



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 [February 2024](#)
2. **SOGI-inclusive education:** There is a lot of misinformation and disinformation about SOGI-inclusive education. With that in mind, the ministry has created a new resource to help parents understand the non-truths and truths when it comes to SOGI in B.C. schools. Visit the Resources section of the [Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity \(SOGI\) web page](#) for a copy of this document, which is available in multiple languages.
3. Next Online Parent Engagement Sessions:
 - February 22nd 7pm MST ([link](#)): SD8 K-3 Numeracy Program
4. Next Board Meeting: February 13th 6pm MST ([link](#))
5. Next DPAC Meeting: February 15th 7pm MST ([link](#))

Engagement

6. Registration open for French Immersion (deadline 5pm MST March 1st 2024) ([link](#))
7. Registration open for Kindergarten is currently open (encouraged to register before March 29th 2024) ([link](#))
8. January Assembly: Ms. King's K-1 class performed their annual 'Lost-and-Found Fashion Show'
9. Musical guests: The Creston Concert Society sponsored a performance by east coast musicians Morgan Toney and Keith Mullins at CLES on January 22nd 2024, for both CLES and Yaqan Nukiy students. The performance consisted of a musical journey of the Mi'kmaltic (Mi'kmaq + Celtic) music genre, which has a beautiful blend of fiddle, guitar and vocals. This interactive performance also including an opportunity for students to sing along and join in on a dance. CLES students were surely surprised when our very own Ms. Jillian (CLES's AbEd YFW) stepped up with her fiddle as a guest performer! CLES students are very grateful to the Creston Concert Society for sponsoring this performance!

Learning

10. Be the Change club mural is almost complete.
11. Lunar New Year: Students in Ms. Danforth's class have undertaken a month-long inquiry into learning about Lunar New Year which takes place on Saturday February 10th this year. Lunar New Year marks the beginning of a new year based on the lunar calendar and is celebrated by many communities and cultures throughout the entire world. There are many cultural traditions connected with Lunar New Year that vary throughout different parts of the world; students have been engaging in research projects to explore how different communities celebrate this annual holiday. In addition, students are preparing costumes to go along with a Dragon Dance and Lion Dance that they will perform for CLES students on Feb 9th.

CLES Calendar

12. Annual Winter Feast for AbEd students February 9th at lunch
13. ProD Day Friday February 16th (No School)
14. Family Day February 19th (No School)
15. ArtStarts: CLES has been selected to receive two performances sponsored by ArtStarts, we are excited to be hosting [Shayna Jones](#) (Mar 4th at 1pm) and [Ache Brasil](#) (May 13th at 1pm).
16. Written Learning Updates (formerly known as Report Cards) come out March 8th
17. Grade 4-7 CLES talent show March 8th (teacher sponsor Ms. Danforth)
18. Spring Break March 16th to April 1st