
September Newsletter



Principal's Greeting

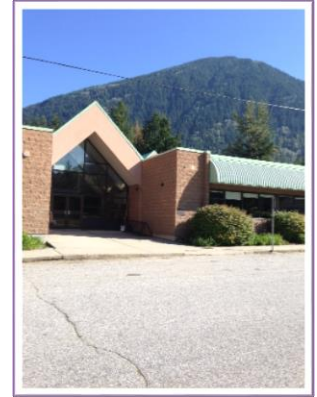
Welcome to a new year at Lucerne! I am thrilled to be joining the staff and students at Lucerne, as well as getting to know community members. We have a great year planned, with some new staff joining us. Mr. Elliot Brady will be teaching senior Math and Science; Mrs. Richelle Johnston will be teaching English, Writing, Theatre, and Visual Arts; Mr. Cameron Robertson will be joining us two days a week as a school counsellor. We are also pleased to welcome back Ms. Signy Fredrickson, who will be teaching grade 7 & 8 Math and Science, as well as elementary Science and PE. She will also be our Aboriginal Education teacher.

Mr. Gary Parkstrom, Ms. Patti Sebben, Ms. Katrina Sumrall, Ms. Heather Jenkins, Ms. Rachelle Champagne, and Mrs. Paula Rogers are excited to return to their classes – Mrs. Rogers will be covering Mr. Scott Kipkie's DL assignment while he is on leave. We will also have three West Kootenay Teacher Education students joining us throughout the year. Please welcome them as they begin their professional education journey!

Kerry Heichert, Barb Mark, Heather Simpson, and Charlene Alexander join us as Education Assistants and StrongStart Coordinator, respectively.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of our staff members if you have questions about your child as they learn at Lucerne.

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School Start Date

While we are hoping for September 2nd being the first day of school, we are awaiting news of progress in the BCTF Labour Dispute. Please see www.sd10.bc.ca or www.bcparentinfo.ca for further updates.

Welcome Back to School BBQ

We are planning for a welcome back to school BBQ. The date for this event is To Be Announced once school is in session. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's elementary home room teacher or secondary school teachers and ask questions about the courses ahead.

More Important News

Kindergarten students

A hearty welcome to our new Kindergarten students who will be starting school in Ms. Champagne's class. During the first two weeks of school, Kindergarten students will come to school for mornings until 12.00PM.

PAC Meetings

The first PAC meeting has not been scheduled pending the outcome of the labour dispute. Please stay tuned for the date and time to be announced!

Booking School Facilities

Please visit the school office to collect a school rental form if your organization wishes to use a room in the building. It is necessary to fill out the form ahead of time to notify our maintenance staff; also please be aware that additional custodian costs may be incurred if rentals occur outside of our regular custodial hours. Also, depending on the nature of the group, a small fee may be charged for insurance purposes; youth groups and educational groups are usually free.

Visitors to the School

All visitors must enter the school building through the main entrance and report to the school office during school hours. This does include parents and guardians. At the end of the day elementary parents are welcome to use the main entrance or the entrance leading onto the school field and wait in the carpeted area for their children.



In the Community

LESS is on Facebook!

Check out our Facebook page for up to date current events directly to your newsfeed!

Immersion Weeks

At this point, due to the labour dispute, we have been unable to schedule the Immersion weeks for Lucerne Secondary. As we know more, we will communicate upcoming schedules to parents and students.

Communication

I will be striving to share as much information as possible in a timely way during these upcoming weeks. Please keep in touch by checking out our website and FB site, where I will be posting the latest information. Also, feel free to stop in at the school or email me at nicol.suhr@sd10.bc.ca.