



# Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019



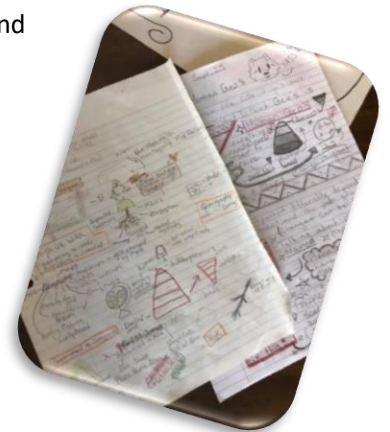
## Enrolment September 2019

- Burns Lake Schools (Including Granisle & Grassy) – 863 FTE (Up 2 FTE from Sept. 2018)
- Fraser Lake Schools – 392 FTE (down 20 FTE from Sept. 2018)
- Vanderhoof Schools – 1278 FTE (up 35 FTE from Sept. 2018)
- Fort St. James Schools – 493 FTE (down 3 FTE from Sept. 2018)
- EBUS – 488 FTE (down 46 FTE from Sept. 2018)



## Chuntoh Forestry Week

- A very **BIG THANK YOU** to Valerie Crowley of the Chuntoh Education Society and to Shannon Crowley, Jonas Morris and Dr. Vanessa Sloan Morgan (UNBC) for their assistance in helping set up the Fall Field School for the Environmental Studies / Geography 11 class from Fort St. James Secondary School (FSJSS).
- This applied outdoor learning included observing otter latrine sites, ethnobotany, human geography and testing water quality. A very busy two days for our students at the John Prince Research Forest. These types of applied learning opportunities don't happen without the support of our community partners.



## District Cross Country Run

- A very **BIG THANK YOU** to Wanda Nemethy, the Elementary Sports Council and all school coaches for making this year's Elementary Cross Country Run such a great event.
- Here's a quick break down of the number of students that participated by grade level:
  - Grade 2/3 Girls - 40
  - Grade 2/3 Boys - 48
  - Grade 4/5 Girls - 43
  - Grade 4/5 Boys - 30
  - Grade 6/7 Girls - 18
  - Grade 6/7 Boys - 21





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## SD 91 Careers Department – Busy Fall

### ✓ **PROJECT TRAILS - Year 7**

- 11 students: work with community groups/organizations to enhance/expand trail network infrastructure (*Examples: picnic table or fence construction, trail expansions or maintenance, interface work*)
- **PARTNERS:** [BL Mountain Bike Club](#), [District of Burns Lake](#), [Ministry of Forests: Protection Branch](#)



### ✓ **PROJECT CANFOR CONNECT – Year 2**

- 10 students: student are afforded direct access to CANFOR (Plateau) in order to have a better sense of what 'general labour' positions/opportunities look like. CANFOR HR interacts with students at end of the day to go over employment opportunities and how to navigate the applications process (*Examples: cleanup, general line positions, yard work*)
- **PARTNERS:** [Council of Forest Industries](#), [CANFOR Plateau Operations](#)



### ✓ **PROJECT AGRICULTURE - Year 32**

- 24 students: hands-on agriculture related activities over a 2- day period (*Examples: Stream Assessments, Drone use in farming, Dairy operations, Veterinary work*)
- **PARTNERS:** [Nechako Valley Animal Health Services](#), [Nechako Cattleman's Assoc.](#), [BC Livestock](#), [VANMAR Farms Ltd.](#), [Stephen Bros Contracting](#), [Keigh-Lee Contracting](#), [Little Valley Farms](#), [Ministry of Forests: Protection Branch](#), [KOH Learning \(Patty Borek – stream assessments\)](#), [FSJSS Drone Program](#)

### ✓ **PROJECT NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT – Year 18**

- 22 students: hands-on related activities to resource management (*Examples: riparian zone management, fire impacts/interface work, block layouts*)
- **PARTNERS:** [Council of Forest Industries](#), [CNC Forestry Program](#), [CANFOR Woodlands Division](#)



### ✓ **FIND YOUR FIT - Year 4**

- Travelling "explore careers" roadshow sponsored by [Work BC](#)
- Will be visiting Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, & Fraser Lake this year.



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## SD 91 Welcomes Students from Yokohama High School

- On Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, SD 91 welcomed Tomoki, Rin, Yuka, Sayuko, Kenta and Kota, six high school students from Japan who will be studying at Nechako Valley Secondary School (NVSS) and FSJSS until late December. We had six very excited host families meet the students at the Prince George airport, and they have spent the last few weeks introducing our guests to life in our beautiful communities.
- A **BIG THANK YOU** to these host families for being so generous with their time and homes to welcome these visitors.

## Student Voice Gathering

- Three Student Voice members (Ashley, Aliyah, Megan) joined NVSS Vice Principal Denise Dowswell in attending this year's BCPVA Student Voice Forum where they were joined by 60 other Student Voice members from across the province.
- The group spent two days exploring:
  - Leadership & Student Voice
  - Mental Health
  - Framework for Enhancing Student Learning
  - Vaping
- Each group attending the forum had some time to plan what they wanted to bring back to their district. The BCPVA offers a sponsorship of \$1000.00 towards a student forum in each district.
- Our group has decided that before planning the event they want to have an informational session at each school. The information gathered from these sessions will be used by the local student voice group to plan their event. The first two dates for these sessions will be Oct 28<sup>th</sup> and Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. There will also be sessions at the end of November and early December, dates to be announced. In January, the group will meet to review school information collected and to plan their forum which will be in the spring 2020.
- On April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> the group will be asked to join the BC Provincial Voice group to do an ignite presentation on their forum hosted in our district.



## Dr David Albury

- We're pleased to be hosting Dr. David Albury in our district on October 18-19. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, our principals and district team will be working directly with Dr. Albury; while on the 19<sup>th</sup> we've invited interested teachers, DPAC and FNEC representatives along with trustees and principals.
- Dr. Albury is a sought after consultant with the Innovation Unit in the UK, who has played a key role in informing the BC Ministry of Education's Curriculum Transformation.
- For more information on Dr. Albury, please click [HERE](#).





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## Premier's Awards for Excellent in Education



- Ken Young, Principal of NVSS; Leona Prince, District Principal of Aboriginal Education; and myself were pleased to join Casey Lytton, NVSS teacher, at this year's Premier's Awards where Casey was one of 30 BC teachers nominated for an award. Casey was nominated in the category of 'Community Engagement' for his outstanding work in creating authentic learning opportunities for students throughout the community of Vanderhoof.
- Casey has been a key driving force behind the UNBC - School District No. 91's Koh-Learning project which has been funded for the next 3 years by the Vancouver Foundation.
- People can access the video created for Casey's nomination [HERE](#).

## SD 91 in the News and Quick Facts:

- ❖ [Crazy hair day at WL McLeod](#)
- ❖ [LDSS welcomes Helene from Belgium](#)
- ❖ [NVSS Students Speak Out About Climate Change](#)
- ❖ [SD 91 Cross Country Race](#)
- ❖ [Burns Lake Orange Shirt Day](#)
- ❖ [NVSS Runners Do Well at Quesnel Race](#)

