

LSK NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW YEAR!!

Vice Principal's Message...

Mr. Greg Marr

Dear LSK students, staff and community members,

Historically speaking, January is the time when the Tommy Cod fish species will spawn in our Shubenacadie and Stewiacke River systems. In Mi'kmaw, this is referred to as Punamujiuku's, which is described as the Frost Fish run.

January 4th, 2024, will be recognized as National Ribbon Skirt Day in Canada. Here at LSK, we will be planning a few activities for this special occasion. These sessions will be teacher led and will include: Teachings of the Ribbon Skirt (Elle Michael). There will also be a round dance. Raylene Denny, will be talking about the traditional Mi'kmaw Kojua and having a Kojua dance demonstration.

We will also be working diligently to restore the Tech Ed room at LSK. We are in the process of ordering new equipment to replace machinery that is obsolete and outdated.

This year, on the last Friday of each month, it was suggested that we plan a culture day at LSK. January 26th, 2024, we will recognize Kesik (Winter Season) and plan cultural activities for the students. If we go outdoors, please remember to dress your children for the weather. As we have seen, the weather in Nova Scotia may change at the drop of a dime.

Students in Junior and Senior High will have the experience of doing some activities over at the Community Log Cabins that are being constructed next to the school, located behind the ball field. Teachers will plan curriculum related activities during this building experience.

In closing, I always look forward to school activities surrounding LSK, along with outdoor education teachings.

Vice Principal
Greg Marr M.Ed.

January Events/Activities...

1st – Pusu'l Puna'ne – Happy New Year!

2nd – PD Day – No school for students

3rd – Return to School

4th – National Ribbon Skirt Day

26th – Kesik (Winter Season) Culture Day

25th to 30th – High School Exams: 25th (Thursday) – Block B; 26th (Friday) – Block C; 29th (Monday) – Block D; 30th (Tuesday) – Block A

31st – High School Exam Make-up Day (Medical Note Required)

31st – Assessment & Evaluation (No classes for SECONDARY Only) – Regular classes for grades Primary to nine

February 1st – Second Semester begins for Grades 10 - 12

Library News...

Mrs. Sharon Culbertson

Another Christmas holiday has come and gone. I hope that everyone enjoyed their time off and that Santa was very good to everyone. Let's start off this New Year on a positive note... Pusu'l Puna'ne!

I would like to thank everyone who shopped at our annual Scholastic Book Fair. We sold \$2,911.86!!! Since the library will be opening back up for sessions the first of February, it was so nice to get some new books for our inventory. Many graphic novels were purchased. I am sure that the students will be glad to see them when they return to their sessions. A special thank you goes out to my assistant, Carly Brooks. Carly not only assisted with the set-up of the fair, but she assisted the students with writing out their wish lists. I am so proud of how kind, polite, helpful and patient she was with the students, especially the younger ones. I am sure that she would make an excellent educator in the future. Let's hope she goes into the educational field. We could use more good teachers!!

Our school will be introducing UFLI, a literacy program, to grades K4 to seven. Since the pandemic and the shuffling of teachers, our students were falling a bit behind, but together as an educational team, we are looking to unify the literacy program so that everyone is being taught the same way. It will be rough in the beginning, but I am confident that our teachers and staff will be able to make it work. Parents/guardians... more details to come.

Elementary Learning Centre...

Mr. Kyle Busche

We are excited to start the new year in the Elementary Learning Center. Our students are working hard on their social and academic goals and have been spending most of their time in class with their peers. Many of our students are getting new assistive technology. This will help them with communication and social interactions throughout the school and at home. If you see our students out and about in the school, say "hi". They would love to have more opportunities to use their new technology!

Elementary Resource...

Ms. Leslie Paul

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. I am looking forward to working with the students and observing each one grow as a reader and writer.

Many of our resource students are participating in the "Road to Reading" Program and practicing their writing skills. Each student is working at their own pace and the program is adapted to meet the needs of individual students.

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the program planning process or elementary resource, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Wela'lin/ Thank you,
Ms. Leslie Paul

Grade Six...

Ms. Alisha Duhan

Dear Parents and Guardians,

December was a month filled with academic exploration in our class. The students delved into the world of literature, focusing on novels and engaging with various articles. Their reading and comprehension skills were honed through insightful discussions. Looking ahead to the new year, January will also see a focus on letter writing. In mathematics, we charted our progress by diving into graph theory, enhancing our understanding of data representation. As we step into January, the class is geared up to tackle decimals & fractions, fostering a strong foundation in numerical concepts.

Excitingly, our science curriculum will take a hands-on approach in the upcoming month. We're thrilled to announce our participation in the "Watts Off Energy Challenge," an initiative that promises to make learning about energy conservation both educational and fun. Furthermore, our cultural exploration will continue with a captivating project – the Culture Collage. This project aims to broaden the students' understanding of different cultures, fostering a sense of appreciation and inclusivity.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to another month of academic growth and exploration.

Junior High Literacy...

Ms. Lyssa Steponaitis

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Happy New Year! As stated in the December note, every student or pair of students I meet with is working at their own pace on the topics that they need. Some are still solidifying short vowel sounds. Although many people know vowels by the examples of what they are, namely a, e, i, o, u and sometimes y, a definition that students learn with me is: "vowels are speech sounds that are not blocked by the lips, teeth or tongue." **Short** vowel sounds in particular can be tricky for everyone without direct instruction! Every speech sound has a keyword, and the sound will be at the beginning of that keyword whenever possible. For the short vowel sounds, they are: **u** in up, **a** in apple, **e** in edge, **i** in itch, and **o** in octopus. When I started learning my method of instruction, it was very difficult for me to remember the short vowel sound for **a**, and you could hear me repeating "apple, aaaaapple" over and over again! When these sounds are introduced, a model of the keyword is either brought in or manipulated. Apples, rulers (edges) and a backscratcher (to scratch an *itch*) have all been present in my lessons. In February, I'll share the interesting story of digraphs.

As always, if you have any questions about your junior high child and what they're working on, please feel free to reach out. Email is definitely best: LSTEPONAITIS@lskschool.ca



High School Exam Schedule...

Student Exam Schedule- January 2024

Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26	Monday, January 29	Tuesday, January 30	Wednesday, January 31	Thursday, February 1
B Block Exam	C Block Exam	D Block Exam	A Block Exam	Make Up Day	New Semester Starts
English 10 Math Essentials 12 Math 10 Tourism 11	English 12 Math 11	No Exams	Gl. Geography 12 Math at Work 10 Math Essentials 10		

- All students are to be here at 9:00am for their exams (students cannot enter the exam room later than 9:30am)
- If absent, you must have a medical note from the doctor to have the option of a rewrite.
- Students must leave the building when they finish their exam.
- if school is cancelled, then the schedule gets pushed ahead. The make-up day is for students who missed an exam with a medical note.

UFLI Literacy Program...

Grades Primary to Six



"UFLI Foundations is rolling out across the province. It is coming to LSK on Monday January 29th. UFLI teaches reading and spelling and we are excited to start the program. We will be posting some news about UFLI every Friday until January 29th, so stay tuned."

Grade Nine...

Mr. Steve DeLisle

Pusu'l Puna'ne! I hope everyone had a nice holiday break. To start the new year, the grade nine class will continue learning about linear relations and graphing equations before writing their midterm exam at the end of the month. The grade eight class will begin measuring prisms and cylinders while the grade seven class will continue exploring the relationship between fractions, decimals and percents. I hope we all do our part to make sure that 2024 starts on a positive note back at LSK.

Grade Two...

Mr. Tyler Schussler

Happy New Year to all the members of the LSK family! Time is really flying isn't it, I can't believe it's already 2024. December was an action-packed month that was filled with activities and lessons filled with the theme of Christmas. We had our Christmas concert during the month of December and the grade 2's sang Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. They worked so hard on their class songs and to see them dressed in their Christmas outfits was incredible. It was amazing to see the kids get to perform in front of their families and friends. After December was all said and done, students deserved a well-earned Christmas break. After our Christmas break, it was so nice to welcome all the students back into the classroom. It was awesome to hear all the exciting experiences and fun they had over the break. To see their smiling faces again was amazing. It will take some time to re-establish the routines and expectations that were in place before the Christmas break, however as we progress into the month, students will start to pick up where they left off. In literacy, students will continue our non-fiction unit. Students will begin to compare similarities and differences between fiction and non-fictional texts. In math, students will begin to explore mathematical problem-solving strategies that will help them figure out challenging addition and subtraction math problems. Winter themed activities will be included in both literacy and math as we continue to move forward into January. It's nice to be back in the classroom after our Christmas break and I know students will quickly pick up where they left off as we continue to move into January.

Tyler Schussler

Grade One...

Ms. Daphrose Nyiraminani

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. As we dive into the new year, here are some updates for the month of January.

Curriculum Focus: In January we will be focusing on the following subjects: English Language Arts. We will continue to strengthen our reading and writing skills through various activities, and we are excited to continue our "Daily 5" literacy activities, which include reading to self, word work, work on writing, listening to reading, and reading with a partner.

Science: Our focus will be on weather and the changes that occur in different seasons. In our recent science activities, each of our Grade 1 students had the opportunity to paint a seasonal tree and decorate our classroom door with their creations. The students enjoyed expressing the understanding of seasonal changes through art, and our classroom is now looking vibrant with the colourful seasonal trees adorning the door, showcasing the students' artistic talents and understanding of the natural World.

Mathematics: In our upcoming math lessons, we will be focussing on addition and subtraction up to 12 and we will work on problem-solving strategies. Additionally, we will continue to reinforce Number Sense by counting objects up to 20. These activities will help our Grade 1 students' foundational Math skills and prepare them for more advanced concepts in Maths in the future.

Warm regards.
From Grade 1.



Grade Seven...

Ms. Erika Hilchey

Hi everyone,

The holiday break has come to an end and we are back at it! The grade 9s are finishing up their novel study: *The Giver* and are preparing for exams at the end of the month. This is the first set of exams for our grade 9 students. Let's all wish them good luck.

The grade 7 and 8s are also finishing up their novel studies and completing some cumulating activities. First up grade 7 are making board games with a comprehension focus and grade 8's will be carving their own totem poles.

As well, students who participated in the Boat Building Workshop (back in 2022) received their Two Eyed Seeing hoodies last week. This is the last exciting part of their experience.



Have a great January!
Ms. Hilchey

Grade Twelve...

Mrs. Tammy Maloney

Happy New Years from High school!

It will be a busy month preparing to write exams and finish up the First Semester. Grads will be starting a monthly 50/50 for their grad trip in June... more information to come.

Reminder: Attendance is the Key to Success!!!!

Grade Four...

Ms. Tabetha Stephens

We hope everyone had a great start to the new year. The fourth graders would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

The grade 4 are making their new year's resolutions and new goals for the year. We also want to create a vision board to remind us of goals for the future!

We all enjoyed the National Ribbon Skirt Day by dancing the Kojua and the round dance with our ribbon skirts. Our class goal is to make our very own ribbon skirts or ribbon shirts.

Please make sure your child is dressed for the winter weather. They are outside for 20 mins in the morning and afternoon. We had some chilly days.

Happy Birthday shout outs to Enzly on the 16th. Happy Birthday!! We hope you enjoy your special day!

January Birthday Greetings...

- 02 - Peter Brooks (grade 11)
- 03 - Bradley Michael (grade 11)
- 06 - Thunder Googoo (Primary)
- 08 - Raiden Paul (grade 1)
- 15 - Jessy Paul (grade 11)
- 16 - Enzly Sanipass (grade 4)
- 17 - Caylee Brooks (grade 3)
- 17 - Ceanna Brooks (grade 5)
- 26 - Mercedes Nevin (grade 5)



High School Resource...

Mr. Robert MacIntosh

Happy New Year! We now close the history book on the year 2023 and open a new book 2024. I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season and are all fresh and ready to work hard. This is a month of finishing projects and getting ready for exams which will start soon. It's hard to believe the school year is almost half way over and that students will be moving on out of here in June and heading off to bigger and better things. Their school days will be a flash in the rear-view mirror of life.

Enjoy the new year and peace.
Mr. Mac