



# *The Falcon Flyer*

*From the Office of École Lloyd George*

*March 2025*

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On February 13th, we had the opportunity of presenting our school's progress on our established goals to Trustees, School Board staff, and fellow Principals/Vice-Principals. We shared both our successes and the challenges we've faced.

An intriguing question was asked during the presentation: "Do our students truly understand what it means to be engaged in their learning?" This question resonated with me.

I posed the same question to our students in the weeks following our presentation. While some were unsure, others offered insightful responses, which I'm looking forward to sharing with our staff at our upcoming meeting and with our Sense of Belonging Committee (composed of seven Grade 5-7 students).

Here are some of the student responses I collected:

- "I'm really thinking about what the teacher is saying."
- "I'm asking a lot of questions."
- "I feel like I am learning something new."
- "I am working hard to get the answer."
- "I'm raising my hand to answer questions."
- "I'm trying my best."
- "I am participating in discussions."
- "I feel like I am part of the class."

The last response, "I feel like I am part of the class," particularly struck me. It reinforces the powerful connection between a sense of belonging and student engagement. When students feel they belong, they feel safe to take risks, ask questions, and learn from mistakes without fear of judgment.

I encourage you to have a conversation with your child at home and ask them: "How do you know when you are engaged in your learning?" Their answers may surprise you.

*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 ✓
  - As you probably know by now, students' Learning Updates (Report Cards) were published to the MyEdBC Portal yesterday (March 12th). If you haven't logged in and need help, you can find the instructions on our School Website under Parents & Students. Here is the link:  
<https://lg.sd73.bc.ca/en/parents-students-support-help/myed-bc-parent-and-student-portal.aspx>  
or please don't hesitate to contact the Office and we will gladly help you.
- **June 26th, 2025** - Reports get published on MyEd BC

## **SAVE THE DATES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

- **MARCH 31** - School resumes
- **MARCH 31** - Pink Parent Input Forms for Class Placements - available in the office
- **APRIL 1 & 2** - Malicounda Dance visiting all classes
- **APRIL 4** - Swim Practice for our team at 7 am at the YWCA
- **APRIL 7** - Day of Suwentwecw
- **APRIL 10** - Author David Bouchard visiting Gr. 4 to 7 students
- **APRIL 10** - Band Concert Gr. 6 & 7 Students (Evening concert at 6:30pm)
- **APRIL 11** - Swim Practice for our team at 7am at the YWCA
- **APRIL 14** - PAC Meeting at 9:30am via Zoom
- **APRIL 17** - District Swim Meet at TCC (morning only)
- **APRIL 18** - Good Friday (No school for students and staff)
- **APRIL 23** - Administrative Assistant Day (We love Mme Struss)
- **APRIL 21** - Easter Monday (No school for students and staff)
- **APRIL 28** - Non-Instructional Day - No school for students

## **Parent input request for student placements for 2025/2026**

Each June teachers meet to organize classes with consideration 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 15th, 2025 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. We will have these in the office for pick up starting Monday, March 31, 2025. Please fill out one per child and please note that requesting a particular teacher by name that you want or do not want is not the intent of this process.

## **BASKETBALL - SWIM TEAM - TRACK & FIELD**

### **BASKETBALL**

Thank you to all students, parents, coaches, teachers, and referees for making our 2025 Basketball season a great experience for everyone. There are so many people involved to ensure our students get to experience recreational and competitive sports at our school.

### **SWIM TEAM**

The Lloyd George Swim Team has already had two very successful practices, under the expert coaching of parents Sarah Ziedel, Amber Michaud and Dayne Ortved. The team of thirty-five athletes has been working on dives, glides, strokes and stamina in preparation for our big district meet at the Canada Games Pool on April 16th.

The swimmers have been attentive, disciplined and energetic in spite of the rather chilly water at the YMCA. Many thanks go out to our talented volunteer coaches, our parents who brave the early mornings and, of course, our amazing swimmers who have demonstrated such enthusiasm for the sport. Go Lloyd George!

### **TRACK & FIELD**

As you probably know by now, Track & Field training happens during gym time. Track & Field is for students from Gr. 4 to 7. This is not an extracurricular activity. All students train for it during their weekly gym blocks.

**May 13** - Lloyd George Track & Field Day on our field (if the weather doesn't cooperate, we will try again on May 15th.)

**May 22** - Zone 2 Track Day (all day at Hillside Stadium for selected students)

**May 29** - District Track Day (all day at Hillside Stadium for selected students)

## **GRADE 7 STREET MARKET & PAC FUN NIGHT**

The Grade 7 Street Market is taking place on Tuesday, May 6th, 2025. PAC will also use the opportunity to host a fun night with bouncy castles, a dunk tank, ice cream, and food trucks. The fun will start at 5pm.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

Our Welcome to Kindergarten event is called SPARK (Strong, Prepared, and Ready for Kindergarten). Parents and new students are invited to attend two sessions in person and one over zoom. A welcome email with a link to sign up will be sent to all parents. Please remember to sign up for the events.

- **April 30th**
  - 8:45 to 10 am **OR** 10:45 am to 12 pm
- **May 14th**
  - 8:45 to 10 am **OR** 10:45 to 12 pm
- **May 21st**
  - This session will be led by Mme Hurren and me. We will be talking about our school in general. If you already have a child at École Lloyd George, this session might not be very useful. A Zoom link will be sent to all parents prior to the event. We will also use the zoom session to discuss gradual entry in September and also to meet our PAC and Public Health Nurse.

## **ARE YOU MOVING AND WON'T BE HERE FOR THE 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR?**

Parents of École Lloyd George that plan to move for September 2025 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.

## NEXT SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

- **MARCH 14** - Rock your Socks
  - Wear funky socks or mismatch socks as a reminder of beauty in diversity.
- **APRIL 22** - **EARTH DAY**
  - Wear something recyclable, wear something that was made of recycled materials, wear something you made from the recycling bin.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sgouin@sd73.bc.ca)

### **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 \(March\)](#)