

Parent Advisory Council Principal's Report

December 2nd 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: December 9th (virtual link)
- 3. Virtual Parent Engagement
 - January 9th Creston French Immersion Information (link)
- 4. DPAC information (link)

School

- 5. <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.
- 6. Honouring Remembrance Day: On November 10th, our school held a meaningful Remembrance Day assembly to honour those who have served and continue to serve. We were fortunate to have support from the local Army Cadets—Master Corporal Huscroft, Cadet Huscroft, and Captain Gin Bergman, as well as guest musicians Brian O'Neal (bagpipes) and Poul Christensen (Last Post and Rouse). Ms. Megan, our Indigenous Support Worker, shared an important history of Indigenous Veterans Day, deepening students' understanding. Thank you to our student speakers and wreath layers, Aubree, David, Grace, Kendra, Leighton, and Maison, and to Ms. Danforth's and Ms. Adams's classes for preparing the gym. We are proud of our students and grateful to all who contributed to this thoughtful and respectful ceremony. Lest we forget.
- 7. <u>Toe-Tapping Tunes at CLES</u>: On November 7, students enjoyed a lively and engaging performance by Canadian fiddlers Gordon Stobbe and JJ Guy. Their energetic music, storytelling, and warm connection with the audience created an entertaining and memorable experience for all grades.
- 8. We Scare Hunger Food Drive at CLES: Our Be the Change student club led this year's We Scare Hunger Food Drive, inspiring our school community to support our local community. Thanks to their leadership and the generosity of students and families, we collected 216 food items for the Gleaners Food Bank. We are proud of our student leaders for organizing this important initiative and grateful to everyone who donated. Together, we made a meaningful impact in our community.
- 9. Mr E's shave-a-thon: As part of Movember awareness month, Mr. E hosted a shave-a-thon fundraiser to raise funds and awareness for men's mental health. Students from each class had the exciting opportunity to trim Mr. E's mustache, making the event both fun and meaningful. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, \$112 was raised and donated to Valley Community Services to support their important work. We are proud of our students for participating and helping make a difference in raising awareness for men's mental health.

10. PAC funding requests 2025-2026: Discussed at November PAC meeting and updated monthly.

\$150	Santa Clause (approved at 10-7-2025 PAC meeting, see minutes)	Done
	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)	
\$250	Winter Holiday Fun Day (Popcorn and cone decorating)(approved 12-2-2025)	
~\$106.75 +	Ice Skating (3 ski days this year)(paid directly by PAC)(12-2-2025 PAC request the	
cost of	updated cost, Jennifer email sent 12-4-2025, PAC approved via email 12-6-2025)	
rentals		
(Helmets: .95		
cents + tax		
Skates: \$2.85		
+ tax)		
\$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)	
\$200	Crazy carpets (paid directly by PAC)(discussed and approved 12-2-2025)(Rachel will pickup	done

CLES Calendar

- 11. December 5th Written Learning Updates
- 12. December 5th Spirit Day Festive Friday
- 13. December 12th Spirit Day Christmas Sweater Day
 14. December 15th Winter Holiday Concert
- 15. December 15th Holiday Train
- 16. December 18th Holiday Fun Day
- 17. December 19th Spirit Day Pajama Day
- 18. Ski dates January 29^{th} , February 5^{th} and February 12^{th}
- 19. Skating TBD