



*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.*

## Chess Champions



Thanks to Mr. Blick, grade 4 and 5 classes enjoyed participating in our annual Chess Tournament. Grade 6 and 7 students will have the same opportunity after the March break.

School winners will later compete with the champions from our Creston Family of Schools:

- Grade 4 – Jingyao Lo
- Grade 5 – Max Adams



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## MARCH NEWS



Grade 7's enjoying the sunshine at Schikurski Park



Kindergarten students making Leprechaun traps



## Marching into Spring



### What's New at ARES?

- Chess Champions
- Marching into Spring
- Indigenous Games Workshop
- Drumming in Fine Arts
- Kindergarten Registration
- Huu Bac Quintet
- Mary Poppins Family Movie Night
- Paper Airplane Contest
- Purdy Order Pick-up



*"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." ~Margaret Atwood~*







*Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge*

*~ First Peoples Principles of Learning ~*



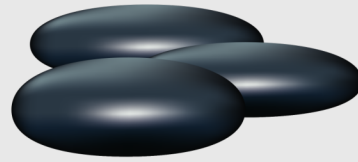
# Indigenous Games Workshop



Students were treated to a PE lesson filled with Indigenous Traditional Field Games. This educational activity promoted skill development through physical activity and cultural immersion.

Indigenous traditional games were an important way to carry on with traditions and develop needed skills such as agility, communication, teamwork, strength, balance, reflexes, hand-eye coordination, accuracy, strategy, intuition, and patience. These are skills Indigenous hunters, gatherers and fishermen relied on to feed their communities.

We want to respect, share, and honour these teachings by giving students an opportunity to immerse in traditional field games historically played by Indigenous groups all over Turtle Island (North America).





*Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situations*

*~ First Peoples Principles of Learning ~*



# Drumming in Fine Arts

Rudy Luke Junior and Sandra Luke, drummers of Eagle Bear Spirit from Yaqan Nu?kiy joined Mrs. Delcaro in Fine Arts to share their skill with ARES students. Rudy and Sandra have drummed across North America, performing songs that were passed down to them. They acknowledge the important responsibility of modeling this talent to the next generation.

The rhythm of the drum engaged students, as they learned new songs together.



## Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in September, registration is now open. Please spread the word to families who do not have older siblings at ARES. See Mrs. Scott, our Office Clerical, to begin the registration process.



The Circle of Courage value of mastery emphasizes the continuous process of striving for excellence and growth

## Huu Bac Quintet Concert



We were fortunate to have Huu Bac and his quintet perform at ARES. They skillfully combined their vietnamese and chinese heritages to North American Jazz music, inspired by travels in Asia, Europe and South America. Instruments included the dan bau (vietnamese monochord), the erhu (chinese fiddle), the quena (andean flute) and the jazz guitar.



## Family Movie Night

Support this Grade 7 fundraiser! Bring your family to watch **Mary Poppins Returns**.

Don't forget a blanket & pillows to sit on!



**Mary Poppins Returns**  
**Thursday, March 14th**  
**6 – 8 ~ ARES Gym**  
**\$5.00**  
**Includes Popcorn**







*"Imagination is more important than knowledge.  
Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."*

*~Albert Einstein~*



## Paper Airplane Contest to End the Week

As we navigate the bustling hallways this week, the school is abuzz with the fluttering of paper airplanes soaring through the air.

In preparation for Friday's much-anticipated event, each ARES class has learned about the world of aerodynamics and flight, before crafting their very own paper aircraft.

Each class will select two students to represent them in the upcoming contest, scheduled for Friday, March 15th at 2:00. Students are keen to construct the ultimate paper airplane, one that will soar the furthest in the competition.

***What could be a more calm,  
peaceful and relaxing way to  
end school before Spring Break  
than a schoolwide Paper  
Airplane Contest in the gym  
with 320 students??***



**Thanks to Mr. Blick  
for getting this  
event OFF THE  
GROUND!**



### PURDY ORDER PICK-UP

Friday, March 15th

2:45 - 4:30

Inside ARES Middle  
Doors





# Have a safe and happy March Break!

**IMPORTANT**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Wednesday, March 13th** – PAC Meeting @ 9:00
- **Thursday, March 14th** – Family Movie Night – 6:00 – 8:00
- **Friday, March 15th** – Last Day of School Before Spring Break
- **Tuesday, April 2nd** – School Re-opens
- **Wednesday, April 10th** – PAC Meeting @ 9:00
- **Friday, April 19th** – Play Your Way to K – 9:00 – 11:30
- **Monday, April 22nd** – District Pro-D Day – No School for Students
- **Wednesday, April 24th** – Early Dismissal & Learning Fair @ 1:45
- **Thursday, April 25th** – Early Dismissal & Learning Fair @ 1:45



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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.*