

School Calendar 2009/2010

Schools Open.....	Tuesday, September 8, 2009
Welcome Back BBQ @ 5:30 pm.....	Thursday, September 10
District Non Instructional Day.....	Friday, September 18
Terry Fox Run @ 11:15 am.....	Monday, September 21
Fall Into Learning Week.....	Tues. Sept. 22-Fri. Sept. 25
Harvest Fair.....	Friday, October 2
Thanksgiving Day.....	Monday, October 12
Professional Development Day.....	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day.....	Wed. November 11
Elementary & High School Report Cards.....	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

Kootenay Savings 'Movie Night in the Park'

Last year's Family Movie Night in the Park in Trail was such a smashing success we're expanding it to three Movie Nights in the Park for 2009! Admission is **FREE**, and we're asking everyone to bring a non-perishable food item to support your local food bank during a time of year when their cupboards are often bare.

September 10th -Nakusp Arena Soccer Field (for more information call: 250 368 2683)



Attendance

Every day at school matters. Please support your child in their daily, regular attendance and ensure that they arrive on time. Teachers are ready to start their classes as soon as the morning bell goes. If your child is unable to attend school due to a medical reason or a family matter please let the school office know as soon as possible. If the absence is for several days do talk to your child's home room teacher to discuss the learning that has taken place / will take place in school during their absence.



Lucerne School

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT
NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS
OCTOBER 1, 2009

Principal's Message

What a glorious, memorable summer we have all had! As students and staff return to the classrooms of Lucerne School full of energy for the year ahead I wish to share a story I heard over the summer that made me stop 'being busy' for a moment and gave me cause to reflect. It is a story of an elementary school student called Kimani Nganga Maruge who went to school in Kenya. He held a world record - for being the eldest person to start elementary school. He was 84! When he was a child he didn't have the opportunity to go to school but in 2004, a year after his government started free schooling, he decided it was about time to learn to read and do his Math. Sadly he died in the summer at 90 years old before he was able to finish school but his story is a quiet reminder to make the most of our opportunities in school.

There have been very few staff changes over the summer: Stan Strebchuk joins our custodial team and we thank Penny Falhman for her commitment to our school as she moves on. As for myself, Ms. Natasha Miles, I join the team of staff as principal having left behind School District 85 and Port Hardy on Vancouver Island which I called home for the last year three years. My husband and I emigrated to Canada from the UK in 2006 so my accent is British not Australian! I look forward tremendously to the year ahead and am sure that the warm welcome I have received in New Denver is an indication of the great year ahead.

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Volunteers

Every school needs volunteers to help it provide as many opportunities as possible for its students. It may be that you can volunteer time during the day to help with readers in class or on a class field trip. You may be keen to be a Community Coach for a sports team or drive members of a team to a game. Volunteers are always needed at big events such as the Christmas Concert or Graduation. School District 10 requires volunteers to complete a **School Volunteer Information / Application** and a **criminal record search** at the start of each year. These forms are available at the school office and the check is free for school volunteers. If you are able to drive students to sports events we also need to see a **driver's abstract** which can be obtained for free from ICBC. We also have a strong PAC who meet once a month after school to organise fun events for the students and fundraising events.

Welcome Back to School Barbeque

Students and parents are invited to our 'Welcome Back to School Barbeque' on Thursday 10th September at 5.30pm hosted by school staff. There will be a meeting for parents of grade 8-12 students about the activities available during 'Fall into Learning' which this year is Tuesday, 22nd September - Friday 25th September. This would also be a good opportunity for grad parents and students to have quick meeting regarding upcoming fundraisers and events after the 'Fall into Learning' information session.