



Lloyd George Elementary School

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October 2016

Principal's Message

Greetings Lloyd George Families,

Thank you for your support in making the beginning of the year so successful. Students have settled into their new classrooms and the teachers are providing engaging lessons on a daily basis. Since the beginning of the year we have put an emphasis on our SOAR matrix by having assemblies, staff made a lip dub and mini lessons have taken place throughout the school to teach students expected behaviours. We want all our students to be Safe, Organized, Accountable and Respectful while at school and at home. Feel free to use those words at home as your child knows what they mean.

Our students have welcomed a new character to the Lloyd George family. Swoop, our new mascot, will be present at assemblies and events throughout the year. He will also teach our students how to SOAR by making videos to demonstrate how to be Safe, Organized, Accountable and Respectful.

October 12th and 13th will be early dismissal for parent-teacher interviews. Classroom teachers will send messages home to let you know how to sign up. Please reply to your child's teacher to make an appointment. There will be no school on Friday, October 21st because it is a professional development day.

We have had a very successful Cross Country running season. We have the biggest Cross Country team in the district. Volleyball practices have already started. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who are coaching. We are still looking for a parent volunteer to coach the grade 7 boys whose games will be Tuesdays after school until 4:30. If you are interested in coaching grade the 7 boys, please contact Mr. Blais.

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. You can call the number at any time to leave a message.

Upcoming Important Dates



October 10	Thanksgiving
October 12	Early Closure – 12:30 pm Parent Teacher Interviews
October 13	Early Closure – 12:30 Parent Teacher Interviews
October 18	Picture Retakes
October 21	Pro-D Day – No School
November 8	Grade 5/6 Squeak and Squawk – 6:30 pm
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 5	Pro-D Day – No School
December 7	Early Closure – 12:30 pm Parent Teacher Interviews
December 8	Band Concert – 6:30 pm
December 12	Christmas Concert – 7:00 pm
December 16	Last day before Winter Break
January 3	First Day after Winter Break

SOAR with Swoop

We are excited to introduce the newest member of our Lloyd George family, Swoop, our falcon mascot. Swoop joins us at assemblies and will be seen around the school to boost school spirit and help teach students about our SOAR social responsibility matrix.



For the months of September and October, we will be focusing on Organization. Last week the focus was on what it looks like to be organized in class. The focus for October 3-7 is on using time wisely and during the week of October 11-14 we will be focusing on organization in the hallways (lockers, recycling, garbage, etc.). Please ask your child what s/he needs to do to be prepared for school and class.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes have been scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th. Students should bring their photo proof sheet with parent signature on retake day.



News from the Library

Come Read With Me - Grade 1 parents were invited to a literacy workshop presented by Fiona Clare. She had many tips on how parents can help their children become better readers including:



- It's O.K. to make mistakes
- If the goal is to practice reading, the book must be a "good fit book" (a book that the child can read most of the words)
- It's not "cheating" to memorize the words or to look at the pictures for clues!
- Make it FUN by playing games with sight words

Parents were excited to put into practice the tips they had been given.

Kiwanis Super Lecteurs de Lloyd George

As was mentioned at last Friday's assembly, we are kicking off a reading program in order to promote reading at home. Students will be acknowledged at an assembly and awarded a prize when they reach the goals of 100 and 200 nights of reading. For more information please see Mme Cauchon or Mme Steptoe. Read, read, read!

DEAR

The 2016 **Drop Everything and Read** challenge will be held on **Monday, October 24**. Every year, schools across BC participate in this event in celebration of National School Library Day. Last year, over 11500 students in our District participated in **DEAR**. More information will be shared soon.



Noon Hour Supervisors Needed

We are in need of substitute noon hour supervisors. If you are interested in supervising at noon on Tuesdays or on a substitute basis, please contact the office. The pay is \$10.00/hr. (12:00 to 1:00). This is a rewarding job spending time with our wonderful students.

First Nations News

Due to popular demand, Mme Suzette will be doing two separate bannock sale days this year – one for primary and one for intermediate. October 14th will be **intermediate** bannock day and October 19th will be **primary** bannock day. Bannock will be sold at lunchtime at the kitchen for 50¢ each. Please watch for future dates!

School Supply Fees

If you have not yet paid your school fees, please do so as soon as possible.

Just a friendly reminder...

PAC News

The upcoming PAC hot lunch days are:

- Friday, October 7th (Panago)
- Wednesday, October 12th (Booster Juice)
- Friday, October 28th (Senor Froggy)

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17th at 8:45 am in the library. Everyone is invited to attend.

Movie Night – Friday, October 28th (Halloween theme). Doors open at 6:00 pm and the movie starts at 6:30.

The Christmas Craft Fair is set for Saturday, November 26th from 10 am to 3 pm in the school gym. All crafters and artisans are encouraged to register! Spread the word to family and friends.



Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops

The Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops needs your help. Parents are asked to consider filling out an 11 question survey to support the Boys and Girls club's efforts in securing funding for after school programs for kids. If you have a few minutes, please fill out the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MYRWC6M>

Outdoor Clothing

With the weather turning cooler, please make sure that your child is dressed warmly enough to spend recess and lunch outdoors. It's the time of year to dig through your boxes to locate the toques and mittens!



Terry Fox Run

We had a beautiful day for the Terry Fox Run! Our grade 7's set a goal to collect \$1000 and we have definitely exceeded this. Money is still being counted but we hope to reach double our goal! Thank you for all of the donations!





Volleyball

Volleyball season has begun and a special thank you goes out to our volunteer coaches and teachers. Practice and game times are listed below. You will find a more detailed

practice and game schedule on the school website once the games have been set.

Grade 7 Boys:

Practices – still looking for a coach

Games – Tuesdays (beginning October 18)

Grade 7 Girls:

Practices – Tuesday & Thursday mornings

Games – Thursdays (beginning October 20)

Grade 6 Boys:

Practices – Thursdays after school until the season starts

Games – Tuesdays (beginning October 18)

Grade 6 Girls:

Practices – Thursdays after school until the season starts

Games – Thursdays (beginning October 20)

Grade 5 Boys:

Practices – noon

Games – Wednesday (beginning October 19)

Grade 5 Girls:

Practices – Friday mornings

Games – Wednesdays (beginning Oct. 19)

Canadian Parents for French News

Winter Carnivale - Feb 2, 2017 - Lloyd George

- Grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to tube, snowshoe or cross-country ski at Harper Mountain!

Concours d'art Oratoire - March 16, 2017



Board Notes

October 3, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal McKenna and Vice Principal Kobayashi of Vavenby Elementary: "Why Salmon Make a Good Inquiry-Based Learning Project."
2. The Board received information regarding Ministry funding grant opportunities in the areas of Computational Thinking and Coding Support, Skills Training and Access Grants, and Skills Training Support Agreements.
3. The Board received a report on the District's School Immunization Program.
4. The Board received information regarding a new District Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) District Coordinator position.
5. The Board received a report on the Youth Homelessness Count surveys to be administered in our District.
6. The Board received information regarding the District's preliminary 1701 Enrolment Report.
7. The Board approved the Rotary Club of Kamloops' request to continue with the Family Dinner Program at NorKam Senior Secondary School for the 2016-2017 school year.
8. The Board recognized the School District's receipt of the United Way Quantum Leap Award in recognition of the District doubling its fundraising contributions in 2016.
9. The Board adopted the following revised policies:
 - Policy 200.1 Board Meetings
 - Policy 203.1 Trustee Remuneration
 - Policy 506.5 Graduated Adults: Course Fees
 - Policy 912.1 Principals and Vice-Principals: Mobility
 - Policy 912.2 Principals and Vice-Principals: Process for Appointment
 - Policy 1136.1 Travel: Expenses and Insurance



The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 24, 2016 at the School Board Office.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of volunteers that values French as an integral part of Canada, and we're dedicated to the promotion and creation of French Second Language learning opportunities for young Canadians.

Benefits of CPF Membership—Top 10 reasons for joining!

You've already made important decisions about your children's education by enrolling them in French. But you may not be sure of ways you can continue to help. Experts say that French immersion works best when kids and their parents can take part in French extra-curricular activities, and when school programs are high quality, well-funded, and well-promoted. That's what *Canadian Parents for French* is all about!

- 10 **A Strong Voice!** With more than 7,500 members in BC and 26,000 across Canada, CPF is a powerful voice for French Second Language programs. In fact, CPF parents are behind the emergence of just about every French Immersion program in BC.
- 9 **Focus On French!** We are the only non-profit organization in Canada focused on French Second Language learning in the public school system. If we don't address your concerns, who will?
- 8 **Resources!** CPF has resources available to help you help your child in French. Our newsletters and website are packed with information about French Second Language materials and activities. We also solicit and disseminate research on a whole range of topics, including the cognitive benefits of French, French and multiculturalism, and learning with learning disabilities.
- 7 **Trouble Shooting!** Wondering what to do if your child can't read? Should children with learning disabilities stay in French immersion? Can your child go into immersion if she doesn't speak English well? CPF has chapters and representatives in over 40 communities in BC and Yukon to help answer these kinds of questions, and more. We are here to serve our members.
- 6 **CPF parents!** We offer countless opportunities to help your child have fun in French: summer camps, film festivals, science day camps, swimming lessons, public-speaking competitions, etc.
- 5 **Encouragement!** CPF offers bursaries and scholarships to students going on to pursue French after high school, and to university graduates planning to teach immersion in the region.
- 4 **Promotion!** CPF speaks at kindergarten and late immersion information nights, and at public events. We share information about the benefits and variety of French educational programs, helping to keep enrolment high so your child's educational program remains rich and secure.
- 3 **Public Speaking!** CPF organizes *Concours d'Art Oratoire*, a public-speaking competition in which more than 10,000 students compete for great prizes each year including books, cash, trips to Ottawa, and \$20,000 in university scholarships.
- 2 **Volunteer Satisfaction!** Being part of CPF is rewarding and exciting and you don't have to speak French! It's the perfect opportunity to network, make new friends, to gain skills and to bolster your resume, all while staying engaged in your child's educational and recreational life.

... the number one reason to become a member

- 1 **Your Child!** Do it because you care about your child's education. Help us continue to create and sustain strong, vibrant and exciting French educational, cultural, and sporting activities for your child. Join Today!