



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of March 18th, 2019

Pink Shirt Day

- Schools across the district proudly wore pink on February 27th to recognize [Pink Shirt Day](#) to communicate that bullying is not acceptable. There were a variety of activities across schools that day.



Microsoft 'Education' Event

- We were pleased to host Toby, a Microsoft Education Trainer, who worked with staff and students from February 26th – 28th to help us explore and use a variety of Microsoft 365 tools.



- Our students worked with Toby to learn more about Microsoft's newest presentation tool, Sway, and explore other technologies, including Minecraft. We look forward to welcoming Toby back again soon.
- Thank you to **Dave Miles**, **Darren Carpenter**, and **Sagar Saxena** for helping to make this event happen.

UNBC –Inheritors of the Future

- 20 high school students from across the district attended UNBC to participate in Inheritors of the Future – Workshop 2, an event organized by **Dr. Vanessa Sloan Morgan**.
- On the evening of March 14th, students were entertained by artists Kym Gouchie, a Singer/Songwriter from the Lheidli T'enneh Nation in Prince George, and Francis Arevalo, a local hip hop artist.

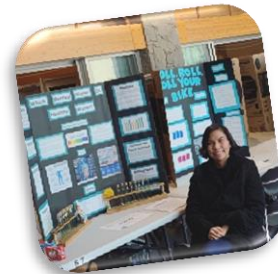


Student Voice – Health Fairs

- Our District Student Voice group hosted two 'Grade 9' health fairs this previous month: February 26th at LDSS, and March 13th at NVSS. The students organized local RCMP members, counsellors and Northern Health staff to facilitate groups.
- An excellent project that was in part initiated by our Student Voice members being involved with the provincial British Columbia Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association Student Voice initiative.
- A very big thank you to all our community partner groups (Northern Health, Carrier Sekani, RCMP, NVCS, etc.) for your help facilitating groups.

Central Interior Science Exhibition 2019

- On March 2nd, UNBC hosted the CISE and once again students from our district were excellent ambassadors with excellent results. To see a complete list of SD 91 CISE award winners, click [HERE](#).
- Congratulations to all our students, with special recognition to **Willa Crowley (FSJSS)** and **Jemma Blattner (NVSS)** who will be representing our district and region at the [Canada-Wide Science Fair](#) in Fredericton, New Brunswick, from May 15th – 17th, 2019.





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SCHOLARSHIPS

District / Authority Scholarships

- Nechako Lakes School District is being provided with **110 District / Authority Scholarships** by the Ministry of Education which are being dispersed to our high schools.
- These scholarships recognize graduating B.C. students for excellence in their chosen area of interest or strength. Winners receive a \$1,250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition.

Applying students share examples of proficiency in any of the following areas of achievement: *Indigenous Languages and Culture; Fine Arts; Applied Design, Skills and Technologies; Physical Activity; International Languages; Community Service; and, Technical and Trades Training.*

Seniors Receive Custom Mailboxes

- Residents at the Pines, a seniors' facility in Burns Lake, will be receiving custom mailboxes designed and crafted by LDSS students under the supervision of teacher **Jeremy Gooding**. I'm told that student engagement, focus, and pride is clearly evident.
- A great community – school project!



NVSS Small Business Fair

- The grade 7s at NVSS recently completed their Junior Achievement BC program with teacher **Jana-Rae Kadonaga**. Completion of the program is highlighted by a Small Business Market in which teams of students create unique products that are purchaseable. This was the 2nd year of this Small Business Fair, and again we were impressed with the creativity and business savvy of these young entrepreneurs.
- A very big thank you to Jana-Rae and to all those that assisted with the JABC program.



Human Early Learning Partnership

- We were really pleased to welcome **Pippa Rowcliffe**, Deputy Director of HELP, to our communities from March 6th – 8th, to share HELP data from the [Early Development Instrument \(EDI\)](#) that has been collected in our school district and the majority of BC school districts for many years.
- For those interested in looking specifically at early learning data from the communities of Nechako Lakes School District, please click [HERE](#).

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Family of Schools Equity Scan Meetings

- From March 14th – 21st, Equity Scan meetings looking at data from the fall meetings will be shared in each of our communities to examine structures and processes that are both supporting and possibly hindering aboriginal student success.
- We are proud to be involved in this work and look forward to the recommendations that come from this work to influence our practice.



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Student Independent Directed Studies Film Featured at Reel Alternatives

- **Jordan Cranmer**, a grade 12 NVSS student, premiered her documentary film, [Stream Monitoring for Change](#), at Reel Alternatives on Friday, March 15th, in Vanderhoof.
- The film sheds light on issues of concern within the Nechako watershed as well as highlighting important conservation and restoration work that is being done. This film documents the importance of stream restoration and the value in teaching students about ecology through the Stream Keepers Program.
- Congratulations to Jordan and all those that helped in the production of this film!



Four Rivers Co-op 'Bags for Kids' – Breakfast

- With the generous donation from the Four Rivers Co-op, both Mapes & Sinkut View schools have started breakfast programs. We are providing a breakfast option every morning that is open to all students. With the start of the day being one hour earlier than other schools, the Mapes breakfast program has been tremendously popular. Staff at both schools have pulled together to streamline the process and are providing an arrangement of nutritious food from pancakes and muffins to fresh fruit, cheese and yogurt.



SD 91 in the NEWS

- [Provincial Ski / Snowboard Championships](#)
- [Vanderhoof Student Uses Theater to Spread LGBTQ Awareness](#)
- ['Koh' Learning in our Watersheds: SD91 Pilot Project](#)