



Lloyd George Elementary School

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December 2016

Dear Parents,

After numerous calls about pedestrian safety around our school, we have engaged different agencies to try to solve the problem and make sure our students are safer on their way to and from school. We have talked to our PAC members, the RCMP, the City of Kamloops and the School Board Office to come up with a solution.

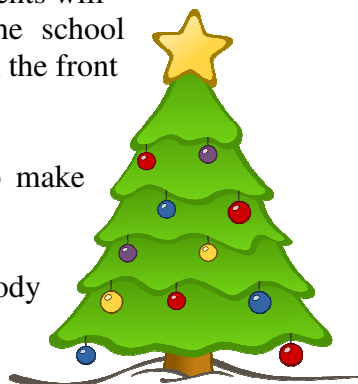
At our latest meeting with the City of Kamloops and School District 73 transportation, it was decided that the best way to protect our students was to change the bussing and the student pick up and drop off areas. **As of January 3 (after the Christmas Break), buses (including daycare buses) will pick up and drop off along 8th Street. The whole side of the school on 8th Street will be designated for buses only. The old busing zone on Dominion will now become student pick up and drop off for parents.**

As of January 3, students will be coming in the school through the back doors (Kindergarten and Intermediate doors will be open between 8:20 until 8:35. After 8:35, students will have to use the front doors as they need to sign in late. Students will not be allowed to come in the front doors between 8:20 and 8:35 and they should wait in the school yard instead of the front of the school.

We are hoping that traffic at the front of the school on Pine Street will be alleviated, making it safer for students to walk home. Students will also be safer waiting in the school yard as opposed to waiting in the front in the morning.

Thank you for your help to make our school a safer place.

I would like to wish everybody a safe and merry Christmas.



Upcoming Dates

December 5	Pro-D Day – No School
December 7	Early Closure - 12:30 pm Parent Teacher Interviews
December 8	Grade 5/6, 6 & 7 Celebration of Learning & Band Concert 6:00 pm
December 12	Christmas Concert - 6:30 pm
December 16	Merit Assembly - 9:00 am
December 16	Last day before Winter Break
January 3	First Day after Winter Break
January 11	Primary Bannock Sale
January 13	Intermediate Bannock Sale
January 20	Pro-D Day - No School
January 31	Merit Assembly – 9:00 am
February 13	Family Day - No School
February 24	Pro-D Day – No School
March 17	Last Day before Spring Break
April 3	First Day after Spring Break
April 6	Early Closure – 12:30 pm Parent Teacher Interviews
April 14	Good Friday – No School
April 17	Easter Monday – No School
April 24	Pro-D Day – No School
May 15	Pro-D Day – No School
May 22	Victoria Day – No School
June 29	Last Day of Classes



Basketball

Basketball season is scheduled to begin in January. If you are interested in coaching a team, please contact M Blais.



Christmas Concert - Kindergarten to Grade 5

Please check your child's backpack for the information sheet and tickets that were sent home today with the youngest child in the family.

Band Concert and Celebration of Learning

On Thursday, December 8th (6:00 pm), students from Mme Wight, Mme Christine, Mme Moffat, and Mme Van Heerden's classes will be putting on a band concert and Mme Wight, Mme Moffat, and Mme Van Heerden's classes will be sharing some of their learning in the library. Parents are invited to attend.

Safe Arrival

School District #73 will be implementing a new safe arrival program. Please call the toll free number (1-844-350-2647) or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com to report your child's absence.



Outdoor Clothing

Please remember to label your child's clothing. We have quite a collection of lost items. These items are much easier to identify when they have been labelled. If you have a moment before the winter break, please stop by the school to claim lost items.

News from the Library

Kindergarten parents and grandparents were invited to a "**You Can Count On Me**" workshop that focussed on improving numeracy skills through games. Nola Renfrew explored the various mathematical strands through many games. **Key suggestions** were:

- avoid saying "it's wrong" but rather ask if it makes sense and suggest counting it again
- find the numbers around you - addresses, phone numbers, time...
- estimate when at the store
- avoid letting your child win all of the time... it is a hard lesson to learn in Kindergarten
- and most importantly - **make it FUN!**

Students in Mme Dwyer, Mme Stafford/M Silverberg's classes have been hard at work learning how to illustrate and write a comic strip with expert Yannick Maury. We would like to thank the Francophone Association for providing this opportunity. The students have had so much fun!

It is igloo building time again! Mme Cauchon needs empty 4L milk jugs with caps to build an igloo in the library. She will not need quite as many as the last time as she has a stash of jugs in the basement! **Washed jugs** (with soap and water) can be brought to the library. Construction may begin before the holidays!

This is long overdue! Thank you to the families who submitted pictures to the "**Get Caught Reading**" contest. We had a number of beautiful pictures. The judges decided on the following winners – Anika S. (gr.7); Marcus A. (gr. 3); Adam & Leila K. (gr. 5/7) and Drinne (gr. 1). All students who submitted a photo in the contest may come to the library to claim a book prize.



Old iPods, iPhones or iPads

If you have an old iPod, iPhone, or iPad that still holds a charge, our primary classrooms are able to put it to good use! Teachers will use these devices as a listening centre for students. Please consider donating your old device to the school to support literacy in the classroom.



Board Notes

November 21, 2016

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:
 - a. Finance and Planning Committee Report;
 - b. Policy Committee Report;
 - c. Notice of Motion – Policy 600.1 Code of Conduct;
 - d. Notice of Motion – Policy 612.1 Student Dress Code.
2. The Board enjoyed '*Presentations of Learning in Elementary Math Classrooms*' by District Numeracy Coordinator Amanda Russett, Teacher Lisa Carr, and two grade 3 students from David Thompson Elementary School.
3. The Board received an Anti-Racism/Anti-Discrimination presentation from Graham Specht, Diversity Outreach Coordinator for Kamloops Immigrant Services. The Board signed an Anti-Racism/Anti-Discrimination Declaration to show support for programs and initiatives promoting diversity and inclusivity in our communities.
4. The Board approved the District's 2016-2017 Interim School Learning Plan process and the school staff development focus areas for all schools.
5. The Board received and reviewed a report on the 2016-2017 graduation ceremony schedule.
6. Superintendent Sidow provided the Board with the 2015-2016 CommunityLINK Funding and Information Report;
7. Superintendent Sidow provided the Board with the Enrolment Comparison Report for their information.
8. The Board received an update from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch on Ministry of Education Rural Education Strategies.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday December 12, 2016 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.



Merry Christmas