



# *The Falcon Flyer*

*From the Office of École Lloyd George*

*January 2025*

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It really just feels like we never left for a two week break. Students are back into classroom routines and are already looking forward to what's next. We have a lot to look forward to in the next few months and lots of learning to do.

I came across an article on New Year's resolutions during the break. This is a controversial topic for many; some feel it's important to reflect on the past year and make changes or add a few things to their life and some don't believe in it. Statistics on keeping the New Year's resolutions are not very positive.

In a nutshell, the article talked about instead of making resolutions and trying to add or change what we do, who we are, why don't we work on "keeping" what we are good at. The article made me reflect on my personal life, but also on how we react as a school when things get a little tricky. All of our students bring something special to our school community and I will work with them on recognizing that when they are sent to me. As parents, ask your student "What are you good at?", "What is something you want to keep about who you are?", and "What makes you special?".

On a different note, I would like to encourage all our families to log in and read the Learning Updates (Report Cards) that were published on MyEd BC on December 13, 2024. I believe that discussing or even just commenting on what was written by their teacher with your student shows them that you value their education. If you need help to log in, please refer to the information below and call/email the Office if it's not working.

Happy 2025!

*Mme Dumas*

## **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

On December 13th, Learning Updates (Report Cards) were published to the MyEd BC Parent Portal.

To access the portal, please use the following link:  
<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

As a reminder, your username is the email address you provided to the school and the password is in the email that was sent to you already (when the account was created). If you have forgotten your password, please click on the "I forgot my password" link and follow the instructions before contacting the school.

If you need further assistance accessing the Parent Portal in MyED BC please contact the school directly. Please be aware that if you are logging on to MyEd BC on your phone that you will need to view the full site and not the mobile site.

## **BASKETBALL**

Basketball is under way and our teams will start their games the week of January 20th. Tier 1 Boys will play Tuesdays, Tier 3 Boys and Girls will play Wednesdays and Tier 1 Girls will play Thursdays. Please watch for permission slips and athlete forms in the coming weeks.

Please continue to follow this link [Basketball Schedule Lloyd George](#) to see when practices and games will be.

### **COACHES NEEDED**

We are still looking for two more coaches. One for a Tier 1 Boys Rec team and one for a Tier 1 Girls Rec team. We have had so much interest that we need to split the students into multiple teams. If we do not secure a coach by January 17<sup>th</sup> then we will be forced to fold those teams. Please reach out to Mme Hurren ASAP if you are interested. You do not necessarily have to have a child on the team to be the coach!

## **REGISTRATION FOR NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS 2025/26**

January 15th, 2025 - Schools of Choice Information Night at 6:30pm. More information to come in the next few weeks.

January 20th to 24th - New Kindergarten Registration

Please note that if you already have children in the school, you still need to register your new Kindergarten student. Registration packages will be ready on Monday, January 13th. You can request one to be sent home with the sibling or pick it up in the Office.

## **COLD WEATHER**

Please ensure your student comes to school prepared for the weather. We encourage our students to go outside as we all know the great benefits of fresh air, but unfortunately we find many students hiding inside the school during outside playtime because they are not wearing warm enough clothes. A change of clothes (including socks) in the backpack for wet days is always a good idea for all ages. We often remind parents of our younger students to bring extra clothes but our older students also play very hard on our field. Spending the day with wet clothes and shoes can't be very comfortable for learning.

## **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 - Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week**

Interior Savings Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week is taking place during the week of January 25 to February 1st, 2025.

For more information regarding the activities offered, please visit their Facebook page that they will keep updating:

<https://www.facebook.com/unplugandplayweekkamloops/photos/its-january-meaning-kamloops-beem-credit-union-unplug-and-play-family-literacy-w/1018553533636323/>

As a school, we will also be celebrating literacy week with different school spirit activities every day.

Monday, January 27th: School-wide Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.)

Tuesday, January 28th: Carry a poem in your pocket

Wednesday, January 29th: Wear a shirt with words or a book character

Thursday, January 30th: Wear your favourite reading socks  
Friday, January 31st: Color your own bookmark

## **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](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 (January)**