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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS
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Principal's Message

We've already completed two months of the 2008/09 school year. Grade 12 students have started to plan their graduation festivities. Classes have been to Banff and Vancouver, the Soccer season is behind us, and we are now headed into the colder, greyer months of the year. In order to keep our adolescent group involved in healthy activities, I am looking for someone to volunteer to head a Floor Hockey night at Lucerne. In the past, RCMP officer Steve Oster managed a Friday night floor hockey group; however, changes in regulations mean that the RCMP may be called out at any time. They are willing to be highly involved, but cannot head the event.

Halloween is upon us and as usual the staff at Lucerne requests your cooperation regarding snacks at school. Please continue to send healthy snacks to school and do not allow your child(ren) to bring candy.



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KINDERGARTEN RESEARCH PROJECT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Some elementary schools in West Kootenay communities have the opportunity to participate in an exciting national project called "Understanding the Early Years" or UEY. The focus of UEY is to better understand the needs of young children and families so that communities can determine the best programs and services to meet those needs.

This fall, parents of children in kindergarten will be asked to give permission for their child to complete three activities that measure children's development. As well, parents of these kindergarten children will be asked to complete an interview about their family, the child's health, behaviour, activities, and the family's use of community resources.

According to Kim Adamson, West Kootenay UEY Coordinator, "participating in the UEY research project will provide our region with important information to improve the lives of children and families". Kim stresses "It is important for kindergarten parents to know that their child's results will not be examined individually, but rather data will be compiled to provide a regional picture".

This study is sponsored by the federal government through Human Resources and Social Development Canada. For additional information about the project, please contact Kim Adamson at 352-6786 or toll-free at 1-866-551-KIDS (5437). For further information, visit www.hrsdc.gc.ca.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
PHOTO RETAKE DAY:
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE GETTING A RETAKE, PLEASE PICK UP A RETAKE ORDER ENVELOPE FROM THE OFFICE. RETAKE ORDERS HAVE TO BE PREPAID.
SOUP DAY
THURSDAYS ARE HOT SOUP DAY. REMEMBER TO SIGN UP. \$2.00 FOR A BOWL OF SOUP AND BREAD.

School Calendar 2008-2009

Remembrance Day.....	Tuesday, November 11, 2008
Retake Day	Thursday, November 13, 2008
Report Cards	Thursday, November 20, 2008
Professional Development Day	Friday, November 21, 2008
Student Led Conferences (early dismissal).....	Thursday, December 4, 2008
PAC Meeting @ 3:30	Thursday, December 11, 2008
Winter Concert	Thursday, December 18, 2008
Last day before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2008
Winter Vacation Period	December 22-January 2, 2009
Schools reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2009
NI Day—Implementation Day.....	Friday, January 16, 2009
Regional Professional Development Day	Friday, February 20, 2009
Last day before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2009
Spring Vacation Period	March 16—27, 2009
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2009
Good Friday.....	Friday, April 10, 2009
Easter Monday.....	Monday, April 13, 2009
Non Instructional Day.....	Friday, May 8, 2009
Victoria Day.....	Monday, May 18, 2009
Graduation Ceremonies.....	Saturday, June 13, 2009
Administration Day/Schools Close.....	Friday, June 26, 2009

GRAD FUNDRAISER

THE GRAD CLASS WILL HAVE A TABLE AT THE 35TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH. THE GRADS AND THEIR PARENTS WILL BE BUSY SELLING BAKING, A FEW QUALITY SECOND HAND ITEMS, TICKETS FOR RAFFLE BASKETS AND WILL ALSO BE PROVIDING A GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE. THEY WILL HAVE A SELECTION OF GIFT WRAPS AVAILABLE FOR A VARIETY OF OCCASIONS - A CONVENIENT WAY TO HAVE YOUR PURCHASES WRAPPED AND READY TO GO.



THANK YOU

The staff and students participated in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 26th. Thanks to the generosity of the community, the students were able to collect a total of \$1,384.48 towards this very worthy cause. Mountainberry Foods kindly donated the oranges that the participants enjoyed at the end of the run.

GRADE 5/6 CLASS GOES TO VANCOUVER

Between October 20 - 24th, ten Grade 5/6 students and 5 adults went off to participate in Vancouver's Writer's Festival. They stayed in Vancouver's West End at the famous hotel, "The Sylvia". Students got to walk along the seashore and explore the ocean.

They travelled to and from Granville Island by water taxi where they met eight different authors, Jean Little, Deborah Ellis, Marie Louis Gay, David Homel, Gary Fagan, Sherri Fitch and Susan Nielsen. The students purchased many books from the authors and came home anxious to read. All the novels purchased will be on display in the library and available for others to check out.

While in Vancouver, students went to Science World and participated in an electricity workshop. They used all types of public transportation, and even rode the Sea Bus. The trip was a fantastic opportunity and a great time was had by all of the participants.

Thanks to Debbie Hicks, Kerry Heichert, Tami Delaney and Elaine Maxinuk for joining the trip.

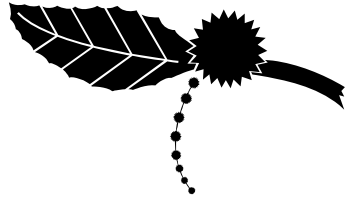
WORDFEST TRIP 2008 - A ROUSING SUCCESS..

It's become an annual event. This year's Writing 9-12 class once again attended WordFest, a festival of professional writers in Calgary and Banff. Whether watching aboriginal novelist, Drew Haydn Taylor read from his latest book, or listening to Nigerian-born Afro-beat poet and Professor of Psychiatric Medicine, Ikwunga, the students saw and heard a truly global representation of writers. Miles Merrill from Australia, Coral Bracho from Spain, and Kinnie Starr from Canada were some of the writers who performed at WordFest this year.

Intensive writing workshops with young adult novelist, Cecil Castelluci, and spoken word poet master, Shane Koyzcan, were highlights of the four day field trip. Students learned tips from Montreal native, Cecil Castelluci, about how to construct characters in fiction using her model that every character has their own secret powers, weaknesses, loves, enemies and special places. Shane Koyzcan's workshop introduced students to the power of spoken word poetry. Originally from Yellowknife, and now resident in Penticton, Shane was the hit of WordFest for Lucerne students and earned standing ovations with audiences both in Calgary and at the Banff Centre for Fine Arts. His writing used powerful imagery, sound rhythms, and strong emotions about humanity to communicate his ideas.

It was a jam-packed four days, but well worth the trip. Riding the C-train in downtown Calgary, soaking in our hotel's private hot spring in Banff, and listening to great writers from around the world made this year's WordFest trip another rousing success!





We'd like to say thanks to all of you who entered our **Guess How Many Chestnuts Contest**. Many of you had great guesses!

Altogether there were 86 kids and adults who entered our contest.

We counted all those chestnuts and found out that we had 395 altogether.

THE WINNERS

Pre School – Grade 1: Liam Shandro-Gosselin

Grade 3 – Grade 7: Rayan Duerichen and Wyatt Donaldson

Grade 8 – Grade 12: Sadye Butler

Community and Staff: Chaez Johnsin

Thank you very much for helping us learn about estimating and large numbers.

The K/1 Class