

Parent Advisory Council Principal's Report

November 4th 2025

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 (link)
- 2. Next Board Meeting: November 4th (virtual link)
- 3. Virtual Parent Engagement
 - November 27th K-3 Literacy, Numeracy and Early Learning (link)
- 4. DPAC information (link)

Learning

- 5. Therapeutic Riding: Our students recently had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Therapeutic Riding Program at the Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship (CVSTH) again this Fall. This program continues to be an incredible experience, offering not only physical benefits but also supporting emotional and mental well-being. Through both mounted and unmounted activities, students build confidence, trust, and joy as they connect with the horses. The calm and supportive environment at CVSTH provides a safe space for each student to explore new skills, try challenges, and celebrate accomplishments. We are so grateful for this ongoing partnership and the amazing impact it has on our students. We look forward to many more enriching sessions ahead!
- 6. Giving Thanks: Our Grade 1/2 students helped spread some Thanksgiving cheer this week by delivering beautiful Thanksgiving baskets to our teachers and Educational Assistants. The baskets were a way to say thank you for all the care, support, and kindness staff show every day. We're so proud of our young learners for showing gratitude and helping make our school a warm and caring place. Great job, Grade 1/2!

School

- 7. <u>CLES Website</u>: <u>blog</u> and <u>calendar</u> Don't forget to check out our school website for the latest news, updates, and events! Our blog shares stories and highlights from school activities, and the calendar helps you stay on top of important dates and upcoming events. It's a great way to stay connected with everything happening at Canyon-Lister Elementary.
- 8. <u>Halloween</u>: Halloween at CLES was full of excitement, laughter, and amazing costumes! The halls were buzzing with dinosaurs, princesses, Luke Skywalker, and even a few Hogwarts students. If you happened to notice an unusually high number of pirates roaming the halls, don't worry, it was just the staff getting into the Halloween spirit (and maybe eyeing the candy treasure!). A huge thank you to our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for hosting the delicious taco lunch. It was the perfect way to celebrate the day and fuel up our little monsters and ghouls for the afternoon's festivities. What a fun and festive day at CLES. Happy Halloween, everyone!
- 9. Volleyball: Our CLES volleyball team had an exciting day as they hosted a mini-tournament right here at Canyon-Lister Elementary! We were thrilled to welcome students from Salmo Elementary for a fun afternoon of friendly competition, teamwork, and school spirit. Players demonstrated great sportsmanship, encouragement, and energy throughout the games, cheering one another on and showing how practice and teamwork pay off. It was wonderful to see so many smiles, high-fives, and great rallies on the court! A big thank you to our coaches, staff, and volunteers who helped make the event such a success, and to our Salmo guests for joining us. Way to go, teams! We're proud of your effort and enthusiasm!
- 10. Cross Country: On Thursday, October 9th, our Canyon-Lister Elementary Cross Country team laced up their runners and took to the trails at beautiful Canyon-Lister Park for a fun and energetic day of racing! The event brought together students from Adam Robertson Elementary, Erickson Elementary, and Salmo Elementary, creating a wonderful sense of community, sportsmanship, and friendly competition. The weather couldn't have been better, and the excitement was high as runners from all grades showed courage, perseverance, and school spirit out on the course. It was inspiring to see students cheering one another on, pushing themselves to do their best, and celebrating every finish whether it was a sprint to the line or a steady, determined jog to the end. A big shoutout to all our runners who represented Canyon-Lister with pride and positivity! Your hard work at practices and your great attitudes on race day truly shone through. Thank you as well to our staff, families, and volunteers who came out to support the event we couldn't have done it without you. Way to go, runners you make us proud!
- 11. PAC funding requests 2025-2026: Pre-discussion items. Will discuss at November PAC meeting.

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\$150	Santa Clause (approved at 10-7-2025 PAC meeting, see minutes)
	Prizes for House Teams UNESCO Cards
\$223.60	Photo subsidy. To cover approximately 16 students who are not
	able to pay. Approx between \$350-\$400 (approved at 9-9-2025
	PAC meeting, see minutes)
	Winter Holiday Fun Day
	Ice Skating (3 ski days this year)(paid directly by PAC)
\$210	Ski Subsidy (3 subsidies at \$70 each)
	Non-skiers (intermediate grades) fun day activities for two days
	(craft supplies)
	Grade 7 gift bags (19 students)
	Grade 7 pizza/snacks for graduation celebration (paid directly by
	PAC)
	Pizza for year-end water day (whole school) (paid directly by PAC)
	Crazy carpets (paid directly by PAC)

CLES Calendar

- 12. November 6^{th} Spirit Day Anything but a Cup
- 13. November 7th Fiddler Performance
- 14. November 10th @10:45am Remembrance Day Assembly
- 15. November 11th STAT Remembrance Day
- 16. November 21st Spirit Day Crazy Hat Day
- 17. December 5th Written Learning Updates
- 18. December 15th Winter Holiday Concert