



Lloyd George Elementary School

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November 2017

A Message from the Principal:

Two months have passed and all our students and teachers are engaged in learning. Over the last few weeks, we have had many parents needing to drop something off or give a message to their child. In order to not interrupt classes and for safety reasons, we ask that parents check in and wait at the office while school is in session (8:35 to 2:35). It will be our pleasure to help you.

When teachers are interrupted, it can sometimes be hard to regain students' attention. Students often get distracted and will start talking to a friend while the teacher is busy talking to a parent. After the interruption, the teacher has to refocus themselves as well as the class. These interruptions cut the flow of a lesson or a project. By stopping at the office and leaving a message, we can contact the student at the most convenient time, depending on the emergency. This courtesy is appreciated by all our teachers.

Also, while your child knows you, you are a stranger to most of our students. Although we realize that you are a parent from the school, our students (especially the younger ones) don't understand why there would be a stranger in the halls during school. We also have to be aware of every adult coming into our building during school hours so that all our students are safe. When there are parents in halls, administration and teachers have to check to make sure the person has a purpose and that takes them away from their work causing an interruption.

This holds true for the end of the day when parents come to get their child at school. Our school was built to hold approximately 450 students. We are at capacity and the halls are already crowded with our students alone. If we add parents to the mix, that makes for some overcrowding. We ask that all parents arrange a meeting point with their children outside and wait for them at the predetermined meeting point. If it is an emergency or a last minute change of plan, let us know and we can page your child to the office for you. This will avoid you trying to thread through hundreds of students trying to find your child.

Finally, when taking your children out of school early, please remember to sign them out on the green sheet at the office. In case of an emergency, we need to be able to locate all our students.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Upcoming Dates:

November 6-9	Book Fair
November 7	Squeak and Squawk
November 8	Family Math Night
November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 10	PAC Hot Lunch
November 13	No School
November 21	You Can Count on Me (for Kindergarten parents)
November 24	PAC Hot Lunch
December 4	Pro-D Day – No School
December 8	PAC Hot Lunch
December 14	Grade 6 & 7 Band Concert
December 18	Christmas Concert
December 22	Last Day before Winter Break
January 8	First Day after Winter Break

You Can Count On Me

Once again, with the support of SD #73 and our PAC, we are pleased to offer a presentation to 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 Tuesday, November 21st. Please pre-register using the forms that were sent home last week.



Family Math Night

If you haven't already attended one of the Family Math Nights, it's not too late. Thor Fridriksson will be leading students and parents through math challenge games on Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00-7:00pm. Come out and see if you can beat him!

Terry Fox - Congratulations, Lloyd George! We raised \$3516.53 for the Terry Fox Run. That will go a long way for cancer research.



SHUTTERSTOCK - ISTOCK

November is here and the cold weather has swept right in. We ask that you please label your child's outdoor clothing (boots, toques, jackets, mittens, etc.) in order to help facilitate the location of lost items. Also, please help us to make sure that your child is dressed warmly enough to spend recess and lunch outdoors. Fresh air and exercise are an important part of child development.

Squeak and Squawk - Grade 6 Parents

Grade 6 students and parents are invited to attend the annual Squeak and Squawk night. Please join us in the gym from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Christmas and Band Concerts

Christmas season is just around the corner. To help with planning, please note that our Kindergarten to Grade 5 2017 Christmas Concert will take place on Monday, December 18th at 6:30 pm at the Sagebrush Theatre. The Grade 6 and 7 Band Concert will take place on Thursday, December 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 in our gym. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks.

News from the Library

Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place November 6 to 9. November 6th will be reserved for set up and previews. Students can purchase books from Tuesday to Thursday at noon and during their scheduled time. The library will be open for sales at lunch and after school for any parents wishing to shop with their children.



Grade 7 Fundraising

The grade 7 classes have begun to fundraise for their year-end activities. The first two fundraisers include: Blazer Tickets - for the November 25th game, tickets \$19 each (includes admission and popcorn)

Bottle Depot - You can donate your bottles to the Lloyd George Grade 7s at any General Grant's location. Just let them know that that it is for the Lloyd George Gr 7s.

Leather Donations

Do you have any old leather or suede (may be an old purse or coat) that are taking up space in your closet that you are willing to donate? If so, M Hogeveen is looking for leather or suede to make mallets to accompany the First Nations hand drums. Donations can be dropped off at the office.

Canteen

Beginning in December, we will be running the canteen again on Thursdays. We will be selling various school-safe snacks.

For the month of November, there will be a primary popcorn day on November 21 and an intermediate popcorn day on November 23. Popcorn will be \$1.00 per bag. We will be preselling bags until November 20th for the primary day and November 22nd for the intermediate day.



PAC News

Thank you to everyone who ordered Bellringer coffee. Orders will be ready for pick up later this month.

Please support the Lloyd George super reader program by ordering Purdys chocolates via the Kiwanis Club fundraiser. Orders can be placed at www.purdysgpp.com until Monday November 13, 2017. The customer number is **34280** and the password is **glad**.

Get your holiday greenery! Poinsettias, holiday center pieces, and wreaths can be ordered on the hot lunches website until Thursday, November 23rd. These are great, high quality items and last a long time!

Our Chapters Bookstore fundraiser is on Wednesday, November 29th, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. This year, in addition to purchases made in-store, customers can shop online from a specific Lloyd George fundraiser website, and we will still get 20% of sales. This includes regular merchandise, bargain items, and gift certificates (GC's will be emailed to you as an e-card). If you use the e-card on November 29 at the store, we get an additional 20% from those purchases. The specific web address will be sent out by the PAC.

Movie night is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2017. Join us for Cars 3 and a concession. All proceeds support the PAC.



Upcoming Hot lunches:

- November 10: Panago Pizza (order by Nov. 6)
- November 24: Booster Juice (order by Nov. 19)
- December 8: Swiss Chalet (order by Dec. 1)

PAC meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 8:45 am and all are welcome to attend. The next PAC meeting is Monday, November 20, 2017.

Dare to Care 's four components to bully-proofing a school:

1. Teaching the Concept of Bullying
2. Building a Caring Community
3. Mobilizing a Caring Majority
4. Teaching Strategies to Deal with Bullying

Parent Information Corner

November

Immobilizing Bullies

Dare to Care, an organization that supports schools in becoming free of bullies, came to Lloyd George in October. Kim, the facilitator, worked with the grade 7s at their retreat at McQueen Lake, held a grade 3 to 6 assembly, worked with grade-level groups, presented a staff workshop, and hosted an evening session for parents. What a tremendous two days we had.

In school every year, children are faced with different types of conflict. This conflict often makes students better citizens by helping them to learn from these situations, gaining an understanding of others' perspectives, and developing empathy. There are times, however, that behaviours become bullying in nature. It is important to understand the difference between conflict and bullying so next steps can be taken.

IS IT BULLYING?

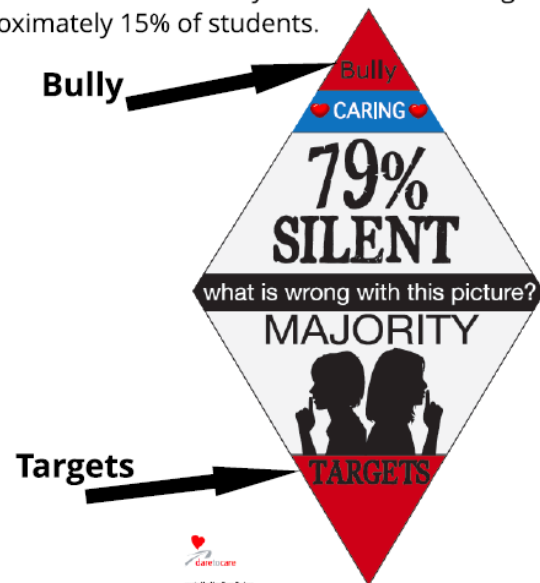
Before labeling a situation as bullying, consider the following:

- When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **rude**.
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **mean**.
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's **bullying**.

Whether it is rude, mean, or bullying behaviour, we are here to support students. If a situation has arisen that your child has not been able to resolve, please let us know. We are here to help students with all levels of hurt - physical, emotional, and psychological.

BUILDING A CARING COMMUNITY

The diamond below represents a school community. At the very top of the diamond are the bullies. Bullies generally make up about 6% of students in schools. That is a very low number in comparison to all the other students. At the very bottom of the diamond you will see the targets, approximately 15% of students.



A third section of the diamond is the band termed "caring". This is situated directly below the bullies. These students are the ones who stand up to the bullies and are termed the "silent minority" because they show caring behaviour toward the targets by standing up for them or showing empathy. The largest part of the diamond consists of all the other students. These students are called the "silent majority" and are the ones who can make a significant difference. It is through our work in school that we teach students how to change from a silent minority to a caring majority.

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MOBILIZING A CARING MAJORITY

Students benefit from being taught how to stand up to bullying. The first step is to not be a target. There are two types of targets

Passive Targets - most common type, generally unable to defend themselves, cry and react easily

Provocative Targets - less common, often children who irritate or tease others and don't know how to stop, sometimes make others feel as they they deserve it

Second, students can unite together to stand up to bullying behaviours. This will change the diamond from having a silent majority to a caring majority. It is challenging for the first student to say something to a bully, but if others stand up together, it makes students feel safer. A bully is in it for the power. With many students telling him/her to stop, the bully will usually back down because his/her power has been taken away.

Bullying is not a school problem;
it is a societal problem.

HOW TO DEAL WITH A BULLY

Use the following acronym **HA HA SO** to help your child deal with a bully.

H - *Help* - go and ask an adult for help

A - *Assert Yourself* - tell the bully to stop

H - *Humour* - not as easy to use, but can be used in some situations

A - *Avoid* - stay away from the situation; walk away

S - *Self-Talk* - tell yourself something good

O - *Own It* - not as commonly used, but admit your faults, use humour if possible



Normal Conflict:

- Equal power - friends
- Happens occasionally
- Accidental
- Not serious
- Equal emotional reaction
- Not seeking power or attention
- Not trying to get something
- Remorse - takes responsibility
- Effort to solve the problem

Bullying:

- Imbalance of power
- Repeated negative actions
- Purposeful/intentional
- Serious - threat of physical harm or emotional or psychological hurt
- Strong emotional reaction by the target
- Seeking power, control
- Trying to gain material things
- No remorse - blames target
- No effort to solve the problem

Resources:

Dixon-Wells, L. & Edwards, K. "Supporting Caring Communities: A Prevention and Early Intervention Model". Dare to Care. Edwards, K. Dare to Care School, Staff, and Parent Workshops, October 2017.

A caring community working together to SOAR toward our future.



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NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 23, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

- o Remembrance Day assignments.

Details of the consent agenda can be found on the public agenda.

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board congratulated the successful participants of this year's Leadership Development Program. The two-year program, which started in Kamloops nearly 50 years ago, is designed to develop the District's future leaders from within the ranks of current employees. This year, 10 teachers completed the two-year program. The LDP integrates courses, TRU-based instruction, senior leader mentorship and in-school practicums to develop leadership and enhanced pedagogical skills.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES

City Coun. Arjun Singh introduced the Board to seven secondary students from schools across the city who are the inaugural members of a newly formed student city council. The students - will address, debate and provide insight into City issues and the decisions made by council, particularly those issues that are important to youth. The group asked to the Board about the possibility of forming a similar student school board. Trustees agreed the initiative would provide interesting opportunities to engage students while providing the Board with valuable insights from young people.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DISTRICT LEARNING PLAN – The Board heard a presentation from senior staff regarding the district learning plan, which is the high-level document that sets the educational direction District staff will follow. The plan identifies trends based on student success rates, and offers new directions for education stemming from the B.C. government's revised curriculum, the District's new five-year strategic plan and the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. The Board was told the implementation of the plan will lead to better strategies and structures to improve outcomes and benefit all of the District's students.



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ENROLMENT INCREASE ANALYSIS – The District’s data shows the net number of students coming to School District No. 73 has increased this year. The majority of those new students came from other districts in B.C. but significant numbers of new students also came from other provinces as well as from independent schools. The number of international students is also up significantly.

ENROLMENT COMPARISON BY SCHOOL – The Board was provided a school-by-school breakdown of enrolment numbers across the district. Twenty-seven schools have more students than last year, with the largest increases being seen at Sa-Hali and Valleyview secondary schools, as well as Aberdeen, Kay Bingham, McGowan Park and Westmount elementary schools.


OUT-OF-PROVINCE FIELD TRIP – The Board unanimously approved an out-of-province field trip for NorKam Secondary Grade 11 and 12 biology school students, who intend to travel to Hawaii for a number of biology-oriented activities, including the Hawaii Marine Institute, the Honolulu Zoo, the Foster Botanical Gardens and a tropical rain forest. The trip is planned from March 29 to April, 5, 2018. The cost of the trip will be covered by participants, although no student will be denied the opportunity to attend the trip because of financial hardship.


CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Wade reported she attended the official community opening of the new BCAA playground at Marion Schilling Elementary on October 14. Despite the poor weather, the event was well attended.

Chair Wade, along with Superintendent Sidow and Trustee Sim attended the 100th anniversary celebrations of Raft River Elementary on October 19. Many former students and staff joined community members, current students and staff to celebrate the event.

The next public board meeting will take place at Logan Lake Secondary November 6th at 7 p.m.

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