



Lloyd George Elementary School

November 2015 Edition

Principal's Message

Dear Lloyd George Families,

This year our teachers have worked extremely hard to learn a new student information system that has been launched across the province of British Columbia. In this new student information system, teachers can take attendance, keep students' marks and write report cards. Using a new student information system also means that report cards will look different this year. As it is often the case with new technology, there have been some trying times and a steep learning curve for everyone involved. Therefore, we have pushed report cards one week later in order to accommodate these changes.

First term reports will now go home on Friday, December 11th. For our youngest students, this is the first report card they will present to you! Our Grade 4 students will be bringing home the first report card with "letter grades". Report cards can be stressful for some students. All of our students look to you first and foremost to let them know how you think they really did. Your response can shape your children's confidence in themselves as learners, the sense of importance they give school, and the way they are motivated to continue trying and learning.

The report card is a "snap-shot" of your children's abilities. It lets you know at a certain point in time where they've landed. It in no way replaces the knowledge and understanding you and their teachers have of their capabilities; student learning is ongoing in classrooms every day and you see part of this process as your children do their homework, show you their projects, and talk about what happened in learning at school each day.

It is important, while wanting to motivate children, not to create anxiety or a lessening of confidence in their abilities. Students achieve much more if they perceive school as a positive experience and themselves as capable learners. Focus on the positive with only one or two goals to improve by asking: What might you change or do differently next

term? What assistance do you need? You can help your children learn about how they learn best, taking responsibility for their learning, and acknowledging their efforts while you help guide them to continued growth.

As the second term begins, you can help your children by taking interest in their daily work, setting a scheduled time for homework, finding a quiet place for homework (without TV or other electronic distractions!), making sure they get enough sleep, and helping them start each day in a calm and organized way.

Thank you for your continued support and helping us help your children reach their potential.

Upcoming Important Dates

November 5	PAC Hot Lunch
November 5	Squeak and Squawk Night for Grade 6 - 6:30 pm
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 am
November 11	Remembrance Day – No School
November 13	You Can Count on Me - 8:20 am
November 26	Merit Assembly - 9:00 am
November 20	PAC Movie Night - 5:30 pm
November 27	PAC Hot Lunch
December 7	Pro-D Day – No School
December 9	Band Concert - 6:30 pm
December 10	Band Concert- 8:45 am
December 11	Report Cards go home
December 14	Christmas Concert
December 18	Merit Assembly - 9:00 am
December 18	Last day before Winter Break
January 4	First Day after Winter Break

Remembrance Day Assembly



Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place at 10:45 am on November 10th in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

Safe Arrival – 250-828-0150

When your child is going to be absent or late for school, please call the Safe Arrival number (250-828-0150) or email lloyd-george-office@sd73.bc.ca. You can do this at any time of day or night.



You Can Count On Me



We are pleased to offer a presentation for Kindergarten parents focusing on strategies to support their children with at-home math activities. "You Can Count on Me" will take place in the Kindergarten classes from 8:15-10:15 am on Friday, November 13th. Please pre-register using the forms that were sent home earlier this week.

What is Respectful Behaviour?



Throughout the month of November we will be focusing on respect. Lessons and activities focusing on respect will be stressed. All staff will be looking for and acknowledging students who are portraying respectful behaviours. Some of the respectful behaviours we will be looking for include:

- Saying hello and smiling to others in the hallways
- Speaking kindly to one another
- Including others
- Encouraging and helping others



Library News

Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) was a success at Lloyd George last week. It is a powerful sight to see all of the students sitting in the hallway making time to read and looking so good wearing their COOL shades! Keep reading every day!



The **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place from November 9th to 13th. Monday is preview day (no shopping), Tuesday through Friday students can purchase either with their class, at lunch, or after school. Mornings are reserved for families. Our goal is to sell 454 books! Parents interested in helping at lunch or after school can contact Mme Cauchon.

Students interested in participating in the **Battle of the Books** may still sign up. Right now the focus is on reading as many of the novels as

possible. The selected titles are on the windowsill in the library. We are still looking for a few more grade 5 students to sign up.

Outdoor Clothing

With the weather turning cooler, please make sure that your child is dressed warmly enough to spend recess and lunch outdoors.



PAC News

PAC Hot Lunch Days – Thursday, November 5th and Friday, November 27th

The next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 16th at 8:45 am in the school library. There will be NO meeting in December.

PAC movie night is scheduled for Friday, November 20th. Doors open at 5:30, movie starts at 6:00 (Please note the change in time!) Movie is TBA.

Art Cards orders are due by Tuesday, November 10th. If you have not received your child's sample card, please speak to your child's teacher ASAP.

Growing Smiles (poinsettia and Christmas wreaths) orders are due Tuesday, December 1st. Our fundraising website link is: <https://ecolelges.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

Purdy's chocolate orders are due by Saturday, December 5th. Link to our fundraising website is: <https://www.purdysgpp.com/join/32142>

Lloyd George Christmas Craft Fair is booked for Saturday, November 28th from 10-3pm in the school gym and social room in the library. Please come out and support local artisans and crafters as you prepare for the holiday season. This is our first year trying this amazing event (similar to the RIH Craft A-Fair and SPCA craft fair, but on a smaller scale!) Tell your friends, your neighbours, and bring your family down to get some Christmas shopping done!

If you are not receiving PAC e-mails, please send a message to "lloydgeorgepac@gmail.com" with ADD ME in the subject line.

School Supply Fees

If you have not already paid your school supply fees for this year, please be reminded that they are due at the office.

Volleyball

Volleyball season is well underway. Games for Tier 1 and 2 boys are on Tuesdays, Tier 1 and 2 girls are on Thursdays, and Tier 3 boys and girls are on Wednesdays. Playoffs for Tiers 1 and 2 will begin the week of November 23rd. Please check the school website for a more detailed schedule.



Safety

When picking up and dropping off your child, please remember the following tips that will ensure the safety of all children:



- Cross the street at the corners or marked crosswalks.
- Park down the street or around the corner; there is no parking in the loading zone in the front of the school.

Student Pick Up

If you arrive before the end of the day to pick up your children, please wait at the front doors or determine a meeting place outside. If you plan to meet your child at your vehicle, please turn your engine off so that the emissions are not causing pollution to our school community.

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is well stocked. Please take a moment to check for your child's missing clothing items when you are in the school. It is located at the top of the stairs.

Christmas Concert

The K-5 Christmas Concert will be held Monday, December 14th at the Sagebrush Theatre. As in past years we will have two tickets available per family. More information will follow later in November.

There will be two band performances in December, the 9th at 6:30 pm and the 10th at 8:45 am in the school gym.

Board Meeting Notes: OCTOBER 26, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Hamblett and two students from Beattie School of the Arts on the Juried Portfolio process.
2. Superintendent deBruijn provided the Board with an update on the Ministry of Education Support Plan.
3. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip Request from South Kamloops Secondary School for the Senior Boys Basketball Team to travel to Hawaii in December 2015.
4. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip Request from Valleyview Secondary School for Biology 11 students to travel to Hawaii in February 2016.
5. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip Request from Westsyde Secondary School for students to travel to Quebec to participate in a French language exchange in March 2016.
6. The Board adopted the following policies:
 - a. Policy 301.1 Ordinarily Resident;
 - b. Policy 709.8 Education: Independent Directed Studies (IDS).

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, November 9, 2015 at Westwold Elementary School.

	Inside	Outside	Always and Everywhere
S Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk and keep to the right • Be alert! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use equipment safely • Go to a supervisor for help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know your limits • Play "hands safe"
O Organized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be ready to learn • Keep spaces in order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a plan for recess and lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared
A Accountable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use your time wisely • Try your best 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return borrowed equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow school rules
R Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a good listener • Use materials appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a positive attitude • Be kind, truthful and courteous