



# Lloyd George Elementary School

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## Principal's Message:

Welcome back to school Falcons! The doors of École Lloyd George are once again open to our fabulous students who are eager to grow and learn, with the guidance of our committed staff and you, their parents and guardians. We would like to say a big thank you to our custodial staff for doing a wonderful job in getting our building ready over the summer for our staff and students. Thanks to the teachers' classroom preparations, the office work of Mrs. Struss, and the summer cleaning we are ready for a very productive year ahead.

Again this year, school will begin at 8:35 am and end at 2:35 pm. Recess breaks will be from 10:15 to 10:30 am and lunch will be from 12:15 to 1:15 pm. Student pick up and drop off is on Dominion Street and students enter through the back doors between 8:20 and 8:35 am. A staff member is on duty until 2:50 pm to supervise bus students. Parents, please plan meeting points with your child outside of the school on the playground, as our hallways are not big enough to accommodate all our students and their parents. Please note that if you are dropping your child off before 8:20 or picking them up after 2:50, you are choosing to leave your child unsupervised as there is no supervision at those times.

As always, we believe that communication between home and school is essential in order for parents to stay informed of their children's progress as well as events and functions that are occurring at school. We hope that everybody who signed up for our PAC BBQ on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 will be able to attend. A school newsletter will be emailed home from the office each month. Please be sure to read this information as its purpose is to keep you informed and up-to-date. You are also encouraged to view our school website, as it will be regularly updated with newsletters, calendars, upcoming information and more throughout the year.

Your child will be bringing home important forms throughout this first week that need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible to ensure we have updated health and home information.

Thank you for assisting us in providing the best care for your child.

We are looking forward to a rewarding and enjoyable year as we strive to be a caring community working together to SOAR toward our future.

## School Learning Goals 2017-2022:



We are in the first year of our new five year school learning plan. Our goals for the next five years are:

1. To use formative assessment to improve student achievement in literacy and numeracy.
2. To help students become responsible and resilient citizens who are able to set and monitor goals, self-regulate, and problem solve effectively.

We will share learning experiences and strategies in a variety of formats as they relate to these goals throughout the next five years.

## Picture Day

Get your smiles ready, picture day is coming! Individual and class photos will take place on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.



## School Supply Fees

Please watch for the school supply form that will be sent home with your child. We highly recommend that parents use this program as it saves parents time and money and provides consistency of supplies in the classroom.

## Safe Arrival


School District #73 has moved to a new format for notifying schools when students are absent. When your child is going to be absent or late for school, please call toll free 1-844-350-2647, visit [ktsd.schoolconnects.com](http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com) or use the Safe Arrival app. We highly recommend that parents use the Safe Arrival app because it is very quick and easy to use.



## Lloyd George Staff 2017-2018

M Blais	Principal
Mme Steptoe	Vice Principal
Mme Struss	Administrative Assistant
Mme Upshaw	Kindergarten
Mme Luci	Kindergarten
Mme Linthorne	Kindergarten
Mme Ruston	Grade 1
Mme Koldewijn	Grade 1
Mme Roy	Grade 1
Mme Kilmartin	Grade 2
Mme Dufour	Grade 2
Mme Harmatuk	Grade 2/3
To be determined	Grade 3
Mme Bouchard	Grade 3
To be determined	Grade 3/4
Mme Lebeau	Grade 4
Mme Kirby	Grade 4
Mme Lafleur	Grade 5
To be determined	Grade 5
Mme Christine	Grade 6
Mme Ollek	Grade 6/7
Mme Wight	Grade 6/7
Mme Kosiancic	Grade 7
Mme Fassler	LART
Mme Cauchon	Library
M Hogeveen	Music
Mme Marko	Grade 2/Prep
Mme de Haan	Grade 3
Mme Schafthuisen	Library Assistant
To be determined	Aboriginal Education Worker
Mme Hawes	CEA
Mme Simpson	CEA
Mme Wilkie	CEA
M Smit	Custodian
Mme Khabra	Custodian
Mme Padda	Custodian

### Medical Alert

Parents/Guardians of students with  potentially life-threatening health conditions or allergies are asked to sign the necessary forms at the school office. These forms must be updated every year.

### Air Quality Concerns

As a result of the continuing poor air quality in the Kamloops region, the School District has directed schools that elementary school students should stay indoors when the AQHI, as indicated by Environment Canada on its website, reaches 7 or higher.

### Signing In

Please be reminded that we require you to sign your child in or out at the office when picking him/her up early or dropping off after the start of the school day.

### Cross Country Running

Our Cross Country Run Team will be sprinting into action this month. Practices will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. This year's dates are as follows:



- OLPH Cross Country - Tues., September 19
- RLC Cliff Weathermon Run - Tues., Sept. 26
- Arthur Stevenson Run - Tues., October 3
- District Champ. @ Dallas - Wed., October 11
- Dufferin Billy Goat Run - Fri., October 13

### Volleyball

Volleyball season will be starting in October. We are looking for coaches for our Tiers 1, 2, and 3 boys' and girls' teams. If you are interested in coaching or helping out in any way, please contact the school.

### School Bell Schedule

- 8:20 – Doors open
- 8:30 – Warning bell
- 8:35 – Classes begin
- 10:15 – 10:30 – Recess
- 12:15 – Lunch begins (no bell)
  - Primary students eat from 12:15 - 12:40
  - Primary students play outside from 12:40-1:15
  - Intermediates play outside from 12:15 – 12:50 (bell at 12:50)
  - Intermediates eat from 12:50 – 1:15
- 1:10 – Warning bell
- 1:15 – Classes begin
- 2:35 – Dismissal
- 2:50 – Supervision outside ends

### Lunch Program

The lunch program will continue to be offered this year. Students wishing to participate in the lunch program may fill out a form and pay for lunches ahead of time. Lunch forms will be available at the school office and on the school website. Orders will be due before the end of each month. This year's lunch program will begin on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. September meal forms are due Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Volunteer Driver Forms

Volunteer Driver Forms need to be filled out whenever you have had to renew your driver's license or insurance. Please pick up a form in the office to fill out if either applies to you.

## Donations

If you have gently used puzzles, games, or other items for dress up or free exploration that you would like to get rid of, our kindergarten classes would be pleased to accept those donations.

## Playground Safety

Please remember that in order to ensure the safety of all of our students, that students are asked to walk their bikes and scooters when they are on the playground. Thank you for helping us to keep our students safe.

## Newsletters

In an effort to save paper, school newsletters will be sent out electronically at the beginning of each month.



They will also be available on the school website. If you require a paper copy, a few will be available at the office each month.

## PAC News

Welcome back to another school year!

The Welcome Back Potluck BBQ will take place on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at the school. Please sign up on the sheet across from the office or contact a PAC member if you are able to help out in any way!



PAC meetings are scheduled for each third Monday of the month at 8:45 am in the staff room. The first PAC meeting of the year will take place on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. All parents are invited to attend. The first meeting of the year is important because elections will take place for a new executive. New blood is welcome!!

## Family Math Nights

Mark your calendars! Lloyd George is excited to invite you to a series of Family Math Nights on October 25, November 1, November 8 (6:00-7:00 pm)



## Come Read with Me

Come Read with Me (for grade one parents) will take place on September 28 (8:30 am). More information will be sent home with grade one students.

## 2015-2016 Important Dates

September 14	Picture Day
September 15	PAC BBQ
September 22	Pro-D Day – No School
September 28	Terry Fox Run
September 28	Come Read with Me
September 29	Merit Assemblies 8:45 - intermediate 9:15 - primary
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 29	PAC Hot Lunch
October 9	Thanksgiving
October 18	Early Closure – 12:30 Parent Teacher Interviews
October 20	Pro-D Day – No School
October 31	Merit Assembly
December 4	Pro-D Day – No School
December 18	Christmas Concert
December 22	Last day before Winter Break
January 8	First Day after Winter Break
February 12	BC Family Day
February 22	Pro-D Day – No School
February 23	Pro-D Day - No School
March 16	Last Day before Spring Break
March 26	First Day after Spring Break
March 30	Good Friday – No School
April 2	Easter Monday – No School
April 23	Pro-D Day – No School
May 18	Pro-D Day – No School
May 21	Victoria Day – No School
June 29	Last Day of Classes

# Parent Information Corner

## What is your Mindset?

*This is our first year in our five year school plan. To support the work we are doing in school, we will begin a parent education section of the newsletter. The topics covered within this section will describe some of what you may hear about from your child.*

***"The view you adopt for yourself profoundly affects the way you lead your life."***

**- Carol Dweck**

In 2006, researcher Carol Dweck published a book called Mindset that changed the way many educators think. Her book focuses on two mindsets - a fixed mindset and a growth mindset. A fixed mindset is one in which you believe that your intelligence is one that is predetermined or set for you. A growth mindset, on the other hand, is a belief that intelligence can be developed.

Dweck's research has shown us that all of us can have one or the other in different situations. In school we encourage students to have a growth mindset. When we try to have a growth mindset, we can overcome many obstacles or challenges that may not have seemed possible.

### What is your mindset?

1. Do you tell your child that math was hard for you so that is likely why it is hard for him/her?

**OR**

2. Do you encourage your child to not give up and to keep working hard at something, celebrating small successes along the way?

1. Do you make sure that your child is successful in the tasks he/she takes on making sure to avoid activities that will cause too much stress?

**OR**

2. Do you let your child struggle with trying something, ignoring the urge to step in to solve it?

The first question in each set are examples that promote a fixed mindset while the second question promotes a growth mindset.

In school we teach our students that a challenge is a part of learning and that the brain is capable of growing and learning. We encourage students to maintain a positive attitude, take on challenges, and learn from their mistakes, so that their brains will grow. We ask that you try to encourage your child to have a growth mindset. If your child finds work challenging, know that his/her brain is growing. After all, you want your child to be able to overcome any obstacle that is in his/her way, don't you?