

Kootenay Savings Sponsored Breakfast	Tues. Nov. 3rd @ 8:15 am
Remembrance Day	Wed. November 11
Kutapira performance	Monday, November 16 @ 1:30
Elementary & High School Report Cards	Thursday, November 19
Photo Retake Day	Thursday, November 19
Professional Development Day	Friday, November 20, 2009
Student Led Conferences	Thursday, November 26
Winter Concert	Thursday, December 17
Winter Vacation Period	Dec. 21-January 1, 2010
Schools reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2010
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, January 15
Regional Professional Development Day.....	Friday, February 19
Spring Vacation Period	March 8-12, 2010
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 15
Good Friday	Friday, April 2
Easter Monday	Monday, April 5
Non Instructional Day	Friday, May 7
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24
Administration Day/Schools Close	Wednesday, June 30, 2010

ArtStarts Performance

During October we had three performances in school bringing the performing arts into our community. On **Monday November 16th** at 1:30pm we welcome a band called 'Kutapira' who will combine the traditions of Zimbabwean marimba music with the rhythmic soul of Afro-Cuban drumming. All community members are welcome.

The Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run held on September 21st brought in a grand total of \$996.71. Thank you to all the students who collected pledges as well as thanks to the community of supporting this worthwhile cause.

After School Art Club

Put away the pumpkins and get ready for making frosty snowmen and beautiful angels! Come make woollen and felted Christmas decorations in a new after school program for children between the ages of 7 to 12. Marcy Mahr has several beautiful project ideas to help make the holidays more festive. Six classes will be offered on Tuesdays from 3:15-5:00pm beginning **November 10th** and ending on December 15th. The class will be located in the Home Economics room. Classes are free! Special thanks to the Hidden Garden Gallery for sponsoring such a fun opportunity at the school. Please register in advance at the office.

Marcy's looking for volunteer assistance from older students who might be interested in learning how to felt and sculpt with wool. For interested grads, these volunteer hours will count towards your graduation transition. Call Marcy for more info: 358-2660.

Student Led Conferences – School will close early at 12:14pm on **Thursday 26th November** as we have our first of two Student-Led Conferences for the year. This is an opportunity for students to invite their parents and guardians into school and to show the excellent learning that they are doing in school. More details and specific times for your visit will be provided nearer the event but do mark it on your calendar now as it is an important event in your child's school year.

Lucerne is being asked to showcase our model of student-led conferences with others. UBC and the West Kootenay Teacher Education program (WKTEP) have expressed interest in this innovative and successful school-wide practice. UBC is funding the creation of a video to be captured both this November and in April which will show student- teachers, PACs and other school boards, how we have integrated student-led conferences. Howard Bearham has been hired to film some of this exciting work.

Examples from primary, intermediate and secondary will demonstrate how students in our school prepare for student-led conferences. The video will document students at work in various classes setting learning goals, reflecting on their progress and gathering work samples to prepare for the November and April student-led conference. The video will also document our November 26th, 2009 student-led conferences at Lucerne School. Finally, through interviews with students, parents, teachers and the principal, the video will show how the process of working together over time in a rural community, using leadership and feedback from students and parents and school staff, has yielded a model of student-led conferences with student learning firmly at its heart.

If you are interested in helping us create this video by having some part of your student-led conference filmed, please contact Terry Taylor or Natasha Miles at the school. We are looking for primary, elementary and secondary families to help us tell the story as students prepare their goals, reflect and think about their learning, and as they conduct the conferences. As well, we would like to document a number of short interviews with parents and students talking about experiences with student-led conferences at Lucerne. Give a call if you are interested.

Lucerne Writing Students Rock at WordFest in Banff

Take 16 talented young writers, put them in vans and cars, drive across the mountains and hang out in the artsy culture and mountain air at the Banff Centre for Fine Arts. What do you get? Another successful Writing class field trip to Banff WordFest!

Our students had a great time bonding in the hot springs inside our hotel, listening to nationally and internationally known writers read their new work, and especially enjoyed the annual "Poetry Cabaret". Another highlight was the workshop with performance poet, Alexis O'Hara. Students created podcasts: their poetry read aloud and then augmented with music, sound effects and audio enhancements.

In all, it was yet another great field trip, with our students once more acknowledged by others as being polite, respectful, and very thoughtful and engaged teenagers. (YAY!!!!)

Many thanks to our wonderful parent supervisors and drivers: Bill Johnston, Monika Smutny, and Steve Hammond. You were also a joy for all of us!

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Principal's Greeting November

November conjures up for me images of bonfires, fireworks, dark evenings, swathes of dry leaves piling up on the pavements, birthday presents (mine) and poppies. Every year I make a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion for a poppy and no doubt by the time November 11th arrives this year I will have donated five times over having lost each of the previous poppies. Last year when I was attending a wet Remembrance Day parade in Port Hardy I was pleased to see so many students attending the parade. In particular I watched one teenager, who could be challenging at times in school, proudly represent his school and lay down a wreath at the cenotaph. That he was born in an era of peace is reason alone to take a moment on November 11th to be thankful for the role Canadians have taken in protecting the freedom that we benefit from every day. Our Remembrance Day Assembly is on **Tuesday, November 10th** at 10.30am and all are welcome. School is closed on **Wednesday November 11th** and starting at 10.45 at the Village Hall a Remembrance Day Ceremony will parade to the cenotaph followed by a short memorial at the Bosun Hall. See you there!

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Taress Alexis, a Sinixt Nation storyteller to visit

Part of the Sinixt people's commitment is to connect with Slocan Valley folks as this land is their traditional homeland, where their ancestors lived for thousands of years. Their grand parents and great-grandparents were born in this territory, but the Sinixt were absent from the area for a couple of generations, only returning in 1989. Taress Alexis will share stories with our elementary school on the morning of Monday, November 16th and parents are welcome to listen too.

H1N1 Update

The signs and symptoms of influenza are: fever, runny nose, extreme fatigue, cough, headache, sore throat, muscle aches and pains and may include diarrhea and vomiting (especially in children). If students or staff display these symptoms they should not attend school and should see a health care provider. They should stay at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever. Any student or staff member who becomes ill during the day will be sent home. Symptom-free individuals should attend school. The school has not received information yet about when vaccinations will be available in our area.

Report Cards

Report Cards for the end of Term 1 will be due to go home on **Thursday, November 19th** as there is no school for students on Friday 20th due to professional development for staff. Students will be given their report cards with the instruction that they should not be opened until they get home. Please let the office know if you would prefer to pick up your child's report card on Thursday at the end of the day or if you would like it mailed. If this is the case it will go in the mail on Thursday.