



# KOOTENAY LAKE UPD8

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WEDNESDAY MORNING MEMO

## From the Desk of the Superintendent, Patricia Dooley . . .

### Friday, February 27th PRO D Day

The theme of collaboration throughout SD 8 will continue on the **February 27th District Pro-D day**. The day will begin at three primary sites: L.V.R., P.C.S.S. and S.S.S.

- The teaching staff will meet at PCSS and LVR for two hours of grade and subject alike meetings starting at 9:00 am local times.
- Lunch, on your own, will be from 11:00 to 12:00. Following that, collaborative teams will meet from 12:00 to 3:00.
- Library Assistants, Paraeducators, and Operational Staff will meet at Salmo

Secondary School.

- Clerical staff will meet at L.V.R.
- February 27th is a mandatory Pro D day for all CUPE personnel. Vacation and/or banked time will not be approved, you may not work at your school; you may have time off without pay for that day, but it must be with the approval of your immediate supervisor.

**Pro D Programs are available at all sites.**



### Supporting Struggling Learners with Leyton Schnellert, March 2nd

The third session in the Supporting Struggling Learners series is scheduled for **Monday, March 2**, with **Leyton Schnellert**, author of *Student Diversity*, as facilitator.

Learning intentions are to encourage the building and sharing of knowledge related to

literacy learning in the 7-12 classroom, and to explore ways of supporting literacy development across the curriculum.

The next Study Group is scheduled for **Thursday, April 16th**, 4:00—6:00 pm at the Board Office.

### Anti-Bullying (Pink Shirt) Day, Wednesday, February 25th



All students have a right to feel safe and secure at school. While S.D.#8 has a number of policies and all schools have codes of conduct which speak to the notion of safe, bully-free environments, we know there are incidences where students are not treated as we would want them to be treated, or the way we would want to be treated ourselves.

Many of us will remember times when bullying made the news, times when the consequences were tragic, and it is incumbent on all of us to try our best to make our schools and communities ones characterized by kindness, respect, caring and a focus on belonging.

February 25 is '**ANTI-BULLYING DAY**' and pink shirts will abound, but let's reinforce the message and intent throughout the year by the way we live, what we model, and what we tolerate.

**WEAR PINK ON FEBRUARY 25th IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-BULLYING DAY!**

### The District Calendar: Looking 10 Days Forward . . .

This part of the Wednesday morning bulletin will be used to share key district happenings for the 10 days following that edition of the bulletin.

*Thought of the Week:*

*The Golden Rule*

*"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."*

- **Job Description Meeting**, Wednesday, February 25 (1-4), Board Office
- **ACE Meeting**, Wednesday, February 25 (4-6), Crawford Bay School
- **Literacy Innovation Action Research Project (with Caren Cameron)**, Thursday, February 26 (9-3), Board Office
- **DPAC Meeting**, Thursday, February 26 (6-9), Board Office
- **Susan Augustyn Session**, Thursday, February 26 (6:30-9), Trafalgar Library
- **PRO—D DAY**
- **Leyton Schnellert**, Monday, March 2 (8:45-2:45), Board Office
- Special Education Review, Tuesday, March 3 (9-2), Board Office
- **French Immersion Meeting**, Wednesday, March 4 (8:30-11:30), Board Office
- **FSA Marking**, Wednesday, March 4 (4-8), Board Office & Thursday, March 5 (8:30-4:30), Board Office
- **HCE—Grade 7-9**, Friday, March 6 (9-12), Board Office

### Around the District . . .

- **DESTINATION IMAGINATION REGIONAL TOURNAMENT, Saturday, February 28th, 9:30—1:30, at W.E. Graham Community School**

Teams from W.E.G, South Nelson, L.V.R., and Trafalgar will be competing at the Regional Tournament. All teams will be able to attend the Provincials in Mission in April, if they so wish. It will be a fun day with teams working on both their Long Term Challenge and an Instant Challenge. Two teams of Rising Stars (ages 4-7) will present their challenge also. Come out and watch our kids display their creative thinking skills. Please contact Nancy Jones at [nancy\\_jones@shaw.ca](mailto:nancy_jones@shaw.ca); or Barb Lindsay at [purebarb@hotmail.com](mailto:purebarb@hotmail.com) for further info.

- **GRADE 6 BASKETBALL PLAYDAY**

*Who?* Grade 6 Co-ed Basketball Playday!

Teams that are coming: Canyon/Lister,

Trafalgar (4 teams); ARES (2 teams); SES (2 teams);

Winlaw; Creston Homelinks.

*Date:* Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>

*Time:* Start at 10:30 am until 1:30 pm Pacific Time

*Where:* Salmo Secondary School



(some games will be at Salmo Elementary School).

*Rules:* Half court after basket. Turn over of ball if a foul. Scores will be displayed. No jump balls, except at centre. If kids tie-up the ball, ball will be alternated between teams...(first, home team, next visitor, and so on).

**Book your bus! And we'll see you in Sunny Salmo!**

- The **Brent Kennedy PAC** recently received a donation of \$10,000 towards a new play structure from Kootenay Savings Credit Union.
- **Dan Rude**, a teacher at Crawford Bay, has been recognized as a 2008 Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence Finalist. Congratulations!

I was sorry to hear of the death of **Travis Steeger**, a former SD#8 student who attended Central, Trafalgar, and L.V.R., graduating in 2008.

Travis was well known in the skiing community and was killed tragically in Fernie over the weekend while on a ski meet. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.