



Lloyd George Elementary School

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"A caring community working together to SOAR toward our future"

MAY 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

An **Outdoor Classroom** is a space for children to interact with the natural world through play-based and multi-sensory activities. The goal of the **Outdoor Classroom** is simple: to increase the quantity, quality, and benefits of **outdoor** experiences for children! At École Lloyd George, we are striving for more PLACE BASED LEARNING opportunities.

Outdoor education and play support emotional, behavioral and intellectual development. Studies have shown that students who learn **outdoors** develop: a sense of self, independence, confidence, creativity, decision-making and problem-solving skills, empathy towards others, motor skills, self-discipline and initiative.

Outdoor education allows **students** to see that they **are** part of a whole. Exploring their local environment gives **students** an appreciation and awareness for their community, which causes them **to** act more consciously.

Adopting an Outdoor Learning System will help students to:

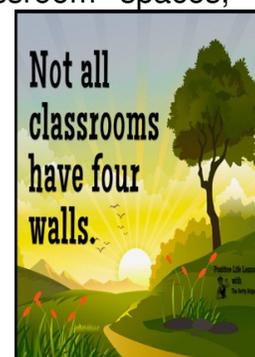
- Enhance academic accomplishment.
- Maintain an active and healthy lifestyle.
- Enhance higher-order learning.
- Encourages **students** and teachers to practice informal learning and teaching.
- Promotes creativity.

- Makes learning more interesting.

At École Lloyd George we are trying to remember that not all classrooms have four walls.

We are thrilled that our teachers are taking learning to our outdoor classroom spaces, using clipboards to complete tasks and using our outdoor chairs for learning. Our new chairs for use at the front of the school have arrived!

May 19, 2022 is OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY! We are hoping many classes are outside to honor the day.



**OUTDOOR
CLASSROOM
DAY**

(There is often no wifi in nature, but you will find a better connection. Take time to be with your kids outside.)

Mme Carol DeFehr

Follow us on Twitter @ecole_lloyd
Follow us on Instagram @ecolelloydgeorge
#beexcellent

SPIRIT DAY EVERY FRIDAY and SPECIAL DAYS UNTIL JUNE!

A reminder to show your school pride on Fridays!

Wear our school colors: GREEN, GREY, YELLOW OR BLACK! Or wear your LOGO Hansport LGES Spirit Wear!

Thanks for joining in the fun! UPCOMING SPECIAL SPIRIT DAYS are planned for our school as well:

- May 6 - 80's Day
- May 26- SUPER HERO DAY! for Jude!
- June 3 - Tie-Dye Day

STREET MARKET

Our much-loved Grade 7 Street Market is making its return this spring! On Thursday, June 9th, the grade 7's will be set up to sell their hand-made merchandise! We are looking forward to a festive atmosphere with a food truck and music. We also do have space for home-based businesses that may wish to participate. If you are interested in a table, please email ajenkin@sd73.bc.ca

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

During the week of April 4th, students spent time acknowledging and learning about the Secwepemc Territory and participating in various activities while using the Indigenous map in the gym. On April 7th, we had all of our students gather in a circle outside on the field for the Welcome Song, as directed by Mme Jules. Staff and students were invited to the gym to participate in a Gallery Walk to view creations made by each class in recognition of the Day of Suwewtwécw.

ARE YOU MOVING for 2022-2023?

Parents of École Lloyd George that plan to move for September 2022 should contact Mme Struss as soon as possible and let her know your plans to relocate. Our classes are extremely full so knowing we potentially have spots in K-7 would be extremely helpful as we plan for the upcoming school year.

PARENT INPUT REQUEST FOR STUDENT PLACEMENTS FOR 2022-2023:

Each May and June teachers meet to organize classes with considerations given to gender balance, learning needs, teaching styles, social dynamics, academic groupings, class size limits and where possible, parental requests. Moreover, tentative class lists are made through staff conversations first before parental requests are looked at. However, for those families who have significant concerns about their child's educational placement, we invite you to come to the school and pick up a PINK PARENT INPUT form and return it by May 13, 2022 indicating the educational reasons for your request. While this simply gives parents a chance to advocate for their child and their educational needs, it by no means guarantees that your request will be honoured so please keep this in mind. Ultimately, the SCHOOL ACT gives the principal the final say on any child's placement in their school. Mme Struss has these in the office for pick up. Please fill out one per child and please note that name requesting a particular teacher you want or do not want is not the intent of this process.

GAUSS MATH CONTEST AT THE HENRY GRUBE

On May 18th the following LGES Students will represent our school at the Gauss Math Test:

Henry Vincenzi
Taki Khelouciati
Ben Ford
Sam Kramer

The Gauss Contests introduce students in Grades 7 and 8 to a broader perspective of mathematics in a fun, accessible way. Intriguing problems and a multiple-choice format make the Gauss Contests a wonderful opportunity for all students in these grades to grow their interest in and get curious about the power of math.

We are so proud of our four students that love mathematics.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Mme Dufour's class for winning a virtual visit with author Dom Pelletier. Each student received a copy of *Les timbrés 5 La momie spatio-temporelle*. They look forward to their virtual visit on May 10th.

SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN PRESENTATION MAY 4, 2022

On Tuesday May 4, 2022 Mme Dumas and Mme DeFehr will present to the Board of Education on our School Learning Plan for 2021-2022.

As Thomas King reminds us "all we are, are stories." École Lloyd George has spent the last five years moving from best practice to wise practice as part of our story. Outstanding formative assessment has enabled us to create the mind frames needed to think about the impact of our actions and the effect on student achievement.

School Goals:

1. To improve student achievement in literacy and numeracy through the use of formative assessment.
2. To help students become responsible and resilient citizens.

We are looking forward to sharing some of the successes, challenges and next steps for our school.

CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

This year, during Canadian Children's Book Week, Mme Michelle is pleased to welcome two virtual visits by illustrator [Todd Stewart](#). On May 4th, students in grades 5 and 6 will participate in a hands-on drawing workshop via Zoom. Mme would also like to thank Kiwanis for helping make this enriching experience possible.

COMPUTER LAB TRANSFORMATION

We are pleased to let parents know that in June our computer lab will be transformed. All Linux machines will be picked up by the School District and we will work towards making this space somewhere our LART, CEA's and students can use to provide supports academically and socially. Students will work in small groups for intervention and can also come to the Inclusive Education room for sensory breaks when feeling dysregulated. Thank you to the PAC and to all parents who support our fundraisers because the PAC have used fundraising dollars to share the cost of another Chromebook cart to replace the loss of the lab. There was much consultation that took place on this matter and it was very clear that we needed the space better utilized. This will be so exciting for our school.

DISTRICT HERITAGE FAIR

Mme Lafleur and Mme Ramunno's grade 5 classes have been working diligently on their Heritage Fair projects. Students chose significant events, symbols or people that represent Canada. Staff, students and parents will be invited to a Gallery Walk on Friday, April 29th where students present and answer questions regarding their various topics. Those students selected to move on to the District Heritage Fair will visit O'Keefe Ranch on May 6th.



CONCOURS

On April 8th, Lloyd George hosted this year's Concours d'Art Oratoire. Intermediate students from St-Ann's Academy, Ecole Collines-D'Or and Lloyd George recited their speeches with confidence and poise to a library filled with parents and classmates. Our heartfelt congratulations for a job well done are extended to:

Grade 6 - Johannes Campsall, Saya Thomson, Adison Thompson and Mira Moore

Grade 7 - Dimitri Armstrong, Morgan Ring, Sam Kramer, Hera Specht, Ellie de Haan, McKenna Wessel and Poppy Wilson

Dimitri, Johannes, Mira, Sam and Ellie will have the opportunity to compete at the provincial level later this month. We would like to thank the CPF for organizing this event, especially Mme de Haan and Mme Armstrong for their willingness to make this happen.

YOUNG AUTHOR'S CONFERENCE

Mme Michelle was pleased to see the large number of students who worked very hard to produce manuscripts in order to attend this year's Young Author's Conference in person at TRU on Friday, May 6th.

Congratulations to the following students:

Grade 4 - Reagan Driedger, Reagan Finch, Archer Kaluzny, Vivien McKay, Lilah Steane, Siena Vincenzi, Alysse Willitson

Grade 5 - Henry Buchanan, Elsie Day, Addison Dwyer, Chiara McDonald, Sophie Phillips, Sequoia Porter, Everleigh Rife, Blaike Simpson, Jeyden Simpson, Evelyn Van der Leelie, Kayla Walker

Grade 6 - Avery Bahnsen, Drinne B., Olivia Briglio, Jozie Gathercole, Anna Lipka, Miri Meyers, Rya Myllymaki, Delainey Rusk

Grade 7 - Allison Plowe, McKenna Wessel

NEWSLETTERS

At the start of every month a newsletter is emailed home to parents. Be sure to check your inbox! It is always POSTED to the website as well if you are searching for information. The school's website is: <https://lg.sd73.bc.ca> Ensure Mme Struss has your most current email address if you make a change.

DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR

Our Grade 6 students have been working on Science Fair projects over the past few months. In March, they shared their work with staff, parents and students at our school Science Fair. The top projects were done by: Jack K., Kalani Jones, Johannes Campsall and Ethan Worthington. Johannes and Ethan went on to compete at the Cariboo Mainline Regional Science Fair at TRU on April 13th and were both awarded a Gold Medal.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Our Flag Football season is underway, and we are excited to be working with a team of 25 co-ed students this season!

Special thanks to our coaches JP Lancaster, Maggie Ollek, Erin O'Doherty, and Alanna Kosiancic and to our SKSS helper Ben Robinson.

Games will take place Tuesdays and practices are Thursdays in May.

TRACK AND FIELD UPDATE

We are looking forward to our first track meet in two years!

Students from Grades 4 - 7 will participate in the school track meet Wednesday, May 11th. We are still looking for some parent volunteers to help with that day. If you are available, please contact Mme Wight twight@sd73.bc.ca The Zone Meet will take place at the TCC Friday, May 27th, and the District Meet will follow on Friday, June 3rd.

CANUEL CATERING

Parents are being notified that after consultation with PAC and Staff and the survey shared to our parent community, the Canuel Catering Meals Program will not be in place for September 2023.

Our PAC has offered to look at having more PAC HOT LUNCH days during the year. The overall satisfaction of the program and the actual number of parents ordering did not warrant renewing the contract.



MAY is MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

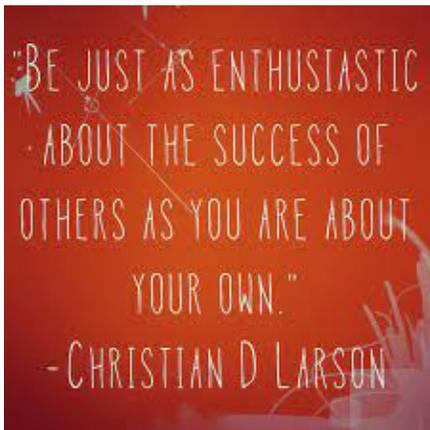
Mental health is wealth, especially during Mental Health Awareness Month, which is celebrated in May. The stigma around mental health and treatment has long existed, even though this has started to change. Still, people hesitate to seek help or even talk about it with their loved ones for fear of being judged and facing unnecessary backlash. This year's theme for Mental Health Week is #getreal



GROWTH MINDSET

This month our GROWTH MINDSET THEME IS:

“I AM INSPIRED BY THE SUCCESS OF OTHERS”



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Effective March 21st mask wearing in schools was no longer mandated. The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice for staff, students, and visitors which will be supported and respected.

Following Return to Canada from international travel, adults and children (aged 5 and older) must wear a mask in indoor and outdoor public spaces, including K–12 schools, for the first 14 days after entry. This means wearing a mask at schools is not a personal choice for those who have travelled internationally for 14 days after entry.

Please note that everyone going into a school must complete a daily health check, including staff, visitors, and students. A daily health check means checking yourself or your child for new symptoms of illness, including symptoms of COVID-19. For a list of symptoms, click on the following link <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20220121/daily-health-check---jan-2022.pdf>

SAFE ARRIVAL

École Lloyd George uses an automated SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM called SCHOOL MESSENGER. The system handles parent contact (including phone calls) when a student absence is unexpected, and will allow parents to interact directly with the system in a variety of ways:

- by phone either when the system calls, or when a parent initiates a call to notify of upcoming absence
- by internet through login controlled webpage interface
- by smartphone app (iOS and Android versions available for free)

Toll-free number to call: [1-844-350-2647](tel:1-844-350-2647)

Website for parent access: asp.schoolmessenger.ca/ktsd73

Parents use the above methods to report student absences rather than phoning the school at Lloyd George. **We ask that parents please report student absences before 8:30 am on the day of the absence**, although the system also allows for reporting of student absences long in advance for holidays, trips,

etc. For tech-savvy parents, we encourage you to download the iOS or Android apps for free from their respective app stores. To find the app, search for SCHOOL MESSENGER and install the free app.

Please always be sure to inform the teacher of your child's absence as well so that they are aware of any sickness or trips planned and to plan for instruction missed.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBSITE FOR TIMELY UPDATES!

Parents should go to the website and SUBSCRIBE to receive timely updates. Please search Lloyd George Elementary, go to the SCHOOL NEWS top tab and then on the right hand side is the SUBSCRIBE BUTTON. It will prompt you for further information and then you need to confirm via your email.

SD73, our staff, and our schools are committed to communicating with parents in as many ways as possible. We want you to know what is happening in regards to the education of your children!

Our mobile app is our latest tool. Once downloaded to your Apple or Android smartphone or tablet, the app will allow you to choose to receive news about your school straight to your device, and allow us the opportunity to reach out to you when we have important news to share.

Key functions our app includes:

- Receive notifications about alerts, incidents or critical events in your school
- Subscribe to receive updates from your school
- Download invites for specific events at your school, including ProD days, concerts, sport events, etc. to your personal calendar
- Stay in touch with school staff

Download SD73 Mobile App (for free) through the Apple or Android stores, as you would any other app.

For support or general enquiries about the SD73 Mobile APP, please contact the District Information Technology Service Desk at:

Phone: (250) 377-4357 i.e: (250) 377-HELP

Email: servicedesk@sd73.bc.ca

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

We are always looking for parents or grandparents who would be interested in becoming volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year on a regular or on-call basis. If you are interested please email Mme Dumas mdumas@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 and any volunteers have to complete VISITOR Health and Safety training as per our protocols for Covid-19. Mme Dumas will send you the link to complete this once you contact her. This is a volunteer position.

PBIS SCHOOL

(Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports)

Staff and students are focusing on accountability as outlined in the SOAR matrix. The BLITZ is focusing on making sincere apologies, where students acknowledge and take responsibility for their actions and take steps to make genuine amends. This ran from April 11th to April 29th, ending with a school wide pizza celebration.

We are excited for our PBIS May event which is a SUPER HERO GROWTH MINDSET colouring contest May 3 – May 25th.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic and dedicated group of parents who make up our Parent Advisory Council. The PAC has monthly meetings Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17th. This meeting will be held over Zoom and the link to the meeting will be emailed the morning of the meeting. All are welcome to attend!

The PAC sends out a monthly newsletter as well. Please note that the PAC email address is lloydgeorgepac@gmail.com

May's PAC Hot Lunch is Fresh Slice Pizza on May 27; please place your order by 9:00 am, May 20. Booster Juice day is on Thursday, May 19; orders are due on May 13.

June's Hot Lunch is provided by Subway on Friday, June 24. Orders are due on June 17.

The last Booster Juice day of the year is on June 17; orders are due on June 10.

Thank you for supporting PAC Hot Lunches and Booster Juice days! Please let us know if you would like to see a new vendor, or can help hand out lunches next year.

We are looking for someone to fill the DPAC rep role ASAP and for next September. Essentially, the DPAC rep is a liaison between Lloyd George PAC and DPAC. Duties include letting Lloyd George PAC know what is happening at DPAC and vice-versa. Please let us know if you would like more information or can help! lloydgeorgepac@gmail.com

Mabels Labels: Our Mabels Labels fundraiser is ongoing. They really do stick, perfect for labeling your child's belongings. Click https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ to place your order or to log on to mabelslabels.ca, click "Support a Fundraiser" on the top right hand side and select LLOYD GEORGE ELEMENTARY PAC (KAMLOOPS).

PAC Hot Lunch dates:

- May 19 – Booster Juice Morning snack
- May 27 – Fresh Slice Pizza
- Jun. 17 – Booster Juice Morning snack
- Jun. 24 – Subway

IMPORTANT MAY and JUNE DATES

- May- Mental Health Month
- Mon May 2- Highland Band Concert 9 am
- Tues May 3- Flag Football Westmount @LGES
- Tues May 4- Dallas/Juniper Parloff 3 pm
- Tues May 4- LGES Presentation to the Board of Education- School Learning Plan
- Tues May 4- Virtual author visit Gr 5/6 Todd Stewart
- Thurs May 5- Gr 2 Concours presentation 11:40
- Thurs May 5/6- Young Author's Conference
- Fri May 6-80's Day

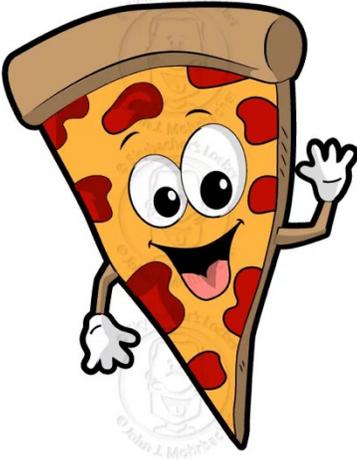
- Fri May 6- O'Doherty Art Collaboration @ SKSS
- Mon May 9-FVP Grape Tomatoes
- Tues May 10-SPARK Session #3
- Tues May 10- Mme Dufour virtual author visit Dom Pelletier
- Wed May 11- LGES School Track Meet
- Wed May 11- All Gr 3's Isobel Lake
- Fri May 12- O'Doherty Art Collaboration @ SKSS
- Fri May 13- PINK PARENT INPUT FORMS DUE
- Fri May 13-Mme Dufour/Niwa/Kilmartin and Harmatuk's classes Wildlife Park
- Fri May 13- All K's Dufferin Wedlands
- Tues May 17- Syms and Waters- Hat Creek Ranch
- Tues May 17-PAC Meeting 9:30 am
- Tues May 17- Flag Football RLC @LGES
- Wed May 18- Gauss Math Contest HGEC
- Wed May 18- Pizza with the Principal Forms due
- Thurs May 19- Outdoor Classroom Day!
- Thurs May 19-PAC Booster Juice
- Fri May 20- NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY
- Mon May 23- Victoria Day
- Wed May 25- Pizza with the Principal Lunch
- Thurs May 26- Super Hero Day! for Duchenne's and Jude!
- Fri May 27- ZONE 2 Track Meet Hillside
- Fri May 27- PAC HOT LUNCH Fresh Slice
- Fri May 27- All K's to McQueen Lake
- Tues May 31-District 1000/1200
- Tues May 31- SPARK SESSION #4 for new K parents- GYM 4 pm
- Fri June 3- District Track Meet Hillside
- Wed June 8- World Ocean Day
- Fri June 10- Tye Day Spirit Day
- Mon June 13-15- Gr. 7's Eagle Bay
- Fri June 17- PAC Booster Juice Day
- Wed June 22- Syms and Waters Brock Pool
- Wed June 22- Gr. 7 Moving On Ceremony
- Fri June 24- PAC HOT LUNCH Subway
- Fri June 24- Gr 1's Wildlife Park
- Mon June 27- Syms and Waters Brock Pool
- Wed June 29- Last day of School 11:59 am dismissal



**École Lloyd George Elementary School
Calendar 2021-2022**

- May 20 - Friday - **N.I.D. #6 – Professional Development – No classes**
- May 23 - Monday - **School Holiday: Victoria Day**
- June 29 - Tuesday - Last day for students dismiss at 11:59 am
- June 30 - Wednesday - Administration Day – Schools closed

LAST PIZZA LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL LUNCH FOR 2022! BE SURE TO ENTER!



Did your parents read the newsletter? GREAT! Enter at the office to win PIZZA LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL this month! Fill out the tear off section and return it to the drop off bin at the office by Wednesday, May 18th. Two lucky PRIMARY and two lucky INTERMEDIATE students will have lunch with Mme DeFehr this month. The PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL LUNCH will be Wednesday, May 25,2022. Meet Mme DeFehr at the office.

I WANT PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL!

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Phone # _____

My favourite kind of pizza is: _____

Allergies?: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

The most informative piece of information in this newsletter was:

Tell Mme DeFehr what you love to do outside in any of the four seasons.
