



The Falcon Flyer

From the Office of École Lloyd George

February 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This time of the year marks the middle of our school year. If you have students at SKSS, they just started a new semester. For us in Elementary schools it's time to reflect on our year. Next week, Mme Hurren and I will be presenting our mid-year review to the Senior Team at the Board Office and the District Trustees.

This year, instead of focusing on one of our school goals during our presentation, we will be discussing the actions we have been taking to keep our students engaged when things get difficult and when they are losing interest in learning French.

We started this conversation in the Fall by surveying our teachers. We asked them what has been going well for them this year, what has been a struggle, what they do in their class to keep students engaged, and we also collected their feedback as to why they think we lose some of our students' engagement as they get older. In conversations with École South Sa-Hali, we found out that they also received similar responses to ours when they surveyed their staff. Both schools are now working on gathering data from our students and hopefully their answers will help us to identify some patterns and come up with solutions. There won't be quick solutions, but we are ready to do the work.

We are happy to work with École South Sa-Hali on a common project like this one. We are looking forward to sitting with them again and sharing our findings.

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ELEMENTARY LEARNING UPDATE SCHEDULE FOR 2024/2025

(also known as Report Cards)

- December 13, 2024 - Reports get published on MyEd BC ✓
- March 12, 2025 - Reports get published on MyEd BC
- June 26th, 2025 - Reports get published on MyEd BC

GRADE 7 STUDENTS TRANSITIONING TO HIGH SCHOOL

Our Grade 7 students are just about 5 months away from leaving École Lloyd George. Even though it always makes us sad to lose some of our Falcons, the transition to high school is also very exciting.

Please note the following important dates:

- February 25, 2025 at 7 pm: In-person meeting at SKSS for parents (SKSS Library)
- February 26, 2025 at 11 am: Staff from SKSS coming to visit our students

BASKETBALL & SWIM CLUB

We are mid-way through our basketball season now. We currently have 9 teams competing and close to 125 students playing! Thank you to all the coaches that have made this season possible. Good luck to our teams for the rest of the season. Regular play ends mid-February for all teams. Our two competitive teams will then participate in the playoffs which could be up to another two weeks of play. Good luck!

The Lloyd George Swim Team is ready to make a splash! Many intermediate students have signed up and will be practising at the YMCA for the five Fridays prior to the big district meet at the Canada Games Pool on April 16th. Last year Lloyd George placed very well at the meet and we expect that things will go swimmingly again this year. Permission forms with dates for practices were sent home with our participants.

We thank our parent coaches Sarah Zeidel, Amber Michaud and Dayne Ortved for providing the training and for sharing all their knowledge. ***This team event is only for capable swimmers and is not designed as swim lessons.***

SCHOOL OF CHOICE REGISTRATION FOR 2025/26

Please join me in welcoming our 54 new Kindergarten students who will be joining us for the 2025/2026 school year. Thank you for choosing us!

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

We are always looking for parents or grandparents who would be interested in becoming volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year on a regular or on-call basis. If you are interested please email me nhurren@sd73.bc.ca. We really need parental or grandparent support in order to keep our children safe both on the playground and while eating. Please know that a Criminal Record Check is required.

INSIDE SHOES

We kindly ask that you send your child with a pair of comfortable inside shoes. Children should not be in sock feet in our building. This poses a risk for slip and fall injuries and in the event of an emergency your child will not be prepared for an evacuation.

NEXT SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

- February 26, 2025 - Students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt for Anti-Bullying Education Day.
- February 28, 2025 - Students are encouraged to wear their pajamas for our PAC Pancake breakfast.

PAC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Pancake breakfast is an annual event here at École Lloyd George. Thank you to our PAC for organizing and paying for the event. If you don't want your child/children to participate, please email your child's teacher to let them know. PAC will be sending the ingredients used to all parents via their weekly email.

BOOGIE THE BRIDGE

Lloyd George has a team for Boogie The Bridge this year, and we are looking for anyone who wants to join. Everyone is welcome! Boogie will be held at Riverside Park on **Sunday, April 27, 2025**. Our staff and students will run the 'Mini Boogie' 1km, or the 5km Fun Run/Walk. **PARENT PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY. This is NOT a school event. If your child wants to run Boogie, you MUST accompany them. The school is NOT responsible for students on Boogie Day.** If you/your students/your children would like to join the Boogie fun on Race Day, they must sign up as a participant with our team on the Boogie The Bridge website. Instructions for how to do so are listed below.

1. Please follow this link to join our Lloyd George Elementary Team
<https://raceroster.com/registration/d9fc593e-34be-41e2-ac8b-f5454e62f399/entry?team=765327>
2. Select the distance that you would like to participate in
3. Complete the information about yourself in Personal Information section - select I am completing this form for "Myself" or "someone else"
4. Emergency contact info next
5. SMS Opt in or out

6. Email Opt in or out
7. Select team "Lloyd George Elementary"
8. Select your Shirt size or select no shirt option
9. The next section is our Boogie Boutique

If you are adding another registrant select the large red button that says " add another registrant" If you are registering only for yourself select "CONTINUE" from there to complete your registration. If you have registered successfully you will receive a confirmation email.

10. Fees and payment are the last steps in the process.

If you forget to register as part of the Lloyd George team please email registration directly and they will add them to the Team - registration@boogiethebridge.com

If you would like more information on Boogie The Bridge: <https://boogiethebridge.com/>

Practice will begin April 7th - April 25th - more details to follow! If you have questions related to our school team, please contact Mme Gouin at sgouin@sd73.bc.ca

PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION - February 26th, 2025

*Presented by Veena Hayer from POPARD (Provincial Outreach
Program for Autism and Related Disorders)*

Part 1 – Executive Functioning Skills:

Many children and youth with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) struggle with executive functioning; the complex mental skills that help accomplish tasks, goals, and control behaviors. Supporting the development of executive functioning skills leads to many positive outcomes, including, but not limited to, improved emotional well-being, academic achievement, and generally more life satisfaction.

In Part 1, participants will:

- Develop a better understanding of executive functioning and how it relates to the home and community environment
- Learn strategies to support children and youth with executive functioning skills in the home environment

Part 2 – Functional Skills:

Developing functional skills helps children and youth become more independent and eventually promotes success in adulthood with skills in areas such as self-care, safety, home-living skills, and communication.

In Part 2, participants will:

- Develop a better understanding of the wide array of functional skills
- Learn strategies to support teaching these skills in the home environment

This workshop will also provide participants with a handout of the content and any resources that are discussed.

This workshop will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, please register in advance [here](#). Following your registration, you will receive the link to the meeting.

Ministry of Education 2025 Learning Survey Information

Before Spring Break, we will be asking our Grade 4 and 7 students to complete the Ministry Student Learning Survey during school hours.

Parents with children in Grades 4, 7, 10, 11, and 12 and Staff are also able to give us their opinions about the functioning of our school.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm You can also enter through our school website under the PARENT/STUDENTS/ SUPPORT HELP TOP TAB and then in the 'drop down' menu select MINISTRY STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY.
2. Click on "Parents" and find our district and school name and language you prefer.
3. Complete the survey by clicking on the "radio buttons" for each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on NEXT in the bottom right corner of the screen.
4. When you have finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views."

École Lloyd George Elementary School - Calendar 2024-2025

The following link will give you access to our school calendar.

[📅 École Lloyd George Elementary School - Calendar 2024-2025 \(February\)](#)