

# Kootenay Lake School District 8

## British Columbia, Canada



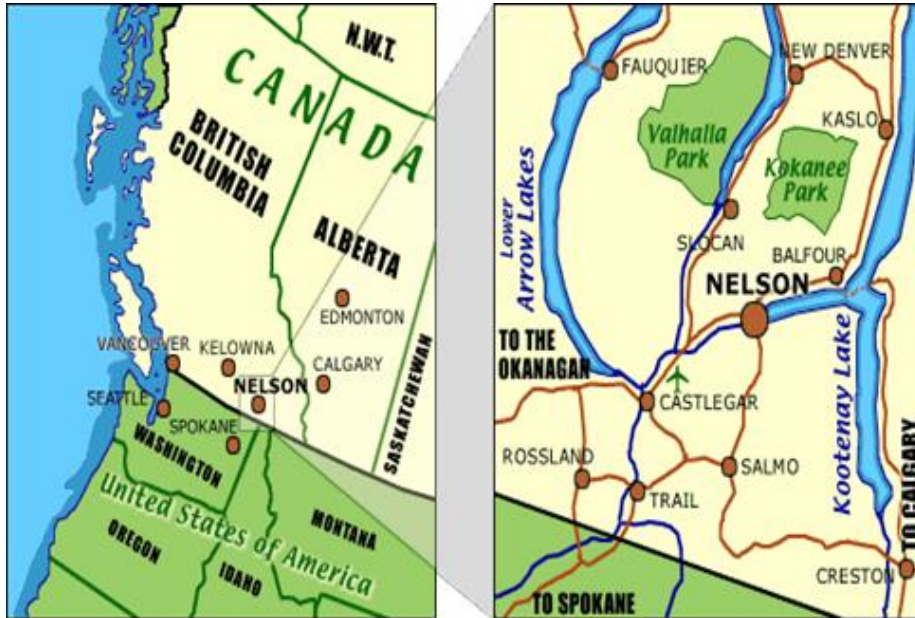
Pristine Canadian Environment, a World of Opportunities



# Who WE are, and Why we Stand Out

- One of the first districts in BC with an International Program - over two decades
- One of the top tourist destinations for Canadians - both winter and summer
- Our programs welcomes the future leaders from 13 different countries - we carefully balance our participates to ensure full immersion in Canadian culture
- Award winning inclusive schools
- International students are given the same opportunities as local students - sports, clubs, academies
- We offer a variety of city and rural options

# Location – South Eastern BC in the Kootenay Region



## All about the Kootenays

- People from around the world arrive for outdoor activities, music, arts
- Based around one of North America's cleanest lakes
- Laid back, healthy lifestyle
- One hour flight from Vancouver
- One hour flight from Calgary
- 45 min. drive from US border
- With one of Canada's mildest climates

# Nelson, one of Canada's Vacation Destinations!

- Award winning skiing
- World famous biking and hiking
- Clear clean lake and fresh air
- Inclusive communities
- Community sports and clubs
- Drama, music, community choirs
- SAFE! Day and night
- Breathtaking scenery
- Vibrant cities and towns with busy social and arts scenes
- It is about quality of life in the Kootenays!





# Creston



- Beautiful Safe Town
- Lots of agricultural opportunities
- Sports - basketball, volleyball, and lots more
- Community opportunities
- Equestrian opportunities
- Full English immersion
- Pre-calculus, science
- Outdoor “Yeti” Academy
- Media Design/Technology course
- Variety of Electives - music, art, drama, personal passion projects, photography, and more!

# Several Small Rural Towns

- Full English immersion
- Low numbers of other international students
- Lots of outdoor opportunities - hiking, biking, skiing
- Sports and Clubs - track and field, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and more
- Variety of Electives - music, art, drama, personal passion projects, photography, media studies, and MORE!
- A true Canadian Experience



# Excellence in Academics

- Award winning schools with innovative practice
- Teaching excellence award for physics
- Leadership and Culture Clubs
- AP courses
- Counsellor support for courses and university admittance
- Support from school counsellors
- FULL English immersion
- French and Spanish
- Small classes - 24 - 30
- Inclusive environments where friends are easily made



# BC has one of the Best Education Systems in the World

- International PISA results:
  - #1 in Reading
  - #2 in Science
  - #6 in Mathematics
- World Wide Education Index - Canada is #2
- BC is rated #1 in Canada





# Elective and Academy Options



- Sports - soccer, volleyball, basketball, curling and MORE!
- Academy options - dance, mountain biking, rugby, volleyball, film academy, outdoor programs
- Arts - media arts, 3D, mixed media, ceramics, painting and more
- Band - big band, jazz, community
- TV and media production
- Personal interest electives -  
Woodworking, mechanics, culinary skills, fashion design skills

# HomeStays - the Heart of our Program

- Our students, our homes, our program - we manage homestays
- Monthly personal meetings with reports sent to agent
- Meets and exceeds government homestay regulations
- Families screened by local police
- Families orientated to support students who arrive from other countries
- Monthly Canadian activities included
- Native English speaking families



# Support for International Students



- Advancing English - ELL Course
- In school counselor support
- Free - tutoring twice a week
- 24/7 - on call staff support
- Monthly personal check ins
- Orientations
- Monthly group activities
- On site school support with International School staff member
- Pre-arrival English Language Assessment
- Pick up and drop off at the airport at the beginning and end of the stay

# Monthly Activities

September - River Rafting

October- Zip lining

November - Ainsworth Hot Springs

December - Curling and Christmas Party

January - Hockey Game – Nelson Leafs Junior A

February - Snow Caving

March - Movie at the Castlegar Cineplex Theatre and lunch

April - Gravity Climbing

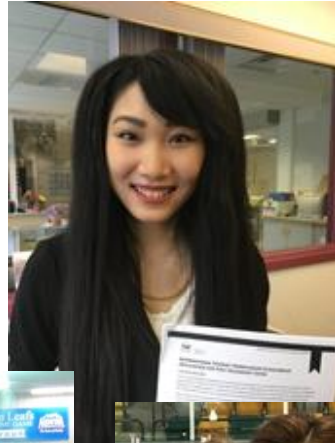
May - Aboriginal Pow Wow

June - Farewell Banquet -  
hosted by local restaurant





# Graduation Success!!



- Kootenay Lake students receive the greatest number of scholarships from provincial government
- BC's Dogwood Certificate is a gateway to universities around the world
- Last year an IP student received a full scholarship to UBC in Math
- 97% graduation success
- Pathways to Postsecondary

# We are Proud of Where Our Grads Go

McGill – sciences and engineering

UBC – math/engineering

U of T – business & science

U of A in Edmonton – science (medicine)

U of C – economics

Calgary School of Applied Art

Stanford University – science (medicine)

U of SC – performing arts

Langara College – business

Kwantlan College – business

Selkirk College – business

Mount Royal College in Calgary

AND MANY MORE!



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## Top 5 Reason to Choose the Kootenay's

- 1) Academics and Electives - Excellent schools, AP courses and a variety of electives and academies
- 2) Our Communities - safe, clean and friendly - international students are immersed and welcomed into schools and communities
- 3) Full English Immersion - school and homestay
- 4) HomeStays - meet or exceed all government legislation with nurturing personalized and monthly reports
- 5) A True Canadian Experience in a mild climate - we offer a variety of outdoor activities in a climate that is one of the warmest in Canada

# Want to Learn More?

Visit our Website

<https://international.sd8.bc.ca/>

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