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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 [Mid-Winter Edition](#)
2. Next Online Parent Engagement Sessions:
  - January 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm MST ([link](#)): SD8 K-3 Literacy Program
  - February 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm MST ([link](#)): Three Year Grad Plan
3. Next Board Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm MST ([link](#))
4. Next DPAC Meeting: January 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm MST ([link](#))

## Engagement

5. Registration for French Immersion is now open. CLES is currently its fourth year with a French Immersion classroom. Since its beginning in the fall of 2020, we have seen significant growth and interest in the program, which has more than doubled from 12 students in 2020 to 29 students this year. ([link](#))
6. Registration for Kindergarten is now open ([link](#)).
7. CLES received a donation of \$1334 from the Cram the Cruiser Fundraiser to go towards supporting our breakfast program. This year the annual local fundraiser was led by the Town of Creston's Public Safety (Local RCMP, BC Ambulance, Creston By-Law officer) partnered up with Royal LePage Realty and Pealow's Independent Grocer. They were able to fill 4 RCMP cruisers with donations of non-perishable food items, toys and cash for the Creston community. CLES is very grateful for the donation.
8. Creston Valley Thundercats. The T-Cat players have been visiting CLES students every second Thursday at recess; this has been a big hit with students. In addition, the T-Cat's have donated tickets to CLES; two tickets are drawn for every home game from the UNESCO card box.
9. December Assembly: Mme. Victoria's French Immersion Grade 5/6/7 class performed the play 'Trois Petits Cochons' (Three Little Pigs).

## Learning

10. Be the Change club is working on a mural in the lunch area. The mural will feature a geometric sunset over water as the background with the text 'Be the Change' as the main feature. Students in the club have painted the letters with intricate designs and are excited to see their artwork come to fruition.
11. Be the Change club has started a new fundraiser to raise funds for two new benches to replace the old benches at the front of the school. The benches they're fundraising for are made from recycled plastic collected from the ocean. The benches will come from the non-profit organization called [Ocean Legacy](#) which is which was co-founded by James Middleton who is originally from Creston. While students in the Be the Change club work towards fundraising for the benches they will be learning about ocean pollution. Club leaders, Jessica DeBoon and Rachel Vlachos anticipate this project to last about a year.

## CLES Calendar

12. ProD Day Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>
13. Skiing (Gr 4-7) January 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Students who do not go skiing will have the opportunity to go skating (Gr K-7)