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Monthly
Newsletter for
Lucky Lake School

The Lucky Lake A-List

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Meet Tristan

Others describe Tristan as a kind, spirited, and unmistakably loud presence in the halls of Lucky Lake School. A longtime Lucky Lake A, Tristan has been part of our school community since play school, growing up within these walls and shaping them with his humour, energy, and love for all things mechanical—especially vintage vehicles.

One of Tristan's favourite memories comes from Shop class, where he discovered how much he enjoys working with wood and metal. He speaks proudly of the projects he's created, including an impressive chess piece last year and a double-barrel shotgun crafted entirely from wood. These projects, along with the hands-on learning environment, made Shop a standout class during his time at LLS.

Tristan is grateful for the many teachers who influenced him over the years, helping him navigate tricky situations and supporting him through challenges—especially as he worked hard to succeed despite having dyslexia. He's proud of how far he's come and of the resilience he's developed along the way.

After graduation, Tristan plans to attend SaskPolytechnic to study Mechanics—an exciting next step that aligns perfectly with his passion for vehicles. While he insists he "won't miss anything," he does admit he'll miss Daylynn, and the two are already in cahoots as they plan what comes next together.

His advice for future senior students is straightforward and wise: *"Don't do drugs or be a troublemaker—drugs and trouble will get you nowhere. Put your energy into something you love and be the best version of yourself."* We're proud of you, Tristan, and can't wait to see where your journey takes you next!



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Principal's Corner: Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

As we enter the festive month of December, the halls of Lucky Lake School are alive with excitement, creativity, and holiday spirit! It's a wonderful time to celebrate the many achievements of our students, staff, and school community.

We have many festive events planned for our school families and community! Kicking off the fun is the annual **SLT Senior Secret Santa Gift Exchange**. Staff and students have pulled names from a hat and have begun leaving notes with clues to help their recipient guess who their Secret Santa is—adding a touch of mystery and excitement to the season.

Adding even more cheer to December is our **SLT Spirit Week**, happening during the week of **December 15!** Students and staff can look forward to themed dress-up days and activities that spread joy and school spirit throughout the halls.

This year, we are thrilled to host our **Christmas Village** on **Tuesday, December 10th, from 5:30–7:30 p.m.** Families are invited to gather in the gymnasium, where our Choir, led by Mrs. Cathy Smith and Mrs. Shelby Ayers, will begin the celebrations. Guests can enjoy a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, road hockey, a cozy fire, a café, and much more... and if we've been good, we might even have a special visitor join us!

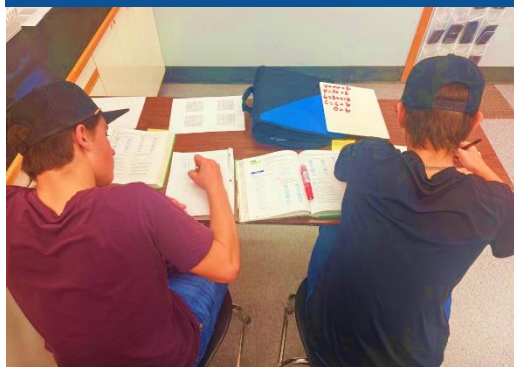
We're also excited to bring back a beloved tradition with a **KD and Hot Dog lunch on December 12**—a treasured memory for many alumni.

Looking ahead, our **monthly school assembly, A's Day, will take place on December 16 at 11:00 a.m.** Families are welcome to join us as we celebrate student achievements and the qualities that make our school community shine.

To round out our festive celebrations, the SCC invites the school community to a **Community Pancake Breakfast on December 18, from 9:30–10:30 a.m.**, offering another opportunity for connection and holiday cheer.

December is a time to celebrate togetherness, kindness, and community spirit. Thank you to all our students, staff, and families for making Lucky Lake School such a warm, welcoming, and vibrant place to learn and grow. Wishing everyone a joyful and festive holiday season!

Warm Regards,
Jennifer Young
Principal, Lucky Lake School



Academics



Celebrating our student's
academic achievements!



Museum Visit & Remembrance Day Learning

In November, our students had the opportunity to visit the museum to deepen their understanding of Remembrance Day and why it holds such an important place in Canadian history. During the visit, we explored the stories behind Remembrance Day and reflected on the sacrifices made by those who served. One particularly meaningful moment was when we reviewed the list of Lucky Lake community members who participated in war. Many students recognized family names and ancestral connections, which made the history feel personal and real.

Beyond the Remembrance Day exhibits, students also toured several themed rooms that offered a glimpse into daily life from earlier generations—such as a historical kitchen, bedroom, and music room. These spaces helped students imagine what life was like in the past and connect social history to real-world artifacts. Overall, it was a powerful experience that encouraged curiosity, gratitude, and remembrance.

Science 9 & 10: From Biology to Chemistry

This past month, Grade 9 and 10 students transitioned from the Biology unit into Chemistry. To support this shift, students have been exploring the differences between physical changes and chemical changes through hands-on investigations. In lab activities, they observed a variety of changes and analyzed the properties involved—such as color change, gas production, temperature change, and reversibility.

By combining practical experimentation with classroom theory, students are building a stronger foundation for understanding how matter behaves and changes. Their growing lab skills and thoughtful observations have been wonderful to see as we move deeper into the Chemistry unit.

Science 11 & 12: Volcano Project-Based Learning (PBL)

Senior students in Grades 11 and 12 have been engaged in an exciting Volcano Project-Based Learning activity. In this project, students chose a specific volcano to investigate, studying its history, eruption patterns, and the risks associated with future activity. Using their understanding of plate tectonics, students examined why the volcano formed in that location and how surrounding communities can prepare for and respond to possible eruptions.

To showcase their learning, students created either a volcano-focused newsletter or a short informational video. Their final products demonstrated not only strong scientific knowledge but also creativity, research skills, and real-world problem-solving.

Financial Literacy: Moving into Investing

Our Financial Literacy course has now transitioned from making right financial decisions into the topic of investing. Students are learning what an investment is, how it differs from saving, and the advantages and disadvantages of each approach.

We have been moving at a slightly slower pace due to the recent flu season, but we're very happy to see students gradually returning to full health. Most importantly, learning is back on track, and the class has been progressing smoothly and confidently through this new unit.



Attitude



Celebrating our student's
attitude!



A's of the Month

Each month, our school community nominates students who go above and beyond showing A+ attitudes, academics, athleticism, and artistic abilities! These students make Lucky Lake a better place through their hard work, kindness, and school spirit. We are so proud to celebrate our November A's of the Month!

Congratulations to **DEVYN!** Devyn is being recognized for always challenging herself and for serving as a positive role model for younger students. Her determination and leadership inspire those around her, and she consistently shows what it means to take initiative and aim high. Devyn's quiet confidence and willingness to support others make her a wonderful example for our school community.

Congratulations to **KALI!** Kali is being celebrated for her consistent hard work in class and her commitment to completing assignments on time. Her responsibility and focus demonstrate a strong work ethic that will serve her well in everything she pursues. Kali's steady effort and positive attitude make her an asset in the classroom.

Congratulations to **KONNOR!** Konnor is recognized for the resilience he demonstrates when faced with challenging work. His teacher shared, *"He consistently demonstrates hard work and determination. Even when he feels frustrated, he chooses to push through and give his best effort. He accepts corrections with a growth mindset and uses feedback to improve his work, which shows real maturity and perseverance. He does what is asked of him without complaint and contributes positively to our classroom environment. His effort, respect, and willingness to keep trying make him a role model for his peers. I am fortunate to have his positive attitude and strong work ethic in our classroom community."* Konnor's perseverance and positive character are truly admirable.

Congratulations to **HALLIE!** Hallie's dedication to the SLT and her meaningful contributions to our Remembrance Day events have not gone unnoticed. She has also put in countless volunteer hours for the Junior Boys' and Girls' home tournament—work that truly makes a difference. Hallie embodies the spirit of service. We need more people like her, and we are grateful for her generosity, energy, and leadership.

Congratulations to all our November A's of the Month! Your hard work, leadership, and positivity make us proud to be part of the Lucky Lake community! Keep reaching for those A's: Attitude, Academics, Athletics, and Artistry!



The Return of the infamous Kraft Dinner & Hot Dog Christmas Lunch!

This year, Lucky Lake School is buzzing with excitement—and nostalgia! With so many alumni walking the halls once again, it felt like the perfect time to bring back a holiday tradition that's near and dear to our hearts: the infamous Kraft Dinner & Hot Dog Christmas Lunch!

Students and staff alike will enjoy the comforting combination of KD paired with classic hot dogs—a meal that has sparked smiles, memories, and a little holiday cheer for years.

This festive lunch isn't just about the food; it's about reconnecting with the past, celebrating our school community, and sharing laughter and joy as the season unfolds. It's a tradition that reminds us all why the holidays at Lucky Lake School are truly special.

Get ready to indulge in a classic favourite—because the KD & Hot Dog Christmas Lunch is back on December 12!

Merry Christmas— this special lunch is a gift from the school to the students!



Athleticism

Celebrating our student's athletic achievements!

Athleticism at Lucky Lake School

Even though November has been quieter on the sports front, our students have continued to demonstrate energy, athleticism, and a love for movement in many ways throughout the school. From physical education classes to recess activities, our students have been building strength, coordination, and teamwork skills every day.

In PE, students have been exploring fitness challenges, agility activities, and cooperative games that encourage everyone to be active and support one another. Recess continues to be a time for running, soccer, and informal games, where students practice sportsmanship and creativity while staying active.

Athleticism isn't just about organized sports—it's about developing healthy habits, enjoying physical activity, and learning skills that keep our bodies strong and minds focused. We are proud of how our students continue to move, play, and challenge themselves in safe, fun, and engaging ways.

As we look ahead to December, we're excited to get back into seasonal sports and activities while celebrating the dedication and effort our students put into staying active all year long! In the new year, students will be encouraged to bring their ice skates to school so that we can begin skating at our beloved Community Centre!

SLT Spirit Week

Monday: Colour Block Day
(wear red or green)

Tuesday: Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Wednesday: Winter Wonderland Day
(wear a special toque, mittens, snowflakes)

Thursday: PJ Day

Friday: Classic Christmas Character



Art



Celebrating our student's artistic achievements!



Warhol-Inspired Wonders

The Grade 5s and 6s have been exploring various pieces of Pop Art in the style of Andy Warhol. We practiced colouring the same pictures with different contrasting colours and patterns and then applied those practices to our own art piece where students were able to select their own item and colour. We discussed and practiced contrasting colours, patterns, colour theory, repetition, clear lines, and bold colours.

Students were encouraged to choose their own item to recreate 4 times with different colour patterns. The encouragement came with a warning that the item needed to be drawn four times exactly the same. Claire was very ambitious with her representation and chose to recreate the Starbucks logo. This took time and patience to first of all draw the logo four times and then to go and colour all the pieces of the logo. She worked very hard and was determined to create a master work of art. Well done Claire!

Finding Calm Through Art

This past month, our Grade 7 and 8 students took a creative pause from their regular studies to explore the calming power of art. Students painted scenic landscapes as a way to relax, reflect, and practice strategies that help bring them closer to the “green zone”—a state where we feel calm, focused, and ready to learn.

Through this activity, students were encouraged to think about colours, shapes, and textures in nature that make them feel peaceful. While creating their scenic landscapes, students practiced mindfulness, slow breathing, and focusing on the present moment—skills that help manage stress and emotions.

Flowing Creativity

On our last PD Day, teachers explored a creative art technique called Pour Art! They learned how to mix acrylic paint with a special medium that changes its viscosity, allowing the paint to flow across the canvas in unique, organic patterns.

Thank you to Mrs. Courtney Siemens for leading this fun and engaging activity! We can't wait to show the students what we learned.

Welcome Baby Prentice

We are thrilled to announce that Mr. Tanner Prentice and Mrs. Nicole Prentice have welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Oakley, into the world!

Oakley arrived on the evening of Tuesday, November 18, weighing a healthy 6 lbs 7 oz and measuring 19.9 inches long. Both baby and parents are doing wonderfully, and the family is overjoyed to begin this exciting new chapter together.

Congratulations to the Prentice family on their newest little bundle of joy! We can't wait to see all the love, laughter, and adventures that Oakley will bring to their lives.



LUCKY LAKE SCHOOL SCC REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 17TH, 2025

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Present:

Kendra Siemens, Chairperson
Jody Ylioja, Vice-Chairperson
Melanie Dyck, Treasurer
Deenna Nelson, Secretary
Jennifer Young, Principal
Jesse Siemens, Teacher Representative
Aaron Beeson, Teacher Representative
Lydia Ylioja, Student Representative

1. Call to Order -The meeting was called to order by Kendra at 5:10pm

2. Reading and Approval of Minutes -The minutes from the last meeting, held on October 20th, were circulated before the meeting and approved.

3. Approval of the Agenda - Added is Student-Led Conferences Supper for Teachers in Old Business and Playground Committee Report.

4. Reports Full reports are attached in the SCC binder.

4.1 Treasurer's Report – Presented by Melanie:

Bank Balance as of October 31st, 2025: \$8,424.24

Member Expenses: Kendra has bills for teacher supper and baby gifts

4.2 SLT Report – Presented by Lydia: December events planned - Spirit Week + Secret Santa for grades 7-12. Playground donation from SLT was discussed.

4.3 Principals Report – Presented by Jennifer:

- **School Learning Improvement Plan**- Progress summarization: Standing desks, Strength-based student connections, Drama Club, Cody Demerais Presentation, TTYL, Zones of Regulation, Roots of Empathy, Cardiac Crash, Breakfast Program, SWIS and upcoming Treaty Catalyst meeting.

- **Upcoming School Events and Important Dates**- November highlights include Jersey Day, Literacy Night, The Way Puppet Theatre, Piano Recital.

- **Additional Items**- Staffing Updates and Illness Report.

- **Division Updates**- New HR system and Board Highlights available online

- **Celebrations**- Mr. Beeson, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Settler for their work with organizing the Remembrance Day Assembly.

4.4 Lucky Lake Local Committee- Presented by Deenna: November printing at 200 copies. Jennifer noted the possible cost impact of toner if SCC continues to print in colour. We continue to be mindful of this and ask for an update after next month's printing to see if reimbursement to Division is needed. Council asked whether DLC printing is tracked-it is not. Once the final copy is ready to print, Jennifer will be cc'd when sent to the office for printing to review.

4.5 Hot Lunch Committee- Presented by Kendra: November hot lunch is Taco in Bag. Thank you to Josh and Mel Brown who are this month's Healthy Option sponsor. SCC thanks to the Erixon, Siemens, Nelson and Brown families for their additional donations to subsidize this month's hot lunch cost!

4.6 Social Media Committee- Presented by Kendra: A motion was made by Deenna to start an SCC Facebook page. Megan seconded. SCC feels it will be a positive way to promote the Local and the playground progress. Kendra also consulted Superintendent Kim Fick before the motion was made and spoke to how Director Darryl Seguin had some suggestions/parameters regarding social media that will be forwarded to Council.

4.7 Playground Committee- Presented by Kendra: Two options have been sent to SCC. Sponsorship letters and packages are being drafted. SunWest has let Jennifer know that after inspection, the "oldie" needs to be removed. SCC suggested it be relocated to the Kin Park-Jennifer will keep Mel in the loop about this. Mel has also been in contact with Jamie at Division level to review the correct procedures for handling donations and funds.

5. Old Business

5.1 Literacy Night- has been rescheduled for November 19th due to the illnesses that were circulating at the time of the original date. Kendra, Deenna, Jody and Megan will make desserts for the evening. A basket of SCC selected literacy-based activities has been created for a door prize. The \$25 book fair gift certificate has been replaced by an Indigo gift card.

5.2 Student-Led Conferences Supper for Teachers- Meat and cheese trays, homemade buns by Kendra and dessert were provided by SCC for staff the evenings of conferences. It was appreciated!

6. New Business

6.1 New Bell Schedule was implemented for senior high students this year. There have been no parent-raised concerns to admin and staff report no complaints from students. 5-minute breaks between classes are to discourage students leaving campus, which is not permitted.

6.2 Chocolate Moose Fudge Factory Fundraiser wraps up on Friday, November 21st.

6.3 A teacher request was emailed to the SCC from Mrs. Ayers: A bookshelf for the grade ¾ classroom library at a cost of \$289.99. Jody is going to ask her husband if he could construct a matching one at a lesser cost. SCC will be in touch about this before the next meeting via WhatsApp.

6.4 Christmas Pancake Breakfast is tentatively planned for December 19th. The invite will extend to the entire community. Jennifer will confirm this works with school calendar.

6.5 SCC Proposed Budget was presented by Mel and is attached in the binder. Discussed was the SCC's desire to dedicate Lucky Lake Local proceeds to the playground and keep the SunWest SCC grant for all other regular SCC budgeted items.

6.6 SCC Engagement & Alignment Plan Due to time restraints this is tabled and will be reviewed at the next meeting. SCC has the main pieces in place; it now needs to be finalized for submission.

6.7 Review Financials were presented by Jennifer and are attached in the binder. The budget is not yet completed but will be reviewed at the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting – January 19th, 2026 @ 5:00pm (There will be no regular December meeting)

9. Adjourned – Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm



LUCKY LAKE SCC

**PLAYGROUND
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Day 5 Where Have All the Buffalo Gone? 11:00 AM  Secret Santa Begins HS	2 Day 6 (K) 18 to Life – Gr 12 Xmas choir @ noon SCC Playground Meeting 4:00 	3 Day 1 Santa Letters 12:45	4 Day 2 (K) Buddy Reading Xmas choir @ noon 	5 Day 3	6
7	8 Day 4 (K) Buddy Reading Xmas choir @ noon Staff Meeting 3:30 	9 Day 5	10 Day 6 (K) Xmas choir @ noon Christmas Village 5:30-7:30  	11 Day 1	12 Day 2 (K) Xmas choir @ noon Kraft Dinner & Hot Dog Hot Lunch  	13
14	15 Day 3 Hanukkah Color Block (wear your favorite Xmas colors) R.O.E Family Visit	16 Day 4 (K) Assembly 11:00AM Ugly Christmas Sweater Day 	17 Day 5 Winter Wonderland Day (wear your winter gear) 	18 Day 6 (K) SCC School Community Christmas Breakfast 9:30 Xmas choir @ noon PJ Day/ Comfy Day 	19 Day 1 Classic Xmas Character Day Skating Day Secret Santa Gift Exchange @ noon 	20
21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas!	26 Boxing Day/ Kwanzaa	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Happy New Year!	See you back at School on Monday, January 5 th , 2026 – Day 2 (K) Have a wonderful Holiday Break! 		

