



October 2009 Report

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Aboriginal Education

- September 28-29, cross district cultural presentation/participation – Ktunaxa Grass dancing with Michael White
- October 5-7, cross district cultural presentation/participation – Birch Bark Biting
- October 5, Creston – MOE Aboriginal Regional meeting – question being asked is – How are our schools different now than they were 4 years ago – or since the signing of the Aboriginal Education enhancement Agreement. They will want this included in our next annual report – also emphasized the use of the Western Northern Canadian Protocol resources and tools, the incongruities between the Aboriginal programs auditing process and what local enhancement agreements emphasize.
- October 14, Boundary Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meets

Early Years

- September 21, Boundary Early Years Advisory
- Perley StrongStart Centre – Friday Session with Aboriginal emphasis doing well signage coming soon
- Strong Start full page information article coming out in Gazette next week
- October 15 – Kindergarten Anchoring session.
- MOE StrongStart Regional Training in September ECE Facilitators attended
- Nov. 5 EDI/Human Early Learning Partnership presentation in Kelowna
- Nov. 25 EDI training in Richmond
- Ready Set Learn – Kindergarten teachers taking a lead role in school community events

Special Education

- Sept. 23 –Appreciative Inquiry TA ProD group mtg – est. Nov 5 as training date on Responding to Behaviour challenges
- Sept. 30 - 1701 and student designation process completed
- September 11 to October 15 –researched and attended 7 ICM meetings
- October 2 – CYSN/ECD Interior Region Alliance mtg in Kelowna
- October 6 – Community Crisis Response Protocol development team mtg
- October 7 - TA interviews at BCSS

- Did You Know? – this year, SD 51 has more than doubled the number of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder? We now have 1 for every 100 children. It is estimated that the average is 1 for every 150 children. The medical field is projecting that in the next few years the average may be 1 in every 83 students.

Literacy

- September 24, 25 – Leyton Schnellert demonstrations in Science 10 with Terry Nuyten and in grade 6/7 with Sonia McKinlay were well received. The Friday session on Backword Design and the formative/summative assessment process for diverse learners was very helpful to all who attended
- Community Literacy Advisory still trying to identify a Fall meeting date
- September-October District wide assessment in Reading and Writing