



The Falcon Flyer

From the Office of École Lloyd George

June 2024

Bonjour,

Hard to believe that the 23/24 school year is coming to a close. When closing a year, we often say goodbye to staff members who won't be returning for the next school year. Talking about goodbyes, Mme Kilmartin has some exciting news to share with our school community.

BONNE RETRAITE MME KILMARTIN!



Mme Kilmartin announced her retirement earlier this year and her last day as a Grade 2 teacher at École Lloyd George will be June 30, 2024.

Mme Kilmartin was born and raised in Coquitlam and even though she was born in B.C., in an Anglophone community, French is her first language. Her mom didn't allow her to speak any English in the home until she was 8 years old. Mme Kilmartin is completely fluent in French and in English and you can't hear an accent in either language.

Mme Kilmartin's first teaching job was in Fort St. John where she spent only two years, fortunately, she says. She moved to Kamloops in 1989 and by 1990 she was working at David Thompson Elementary where she spent a little over 3 years. In fall 1993, she started to work at École Lloyd George as a Kindergarten and Learning Assistance Teacher. Not long after the new wing of the school was built, Mme Kilmartin moved to Room 204, her current classroom, as a grade 2

teacher where she spent the last 31 years of her career. She timidly admits that the damages on her classroom walls can't be blamed on anyone else.

Mme Kilmartin's plans include celebrating her daughter's wedding this coming July. She then sees herself spending more time with her adult children and her husband who just recently retired, and, of course, enjoying a few grandchildren if she is lucky. She is also planning to travel and explore new places around the world, but she has no plans as to when and where she will start. She likes to focus on one thing at a time and for now it's to complete her last year as a teacher. When you ask her what she will miss the most, she quickly answers that she will miss her beautiful little people, the growth she witnesses in them every year, and the pleasure of hearing her students using the same expressions she learned at a very young age from her mom; "Mme, ce n'est pas la fin du monde et Mme, tu es dans les patates". She will also miss her colleagues who became her work family and true friends over the years. We are thrilled that she is planning to come back as a Teacher on Call for several more years.

When I asked Mme Kilmartin to share a funny story, she told me that at the beginning of her career students kept asking for her age and she would always answer 102, but she stopped making up this age not long ago when her students told her that she has gray hair and didn't question it anymore.

Mme Kilmartin will be dearly missed by everyone. Bonne retraite from your Lloyd George family!
Once a Falcon, always a Falcon!

MORE GOODBYES

- Goodbye to Mme Erin O'Doherty, grade 6 teacher. Mme Erin is moving to Vancouver Island. She will be missed by her colleagues for her organization, her engaging ideas, her flexibility, and for creating an inclusive learning environment. I am thankful for having worked with Mme Erin more closely this year in the office. I have appreciated her refreshing ideas and I have also learned a few things from her.
- Goodbye to Mme Hobbs (CEA) who joined our team a little after the school year started. We wish her the best in her next school. She will be missed. Mme Hobbs is a very caring person and her calmness was appreciated around our little ones.
- Goodbye to Mme Luci who might be retiring "again". Mme Luci helped with all kinds of assignments this year. We are only saying have a great summer to Mme Luci because we will make sure to keep her busy with more tasks next year.

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM

Welcome to Monsieur David Smith who accepted our Grade 4/5 assignment. We are looking forward to getting to know him this coming September.

Welcome to Mme Danielle Fennell who accepted our 0.1 LART assignment. We are also looking forward to getting to know her this coming September.

We still have two jobs to fill and we are hopeful that we will be able to welcome two new teachers before the end of June 2024.

New/Old Information and VERY useful

The Bright Red Book Bus - Poster attached to this email

The Bright Red Book Bus will be at Prince Charles Park every Tuesday from 1 to 3 pm. The program runs from July 2nd to August 16th, 2024 (poster attached to the weekly email).

Provincial Heritage Fair

Congratulations to Sage Benson (Gr. 5 student) who was selected to represent SD73 at the BC Regional Heritage Fair in Victoria this July. We are very proud of you! Well done, Sage!

Last Day of the 23/24 School Year

Please note that our last day of instruction is Thursday, June 27th and that we end at 12:46 pm. Buses will be running two hours earlier than usual. Friday, June 28th is an Administrative Day for staff only.

Athletics - Thank you!

Thank you to Mme Wight for organizing our Track & Field season and also thank you to all staff and parents who helped make our season a success. We sent over 100 students to the Zone Track Meet and 37 students to the District Track Meet.

Our Flag Football season has also been a great success. Thank you to Matt Reudink and Dave Pehl for volunteering their time to ensure our Grade 7 students would have a team this year.

Library

The last week to check out books will be June 10-14. **All books are due back June 21st.**

On Wednesday, June 12th, students from kindergarten to grade 5 will attend a presentation in the library from the Summer Reading Club. If you would like more information, please contact the Kamloops Public Library for their Summer Programs.

Community Science Celebration

Please join Science World in celebrating Symbiosis & Science in our Community!

Location: Big Little Science Centre (458 Seymour Street)

Cost: FREE

Dates & Times:

Friday, May 31st - Teen Workshop 4-6pm (registration required, see poster attached)

Saturday, June 1st - Open to Public 10:30am to 4pm

Lost and Found

Parents, please encourage your child to check the lost and found. All items not claimed by June 27th will be donated. It is extremely full right now.

Are you moving and won't be here for the 24/25 school year?

Parents of École Lloyd George that plan to move for September 2024 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.

2024/2025 School Calendar

Once the 24/25 SD73 calendar is finalized, I will be sharing it with our school community.

Pizza avec la directrice - Form attached to this email

Pizza lunch with la directrice has been fun and a great way for me to connect with students. I have attached the form to this email, but paper copies are also in the office.