca.zoom....>

If you know someone who could benefit from this free training, please forward this email to them. We want to help others feel equipped to support the children and youth in their lives.

Nelson Soccer:

Nelson Soccer has opened registration for the 2023 Outdoor Youth Soccer Season. Registration can be completed online through our website by creating an account in the [Member Zone](#). See attached flyers for schools.

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).

