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*Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory - We acknowledge, respect, and honor the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District No. 8.*

## District

1. Superintendent's Report [October 2023](#)
  - Now organized to match the SD8 Strategic Priorities (Lifelong Learners, Connected Learners, Caring and Inclusive Learning Culture, Cultural Identity Development, Career Development)
2. Next Online Parent Engagement Session: Mental Health in Schools: Foundry, Open Parachute, PreVenture ([link to Zoom](#)) November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Engagement

3. The playground was completed and approved by safety on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> (except merry-go-round). The kids are absolutely beyond themselves with excitement. It was wonderful to see the community of staff, students, parents, families, and community members come together to make this project happen. Extra special thank you to PAC for their fundraising efforts and volunteer recruitment.
4. Family Engagement Night & Book Fair (date TBD)
5. Superintendent's visit to CLES on October 26<sup>th</sup>
6. Volunteer needed for breakfast program grocery pickup once per week.

## Learning

7. CLES welcomed Jillian Newfield as our new Aboriginal Youth and Family Worker on October 3<sup>rd</sup>
8. Professional Development Day (Friday October 20, 2023): literacy (phonics), numeracy.
9. Mr. Ewashen's class hosted the Terry Fox assembly; students presented their research about Terry Fox and honoured their family members who they were running for.
10. Mme Victoria's class hosted the assembly for Truth and Reconciliation, highlighting the 94 Calls to Action by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. In addition, students at CLES honoured the day by participating in Orange Shirt Day.

## Business

11. School Budget