

Superintendent's Report

April 23, 2019

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LEARNING

CRESTON FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

ADAM ROBERTS ELEMENTARY

- Currently at ARES we have a chess club getting ready for the annual tournament happening soon
- 2. Also, extra curricular clubs including hip hop dance, and Improv
- 3. Classes are gearing up for Focus on Youth
- 4. Students have expressed interest in being and having a Student Voice so we have started this with intention around student needs and concerns. One student from this group attended the Ed Cow presentation on April 8th with the Admin team.

CANYON LISTER ELEMENTARY

- UNESCO focus- Our Be the Change group raised money for Shelter Boxes, which are emergency shelters distributed in the immediate time frame after a natural disaster. They collected pledges from the community for an Off the Grid challenge, and raised \$1400. Additionally, our Grades 4/5 class is currently doing an Energy Diet project to look at energy consumption and ways to reduce their energy footprint.
- Outdoor learning- We start our collaborative herb planting project facilitated by a parent and community member this week. Students will learn both the uses of common herbs as well as how to raise seedlings, plant, and harvest. Additionally, each class will be beginning their stewardship of one of our garden boxes, growing tasty treats for the spring and fall. We will also begin our Local Plants Project in our school forest. We will be learning about the tradition uses of various plants, and planting them in the appropriate habitat in the school forest, complete with signs for names. A local elder will be partnering with us for this project.
- Music- our new music workshops program began last week and all students will be enjoying this for the rest of the school year.

ERICKSON ELEMENTARY

- Our wetland project is continuing with spring work and planting. It is developing fast and students are enjoying the outdoor learning. Neil Fletcher from WetLands BC came to the school to do professional development with staff and how to integrate our space into learning with students.
- In house teams we did a house team challenge. Every student and staff uniquely colored cutouts of clover. Staff did four leaf clover, students did three leaf. Bulletin boards were made and students could try to find the 4 leaf clover or their own among the "clover patches"
- Students and staff are starting to get ready for the Creston Valley "Focus on Youth". We have started working on dances, music, performances and art work.

PRINCE CHARLES SECONDARY

- Gr. 7 and 8 girls STEM day in Cranbrook, April 17th in Cranbrook:
We did a few activities, but the most inspiring part was the Speed Mentoring, where adult women came and talked in groups about their careers in STEM fields. Encouraging the girls to stay in STEM classes, take coding! and keep their options open. None of the ladies knew in gr. 8 what that they would be doing what they ended up doing. Also this was the largest group IBM had ever had for one event. We had students from PCSS, Erickson and Canyon. Allison Kepke from PCSS and Brian Ewashen from Canyon were the teachers at that went. *(pictures on the following page)*



WILDFLOWER CRESTON

- Creston Wildflower has been successful in obtaining another grant for its long-term vision of creating an outdoor natural playground for the students on a less used portion of the PCSS grounds. Grant money secured at this point is approximately \$12,000.

CRAWFORD BAY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

CRAWFORD BAY ELEMENTARY-SECONDARY

- In honour of our planet on this Earth Day, CBESS students tackle the problem of plastic grocery bags by making their own from old T-shirts!



- CBESS beautiful Farm-2-School supported garden is used by all of the classes from K - 12. We have just planted a variety of seeds including tomatoes, mushrooms, potatoes, lettuce, zucchini and much more.
- With spring upon us, CBESS students and staff gear up for the Exchange student visit from Toronto in May. An exciting project they will help us build is a large contained sandy area for activities such as volleyball and long jump.

SALMO FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

SALMO ELEMENTARY

- Our first Literacy Night was a huge success with over 125 participants in our literacy activity challenge.
- Our school senior basket ball team had a get day playing Brent Kennedy on April 12.
- We have begun a month focused on the K in our Code of Conduct. K equates to Knowledge. This month we are using the Indigenous way of sharing knowledge through story telling, with the theme of water. We will be wrapping up this whole school theme with a school field trip to release our salmon fry!

SALMO SECONDARY

- N/A

KASLO FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

JEWETT ELEMENTARY

- Jewett School is hosting 5 Aboriginal Pre-School Circle times as part of our Ready Set Learn program. We also invite the pre-school to use our school library so once per week the Strong Start students come with their library card and check out books.
- We have taken up the Plastic Bag Challenge and will be collecting excess plastic bags to take to the Nelson Walmart for drop off on May 3.
- Our Observation Beehive survived the winter! We are getting our Bee and Butterfly garden ready for the bees. This year we are also hatching butterflies so they can use the garden too!

J.V. HUMPHRIES ELEMENTARY-SECONDARY

- Secondary Events coming up - Trades evening with Brent, Girls' soccer tournaments in Hope & Creston, Drama Performance of 'Our Town' May 2-5, Outdoor Adventures Westcoast Trail backpacking trip, Ashland Shakespeare Festival trip, Trades trip to Spokane;
- Looking at moving alternate programming from downtown off-site location up to JVH - working with Operations on a few details;
- Annual PAC staff appreciation lunch cooked and served by parents for all staff - April 16

SLOCAN VALLEY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

BRENT KENNEDY ELEMENTARY

- Science World - School Wide Presentation, April 1
- We were fortunate to have Science World Visit our school. We experienced push, pull, lift, friction and drag—some of the fantastic forces that affect our lives every day. Students were excited to see and participate in demonstrations like the Rubber Chicken Slingshot, the Giant Tablecloth Pull, and toilet paper “rolling.”
- Talent Show - March 8
- The annual talent show was a huge success; we are very proud of Brent Kennedy's talent! We acknowledge the commitment of parents and thank them for continuing to support their children in pursuing their interests, passions and activities outside of school - we know that this contributes to increasing school success, connection, confidence and engagement.

- Multi-aged Video Project with Brian Lye, ArtStarts Funded
- Students in Grade 4/5/6 worked with Brian during the month of February with the culminating final screening of their “Mindbomb” videos on March 4. Students learned about climate change and created videos to creatively showcase their inquiry focused learning in a medium that is not only relevant to them, but also has the potential to be a catalyst for social change.
- A special thank you to Meagan Craven for her work and support in pursuing the Jane Goodall Roots and Shoots Grant that help fund our project.
- Drum Building & Drumming Awakening Assembly - March 1
- Grade 4 Aboriginal Education students spent a full day making drums with a guest knowledge keeper Sandra Jacques. To help celebrate and honor our learning, all of our Aboriginal Education students were invited to drop in to meet Sandra and to have a glimpse into the drum making process. We followed this learning with a whole-school Aboriginal Education learning gathering to bring the new drums into our community, and to hear them played for the first time. Ms. Mann and Sandra Jacques helped guide our new drummers.

MT. SENTINEL SECONDARY

- MSSS hosted another “sold out” Talent Show & Mexican Dinner night to raise funds for 2019 Dry Grad Event
- Course Selection week with a Parent Night was well attended
- Leyton Schnellert, Educational Leaders from 7 School Districts & reps from the Ministry of Education (approx..20) visited MSSS to observe the PM Academy in progress with a focus on assessment using rubrics co-designed by the students.

W.E. GRAHAM ELEMENTARY-SECONDARY

- Pep Rally Day was a great way to restart after Spring Break! Our favourite event was the “Cheezy Head”. VWP and OELP students are preparing for their year end trips. They are trips along the Slocan Lake.
- Our 3,4,5,6 class is planning their year end trip to Pine’s Camp in Grand Forks.
- K,1,2 class is continuing to progress amazingly! They are enjoying the Spring weather freedom.
- Playground Build is May 24, 25,26! Hoping to get Pump Track started in June.

WINLAW ELEMENTARY

- Ministry Playground Grant!!!! \$100,005 towards a new Playground at Winlaw Elementary.
- We are starting a project, funded with an ArtStarts grant, to study discrimination in the Slocan Valley. Student will be creating short documentary films on several topics including the histories of Japanese, Doukoubour and Sinixt communities in the Valley.
- We recently received over \$7000 of ADST equipment for the school through Focus, Learn, Excel funding. Kids have been diving into circuit boards, robots, coding as well woodworking and building projects.

NELSON FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

BLEWETT ELEMENTARY

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HUME ELEMENTARY

- Shout out to the PAC who are purchasing two buddy benches in memory of a student. The benches will be decorated by the student and will be placed at the front and back playgrounds and painted in purple. Buddy benches are where students go when they don’t have a friend to play with. Other students find them and invite them to play.
- Michael and Gerry Kusugak paid a visit to Hume on April 1. Michael is the co-author of “A Promise is a Promise” and the author of Baseball bats for Christmas, The Littlest Sled dog and other stories based on

his life in Repulse Bay NWT. Gerry showed movies and artifacts of northern and Inuit life. They were amazing and inspiring. The PAC partially funded and our teacher librarian Rae Carter facilitated the amazing experience.

- Early dismissal days mean time for parent teacher interviews and for students to showcase their work. We are having several of the classes run student-led conferences where celebrations of learning take place.

L.V. ROGERS SECONDARY

- N/A

REDFISH ELEMENTARY

- Our partnership with the Balfour Golf Course where all of our students get to go golfing twice over the next 2 months
- Working with WKTEP and learning alongside three passionate, engaged and thoughtful teacher-candidates.
- Seeing the impacts of our collaborations created through our curriculum grant on unit planning through backwards design and more seamless inclusion.

ROSEMONT ELEMENTARY

- Rosemont hosted the grade 5 basketball tournament on April 10 at Hume Elementary (our gym isn't big enough to host all of the schools!)
- Rosemont is using multi-age teams to participate in Parachutes for the Planet, an environmental initiative found throughout Canada
- Rosemont is welcoming the Canada Code Mobile truck to work with every class on robotics and coding challenges

SOUTH NELSON ELEMENTARY

- On April 3, Science World visited South Nelson Elementary as part of their Science World On the Road Tour of the Kootenays. Our primary students participated in the How2Science presentation where they discovered and practiced the ways scientists observe, predict, and test. Students were amazed with spinning platforms and hovercrafts! Our intermediate students explored incredible weather events with the shocking Van De Graaf Generator, the mind boggling Cloud in a Bottle, and a spectacular Fire Tornado. Students were so inspired that many attended the Regional Science Fair hosted by LVR on April 6th.
- Our South Nelson Basketball team started training in January with Teacher Coach Amy Stewart. They were thrilled to participate in the District Basketball Tournament on April 11th at Hume School hosted by Teacher Coach Ryan Hammerich from Rosemont School. Our students had so much fun that they have requested that they start training in September!
- Students, families, and teachers met together during Early Dismissal Days on April 17 and 18th to communicate student learning through a choice of student led conferences, parent teacher conferences, and whole class displays. During the whole class displays, families dropped in with their children who then shared a variety of samples of their learning throughout the curriculum and talked about goals for next term.

TRAFALGAR MIDDLE

- N/A

WILDFLOWER NELSON

- Nelson Wildflower will be hosting a Digital Safety for Parents evening session on April 25th in Nelson; If society is constantly connected, what do parents need to know to protect their kids and teach them responsible use of technology?

- Join Constable Scott Rothermel on April 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 in our gym for information on the current research on the brain & technology, trends in social media use, digital footprint awareness, and tips and tricks to manage technology at home.
- Middle School students "Podcast Project": This independent project started with an introductory session with our mentors, Adam and Anthony, on Tuesday. Students will interview/record three people of their choice sharing a story that they wish to tell (e.g. a grandfather who fought in a war, a neighbour who is an activist, a cousin who is a paramedic, etc.). They will select one story to highlight and create a podcast (5-7 minutes) featuring the story. Students were asked to complete the attached document for this coming Tuesday in order to have a productive one-on-one meeting with either Adam or Anthony. Some already have put some thought into this process. Please ask to see this assignment.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

- ABED team meeting: April 16th at Ainsworth Hot Springs. We are honoured to welcome Shelly Boyd from Colville Confederated Tribes, Arrow Lakes to bring teachings on the history of the Sinixt territory, introduction to language, and a song to learn. Shelly will also be sharing resources we have permission to use in our classrooms!
- Role Model Posters: We have been working with our Nation partners in identifying outstanding role models from the local Nations to be included in this exciting project. The work is well underway and it involves photographing our role models and interviewing them for words of wisdom to pass on to our students in SD8. The idea for this project was brought forward at a Aboriginal Advisory Council meeting last year, by Lower Kootenay Band Elder, Cecelia Luke. The posters will be displayed in the hallways in each of our schools. We anticipate launching these posters in fall 2019.
- Pow Wow: The 9th Annual SD8 Youth Pow Wow will be taking place on Friday May 17th from 9:30-2:15 at the Creston Recreation Centre. This year we expect over 1000 SD8 students and staff in attendance. The theme this year is "Stepping towards Reconciliation". Please join us!
- UBC's 9th Indigenous Math Symposium, May 14th. ABED will be supporting three district ABED teachers to attend this Pro-D to bring back resources to share!
- KIKIPIW ATEP INDIGENOUS TEACHER EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM 2019: ABED will be supporting two district ABED teachers to attend this Pro-D. The theme for this learning: reflect on the past, consider the present, and imagine the future of Indigenous teacher education in Canada.

DISTRIBUTED LEARNING

- N/A

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

- BCCIE trip to Beijing for July - 6 students were accepted to participate - this trip has been canceled this year by BCCIE due to the difficulty getting Chinese visas and some concerns about risks to student travelers in China.
- Enrollment from China will be down for the upcoming school year due to strained relationships between Canada and China and down from Japan due to concerns by some Japanese students of what has been described as "racist actions" towards them.
- Check out the international program website <http://international.sd8.bc.ca> where you will learn about our Welcome Center for ministry funded international students, ELL and ESL supports for teachers and staff, inclusive education videos, recipes, our new homestay online application and so, so much more. Our new Creston Homestay video has been met with rave reviews from a recent recruitment trip to Europe. Check it out on our website under student life.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

- SD 8 and SD 20 have successfully connected young new students with hearing aids with students who attend St. Joseph and the Francophone school
- Creston SLP and OT have begun using SCERTS (Social Communication; Emotional Regulation; Transactional Support) to assess and develop treatment plans for students with ASD
- Sofeya, along with another TSVI from SD 23, coordinated an incredible opportunity for BC high school students who are blind or visually impaired to attend a unique week of learning about marine science in Bamfield, BC. Eight students from around the province (one from SD8) spent five days immersed in learning about the ecology, biology and morphology of West Coast marine life around Barkley Sound. The program was made fully accessible with braille and large print materials and students spent many hours learning about marine life through hands on labs and place-based field work. The program was documented by Open Schools (BC Ministry of Education) and we are looking forward to viewing their completed documentary in a few months.

INNOVATIVE LEARNING SERVICES

- Skills BC Regional competition for high school students was held in Cranbrook on March 1st. 21 SD8 students competed at the competition in the following domains: Carpentry, Cabinet Making and Video Editing. Crawford Bay Elementary/ Secondary School earned a silver medal in Carpentry and a bronze medal in Cabinet making. Mount Sentinel Secondary earned a silver medal in Digital Photography. Many thanks to Matt Winger and Danny Leeming for providing leadership and mentoring to their students in the Applied Design Skills and Technology curriculum.
- Brent Firkser, District Teacher in Innovative Learning is facilitating promotional events for students and their families who are interested in Youth Train in Trades and Work in Trades opportunities. To date, Mr. Firkser has facilitated at LVR, REACH, Sequoia, Mount Sentinel, PCSS, Salmo Secondary, and Crawford Bay. A total of 291 people have attended these evening events.
- SD8 hosted the Regional Science Fair at LVR on April 6, 2019. Our SD8 students presented stellar projects and received a number of awards. BC Science World did a number of science demonstrations for participants throughout the day.
- SD8 hosted Carole Fullerton, a nationally renowned teacher and consultant in K-9 numeracy, for a full day workshop with primary teachers in Creston on April 15th and in Nelson on April 16th. 45 primary teachers and PVP from SD8 participated. Prior to Ms. Fullerton's workshop, Creston teachers collaborated on April 9th to share strategies they have tried in their classroom based on Ms. Fullerton's numeracy resources and the K-3 BC Ed plan numeracy framework. In addition, participants from April 16th workshop will be meeting on May 28th in a similar manner.
- Ms. Fullerton will continue to work with our K-9 teachers over the next 3 years.
- Adrienne Gear, a BC educator who is recognized internationally for her work in literacy, facilitated a workshop for 50 teachers and PVP on April 12th. Each participant received a copy of Gear's teacher resource "Powerful Understandings". Participants will be following up with a collaborative sharing session on May 21st.
- On April 15th 75 educators from 6 school districts across the East and West Kootenay region spent a day co-learning together. The morning was spent "in situ" at a variety of schools including Brent Kennedy Elementary and Mt. Sentinel Secondary. Thanks to Danny Leeming, Jacy Schindell, Justin McRann, Ashley Long, and Erin Koorbatoff for opening their classrooms as demonstration in situ sites. The afternoon was spent in collaborative dialogue about Assessment, Core Competencies and Communicating Student Learning, facilitated by 2 Ministry of Education seconded teachers.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

SECRETARY-TREASURER

- 2019-2020 Budget preparations are well underway, with next year's revenues being confirmed and departmental and school budget drafts being flushed out. Principals & Vice-Principals have provided

detailed feedback and input into the Budgets and how to allocate resources should they be made available by the Board.

- The 2019-2020 Budget Partner Group Event on April 17th at the Prestige was very positively received. We received meaningful feedback and input into next year's budget; 402 valuable thoughts were collected at the event! Thanks to everyone who attended and brought in their voices. The ThoughtExchange is open online until May 7, 2019, and all are welcome to participate further and invite more people to participate: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#525560813>

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

- Planning is in the works in HR for an exciting Aspiring Leaders Program for CUPE employees starting in 2019/20. Modelled after the teacher Aspiring Leaders Program and led by Theresa Montpellier, Janet Wall, and Samara Shaw, this will be an opportunity for CUPE employees who are interested to learn about leadership, have opportunities for mentoring, and experience various opportunities in the District. Stay tuned for more info!
- A very successful day-long Safety Training Workshop was recently held in each of Creston and Nelson by Health, Wellness and Safety Officer Russell Warwick. Russell trained employees involved in their site's Joint Health and Safety Committees. Approximately 30 staff were trained in Nelson and another 12 staff in Creston.
- A reminder from HR to notify us as soon as possible about retirement and resignation plans for this year. The District's Retirement and Long Service Event is being held on May 25 at the Hume Hotel in Nelson. Details, tickets, and information about the event will be forthcoming before the end of April.

OPERATIONS

- Hume window / door replacement project has been listed on BC Bid
- LVR shop dust collector replacement project has been listed on BC Bid
- WEG playground replacement is in final planning stage with install expected to be June/July
- Developing district project list for 2019/20 year

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Network Upgrade

The SD8 Network upgrade project continues, with network wiring at L.V. Rogers completed most recently. This project will increase the speed and capacity of school networks ensuring access for all students to school based resources and the internet.



Network wiring at L.V. Rogers - 18 cables at once!



Follett Destiny

SD8 IT has now upgraded the district library software system, to Follett Destiny. Librarian and Teacher Librarians have been trained. Follett Destiny is easy to use and is an interactive web-based interface for students and staff.

Follett Destiny site for SD8.

Computer Labs

The SD8 IT department is working hard on building and upgrading school computer labs. Thirteen computers at the Crawford Bay computer lab have been replaced with newly imaged computers.



Crawford Bay Elementary/Secondary computer lab.

Projectors

SD8 IT continues to install projectors at schools throughout the district. The projector in the Trafalgar drama room has been upgraded, and four projectors have recently been set up at Erickson Elementary.



New projector installed at Erickson Elementary.

New School Equipment

SD8 IT has been supporting schools with their technology purchases. A 30 unit iPad cart at Hume Elementary, and a 30 unit Chromebook cart at Blewett Elementary have been delivered. 20 new computers have been imaged and are going out to various schools. Numerous used computers have been re-imaged, upgraded and have gone out to schools.



iPads and cart.

ENGAGEMENT and RELATIONSHIPS

I would like to welcome everyone back after a wonderful Spring Break. This time of year, April through June, is always busy with lots of meetings and plenty of decisions to be made for the upcoming school year. We ask that you participate as fully as possible in those decisions whether school-based, or District-based. **Your voice is important to us.** If you would like to have your say in the Budget process, please log on to Thought Exchange: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#525560813>

AUDITS - Aboriginal Education Equity Audit is being rolled out across the District. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and Elders Council complete. PVPs are complete and School staffs will complete during their upcoming School Planning Day or Staff meetings.

BAA - Board Authorized Courses continue to be approved by Board of Education.

BCCPAC - Those interested in attending the annual AGM and conference for the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, May 4-5 at the Pacific Gateway Hotel in Richmond, BC., can find our more information through their website and please be in contact with your PAC Chairs. <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences1/conferences/agm>

BCPVPA - SD 8 would like to thank the B.C. Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association for hosting Leading a Culture of Learning - Level 1 in Nelson. Many of our Principals and Vice-Principals have been participating in an eight-month learning experience supporting leading learning through focused dialogue that is grounded in a clear vision - all to enhance a culture of learning in your school. The 5 day-long sessions offer an opportunity to build instructional leadership capacity through a peer coaching model with embedded practice and reflection. On-going peer support occurs through triad conference calls held every two weeks and has proven to be a valuable portion of the learning experience.

BCSSA & SD 8 - The Superintendent attended the Financial Management Working Group for the Funding Review Model in Victoria on April 29th. Focus is on Recommendations #18, #19, and #20. SD 8 will host the **Kootenay Boundary Branch of the BCSSA** May 6 - 8.

BCSTA - Several Board of Education Members will be attending the Leadership Training Series in Cranbrook, April 15 and 16 with Superintendent Perkins. Topics focused on Governance and Finance. The majority of our Trustees will be heading to Vancouver for the BCSTA AGM April 25-27. For more information, log on to the website at: <http://bcsta.org/>

BCPSEA - Bargaining is underway, throughout the province, with KLTF and CUPE.

CAPSLE - The Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education will host their [2019 Conference](https://capsle.ca), May 5-7, 2019 at the Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown, Vancouver, British Columbia, will focus on "Coastal Waves: Stories in Law & Education." <https://capsle.ca>

COLLEGE of the ROCKIES - We would like to thank College of the Rockies for their participation in our Dual Credit program for our Shop students at PCSS in Creston during Semester Two.

DEEPER LEARNING DOZEN - District Principal Higginbottom, Director Eaton, and Principal Malloff continue to represent SD 8 as part of a three-year Harvard research project on "transforming" School Districts.

DIRECTORS & SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM - The Senior Leadership team is currently working on Spring staffing for Fall 2019-2020; Budget plans, Capital plans, and Facility plans.

DPAC and PACs - Superintendent Perkins would like to thank the PCSS PAC, Redfish PAC, and South Nelson PAC for hosting her in recent weeks. Please continue to reach out at any time. You are all amazing advocates for your schools and our district is lucky to have such engagement PACs and supportive parent teams. DPAC will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at 6 pm at the Nelson Board office. We invite all PAC parent reps to attend in person at the Nelson Board Office at 570 Johnstone Road. DPAC is trialing a new way to video in from the comfort of your home using Zoom software. You can also phone in. Please email us to get directions sd8dpac@gmail.com DPAC and PACs were represented at the recent Partner Group Dinner re: the Budget process.

FNESC (First Nations Education Steering Committee) - Learning First Peoples Summer Institute, August 19-21, 2019. <http://www.fnesc.ca/>

Homelinks and Wildflower Creston - We have a young student from Creston Wildflower who is need of a heart transplant and ask all who can help him and his family to link into the GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/timmy-needs-a-heart>

LEADERSHIP TEAM (PVPs) - Half of our leadership team are working on their upcoming presentations to the Board of Education and the Education Committee of the Whole on May 7th.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - Superintendent Perkins is ion the Financial Management Committee of the Funding Review Model. This process continues over the summer for a “reporting out” which is expected to be released in the Fall.

OECD - Organization for Economic Development - first time ever for this event to be held in B.C. Over 200 B.C. education delegates will be invited and 200 International delegates will attend. To be held in May in Vancouver. The world is coming to hear and view first hand, B.C.s Education system. We are considered among the very best in the world. Superintendent Perkins and District Principal of Aboriginal Education, Gail Higginbottom will be attending. DP Higginbottom has been asked to present at the conference.

SELKIRK COLLEGE - Selkirk College is offering **Indigenous 100: Regional Indigenous Perspectives on Languages and Cultures**. You are invited to immerse yourself in local Indigenous history and knowledge with this one-week intensive course from May 6th to May 10th. This course is also transferable as a three credit university course and can be used as a UAS Selkirk elective. The course will be offered again August 12th - 16th, 2019. Please contact Adela if you are interested in taking the course in August. **Registration: Raquel Mayorga, Continuing Education 1.888.953.1133 or 250.365.1208 castlegarce@selkirk.ca** We encourage all staff, parents, and interested persons to attend.

WKTEP (West Kootenay Teacher Education Program) - We want to thank WKTEP for their terrific partnership with our schools and students. WKTEP is offering several programs for teachers this summer.

- July 5-6. SOGI Summer Institute for Educators in the Kootenays at Trafalgar Middle facilitated by Dr. Lori MacIntosh.
- July 15-19 EPSE 390K: Special Topics - Frameworks for Understanding, Teaching and Supporting Diverse Learners. - WKTEP w/ Shelley Moore