



**NAKUSP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**JANUARY 2024**

Greetings NES families,

Winter was late, but it certainly is here now! Our students are excited to be back and have been enjoying our fresh snow. We have a new staff member in - Ms. Jess Campbell who is covering for Ms. Vibe in the Grade 5/6 classroom this term. We are sad to see a long time member of our team leave, Mrs. Yano, as she is retiring this term. We wish her the very best on her retirement!

December was a hectic month as it usually is but we did some great things in line with our School Growth plan community goal. Every class participated in some way to giving back to their community- from visits and gifts to Halcyon house and Minto house residents, to support of PALS programs, ALSCS Stuff the Bus, and even Secret Santa games in the classes- our students are learning that they can have an incredible impact on their surroundings. Our Christmas Concert was also a great event and well attended.

Our breakfast and lunch program continues to gain popularity and sitting in there at lunch watching our kids enjoy their food together and then help clean up and thank Ms. Deb is heartwarming. We are making a change to our Friday menu from Pizza to Spaghetti. We will be sending a new lunch form out in this newsletter and request that families take the few moments to fill this out so Deb knows how much to make and we aren't wasting food.

We have some exciting special events coming up in the next month! Jess Dance's Josh will be here this week for dance lessons and all classes will have daily sessions with him. We await the dates for ski program but have requested early February dates. This great free ski and snowboard program has been sponsored by RDCK, big thanks to Area K rep, Mrs. Teresa Weatherhead, for providing this opportunity!

Carnival will be Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Grade 7 students have been hard at work preparing for some entertaining stations. We will be serving Beaver Tails and Poutine for all students.

Winter clubs will be starting soon. We will be sending sign up forms home this week. Please return these forms to the school as quickly as possible because clubs are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Vancouver Sun's Adopt- a School and RDCK's Recreation Committee are our partners in providing these free after school clubs.

Students and teachers are busy with the new term's learning. Literacy programs are really paying off with reading fluency in primary showing big jumps! Our FSA marks are very strong this year and further evidence of the strong work we have been doing in Literacy. Our teacher driven assessment project is making some solid progress on creating more continuity in assessment and providing some solid resources that will enhance both instruction and our communication of student learning. We will be conducting the MDI survey with students from grades 4-7 in coming weeks to have a look at how things are going for our students.

Thanks as always for supporting our school! If you have questions, concerns or ideas on how we can make our school even better, do not hesitate to contact me at [mike.hibberson@sd10.bc.ca](mailto:mike.hibberson@sd10.bc.ca).

Best Regards,

Mr. Mike Hibberson  
Principal



# Staff Directory

## PRINCIPAL

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## TEACHERS

Sheri Boswell	Kindergarten
Marsha Roberts	Grade K/1
Jenna Arnold	Grade 2/3
Patti Zeleznik	Grade 2/3
Karlee Cook	Grade 3/4
Andrea Volansky	Grade 4
Elizabeth Tupper	Grade 5/6
Jess Campbell	Grade 5/6
Katie Oakes	Grade 7
Ethan McCluskey	PE/IST
Kim Hood	Learning Resource
Claire Jackson	Learning Resource
Brenda McQuair	Learning Resource
Megan Martin	Teacher Librarian

## EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

Doreen Yano  
 Dorraine Gustafson  
 Michele Hildebrand  
 Candace Sollows  
 Melanie Levitt  
 Tammy Merry  
 Cathy Quigley  
 Meaghynne Jones  
 Arlene Timmer

## STRONG START

Nancy Bone

Please visit our Facebook Page "Nakusp Elementary School" for all our current information, or [www.sd10.bc.ca](http://www.sd10.bc.ca)

## Important Dates for January and February

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- Jan. 22-25 Jess Dance Lessons in the gym
- Jan. 26 NI Day—classes not in session
- Feb 2 Carnival—outdoor celebration  
Morning Activities  
Poutine and Beavertails for all students.



Feb. 14 Valentines Day



Feb. 16 NI Day—classes not in session

Feb. 19 BC Family Day—classes not in session



Feb. 21 Assembly—9:05 in the gym  
All families invited to attend

# NES STEAM FAIR

*March 13th 2024*



Students of all ages can register. Projects from different age categories will be selected to participate in the West Kootenay Regional Science fair in April. Ask your teacher for a registration form!

**Prizes to be won!!**

## News from the Indigenous Education Department

With all the snow and the long January nights, the Indigenous students thought it would be a good idea to brighten up the hallways of NES. We have done this by creating Metis dot art flowers and mushrooms. Metis dot art was created using principles of First-Nations culture that is blended with European and Australian art techniques. The technique is called pointillism. Metis people use pointillism because it gives a similar aesthetic to traditional Metis beading. Often Metis dot art is used to create flowers and other plants found in nature. When looking at a Metis dot art, look closely to see if you can find a dot that does not belong. This represents that nothing or nobody is perfect. That we all have certain flaws, yet when looking at the bigger picture we all have beauty.

Want to try Metis dot art at home? All you need is paint, paper, a pencil and Q-tips!

Submitted by: Mr. McCluskey



## Shine Before 9:00

Mrs. Brenda McQuair is offering to host a cross country ski club on Tuesday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45 at the NES playground. It is open to all NES students of different ages and all levels of ski experience. Come out for some winter fun and learn some ski skills.

Parent helpers are welcome, all equipment provided

Beginners or never-evers are welcome!

There will be a sign up for this club when the other club information comes home later this week.



Around the Halls at NES



**Fun on the field — Where's Mr. Hibberson?**







**FREE  
SESSIONS!  
REGISTER  
NOW!**

# Math Made Simple: Parent Edition

**Trying to help your kids with their math homework, but need some help yourself?**

Join us for digestible math sessions to improve your skills and build your math confidence. Bring your questions too!

For more information contact Nat Howard (250) 365-7292 ext. 27102 or email [nhoward@selkirk.ca](mailto:nhoward@selkirk.ca)

## DETAILS

**Five Wednesdays!**

**February 7 to  
March 6, 2024**

**6:30–8 pm**

**Nakusp Learning  
Centre**

The Nakusp Public Library is going to offer a drop-in event for children and their parents on Family Literacy Day, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 -3 . There will be fun learning games to play—games that can be made at home –instructions will be provided. And there will be a display of books about parenting and books to help make learning fun.

Refreshments too.



**CELEBRATE FAMILY LITERACY DAY  
and  
PLAY GAMES**

Children and their parents, grandparents and friends are invited

Play games and make your own learning games

—  
**Nakusp Public Library**

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> drop in 1 - 3**

*--refreshments--*