

We acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District #8.



Remembrance Day Ceremony



Adam Robertson
Elementary

NOVEMBER NEWS

On Thursday, November 10th, ARES students and parents gathered in the gym for a special assembly in honour of Remembrance Day. We were impressed with the respect our students demonstrated as they quietly entered and sat through a series of special performances, emceed by Sofia Huscroft and Sam Bayley.

Mrs. Delcaro and Mrs. Hamm directed a performance of "Stand by Me." Our Performing Arts Club sang, and Ms. Smith, Mrs. Vandenbeghe, Mrs. Cote, and Mrs. Feragotti's classes accompanied this group.

Mrs. Hamm's grade 7 students also performed "Brother." Their moving rendition of this song brought many students to tears.


To end the assembly, each class made a unique wreath, which they placed at the front of the gym. Thanks to all the families who were able to join this special occasion.



What's New at ARES?

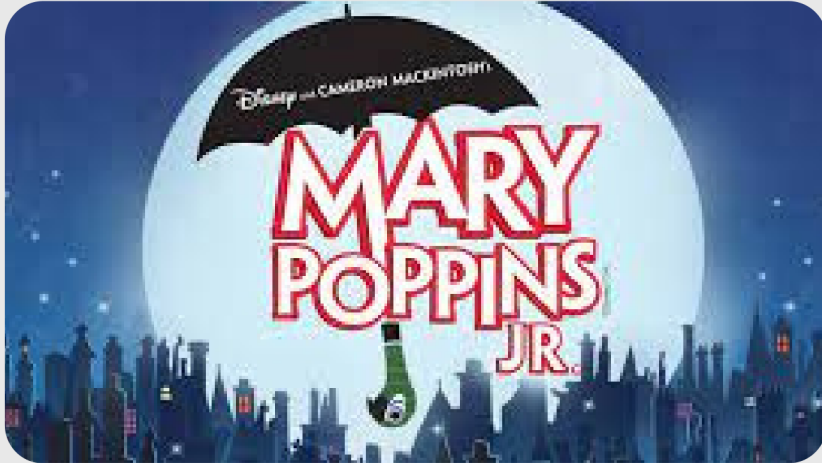
- Remembrance Day Assembly
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Our need to BELONG motivates us to participate in social activities such as clubs, sports teams, and community organizations

ARES Spring Musical



Grade 4-7 students in the Performing Arts Club enjoyed their first rehearsal for our Spring Musical, *Mary Poppins Junior*. A detailed schedule will be sent home in the New Year. This performance will be held in the KRSS auditorium at the end of April.

Rehearsals: Thursday 3:00 – 4:00 in the ARES Gym

Kindergarten Wonder Wagon

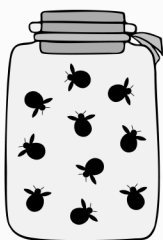


Our Kindergarten teachers are hoping to build an outdoor **WONDER WAGON**. If your children have outgrown their sand toys, please consider bringing them in for this toy bin.

They are hoping for donations of:



buckets/pails
Metal strainers
Plastic tweezers
Tiny brooms



Bug collecting containers
Magnifying glasses
Snow shovels
Snow shaping tools
Metal pots
Big spoons



Music is a universal language that can bring people from all walks of life together



Primary Holiday Concert Coming Soon...



Mark your calendar for our annual
Primary Holiday Concert



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th 6:00 PM

Purchase your Christmas Baking at our
PAC BAKE SALE

To be held outside at the front of the school before the concert



Fun opportunity for
families on Friday,
December 8th!



A note from our very busy Mrs. Scott in the office:

If you know your child will be late or absent, PLEASE email, use the school website, or call to let us know.

If we have not been notified regarding an absence, she does a safety check by calling home to ensure your child was not expected at school. This can be a time-consuming process if there are many unexcused absences.

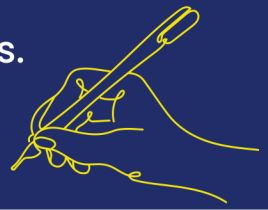
Thanks for your help!





Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.

First Peoples Principles of Learning



Intermediate Curling

Our Grade 6 and 7 students enjoyed curling at the Creston & District Community Complex. We are grateful to the skilled, community volunteers who provided instruction to the participants.



Grade 7 Writes...



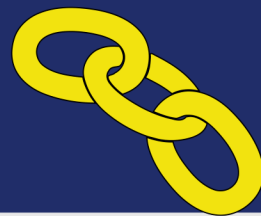
From NanoWrimo to Pen Pals...

Grade 7's are on the last stretch to meet their class goal of 150,000 words for the *Global NanoWrimo Young Writer's Challenge*. At the same time, they are kicking off a Pen Pal activity with another Grade 7 class from Roseneath Centennial Public School in Roseneath, Ontario, located in the Alderville First Nation.

Students are keen to make some new connections with students across the country.



Children know when they belong – when they are accepted by others.



Dr Larry Brendtro

Belonging Survey Results

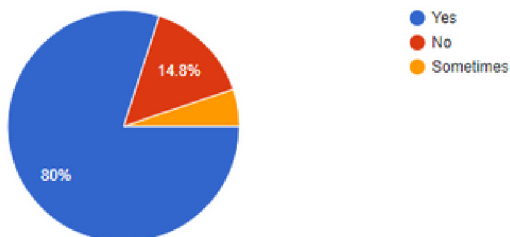
We completed our **BELONGING SURVEY** with each of our intermediate students in grades 4 through 7. This survey helps us check in to see how connected students are feeling. It also provides us with an opportunity to identify any concerns and find meaningful ways to deal with these challenges.

We were extremely pleased with our results this year. As the graphs illustrate below, the majority of students feel a sense of belonging at ARES and cared for by their teachers.

We appreciate our staff, who go above and beyond to form meaningful relationships with our students, and our families, who let us know whenever your child may be struggling with healthy connections. When we are made aware, we will always find a thoughtful and sensitive approach to deal with the concern.

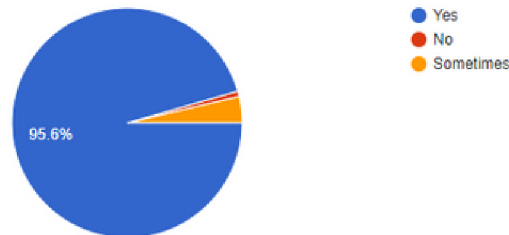
I feel like I belong in my classroom and school community

135 responses



My teacher cares about me

135 responses



FRIDAY SPIRIT DAYS

Thanks to our Kindergarten Classes for organizing the following Spirit Days:

December 1st
Cozy Head to Toes
Day



December 8th
Festive Friday



December 15th
Pajama Day



*Generosity means contributing positively to others
and being able to give time to others without
expecting things in return*






Holiday Concert Props Needed

Props:

- Video camera
- Broken/old microphone
- Hand weights
- Toy tools
- Ribbon
- Wrapping paper rolls
- Old TV
- Small sofa/chairs for set
- Pom poms/foam fingers/cheer accessories
- Extra toys for the workshop
- Cast/bandages and crutches
- Knitting needles and yarn

Costumes:

- Mrs. Claus dress
- Old frilly apron
- Granny glasses and bonnet
- Elf hats
- Elf collars
- Trench coat
- Tool belts (toy or real)
- Hard hats (to fit kids)
- Sweat bands
- Body suits



Can you spare
any of these
items for our
concert?



ARES WINTER CARNIVAL

Thursday, December 14th

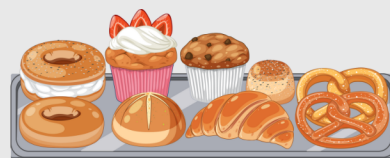
6:00 PM

\$5.00 Per Family

Support our Grade 7
Fundraiser and enjoy:

GAMES
HOT DOGS
HOT CHOCOLATE
POP CORN
PRIZES
ENTERTAINMENT
BAKED GOODS

Enjoy some family fun at
the **WINTER CARNIVAL**,
while supporting our
grade 7 fundraiser.





Giving children opportunities for generosity builds purpose, empathy, kindness, respect, and forgiveness in a child's character



Generosity Through Christmas Hampers

Every December, the Creston Ministerial Association collaborates with the local community to offer Christmas hampers to those facing financial challenges during the festive season. This hamper initiative is funded entirely by donations. Mrs. Delcaro, our Fine Arts teacher, is working with classes to create and contribute Christmas cards, with thoughtful messages, to add to each of the hampers.

As part of our CIRCLE OF COURAGE education, students learn about GENEROSITY and how their small contribution can make a significant difference in the lives of others. Not only do they become aware of this positive community initiative, they become active participants in supporting others.



ARES Vision

To support the development of RESILIENT children who can thrive in any community





IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday, December 1st** – Cozy Head to Toes Spirit Day
- **Friday, December 8th** – Festive Spirit Friday
- **Wednesday, December 13th** – PAC Meeting @ 9:00
- **Wednesday, December 13 @ 6:00 PM** – Primary Holiday Concert & Bake Sale
- **Thursday, December 14th @ 6:00 PM** – Winter Carnival, hosted by the Grade 7's
- **Friday, December 15th** – Pajama Spirit Day
- **Friday, December 15th @ 2:00 PM** – Ho-Ho-Ho Assembly
- **Friday, December 15th** – Last Day Before Winter Vacation
- **Tuesday, January 2nd** – School Reopens



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ARES Goal

To actively incorporate the Circle of Courage philosophy and the four universal needs of all children (Belonging, Independence, Generosity, & Mastery) into our school-wide culture.