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Dear families,

We have made it to what seems to have been a very long school year. For some of you, sending your children back to school in September was a huge relief, while for others, it was full of anxiety and trepidation due to the health and safety concerns surrounding the COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic. Wherever you were on the spectrum, I believe that your child/ren were happy to be back, and I hope, despite the many challenges that we had to overcome this year, they managed to learn something new and have a little fun along the way.



We put in our best effort to make school feel as “normal” as possible, and we are looking forward to even more freedom and flexibility in September. I wish your family a fun and restful summer break, and I look forward to seeing you all once again on **Tuesday, September 7th @ 10:30am.**

PAC NEWS AND 50/50

A HUGE thank you to the current PAC for all of your hard work this year! Allison Tremblay, Karlee Waight, Michelle Jones, Katy McArthur, Hollie Farkas, Amanda McKeen and Alaa Awad-Nahle.

Here are the results of the 2021/2022 PAC elections:

- Chair – Allison Tremblay
- Secretary - Gillian Redmond
- Treasurer – Katy McArthur
- Fundraising Coordinator – Michelle Jones
- We are thrilled that Karlee Waight and Krista Faraday (who won't even have kids at our school next year) will continue with the Hot Lunch program next year. Thank you very much.
- The DPAC and CPF Representatives are appointed by the PAC Executive; we will aim to fill these in September.
- We also have another Fundraising Coordinator position available!



CURRENT 50/50 JACKPOT
\$5,315
WINNER TAKES HALF

50/50 tickets are:
Single Ticket for \$10;
3-Ticket Pack for \$25;
10-Ticket Pack for \$50

The 50/50 jackpot is now **over \$5,300!** You have until Thursday, June 24th at midnight to purchase your tickets!!! <https://sesspac.rafflenexus.com/>

CHANGES TO SSES STAFF

We have a number of staff members that will be leaving us next week. If you see them, please feel free to let them know how much you have appreciated all they have done for the school.

- **Mme Dumas** will be taking on the role of Vice-Principal at École Élémentaire Lloyd George
- **Mme Bournival** is moving to Vancouver Island
- **Mme Niwa** will be teaching a variety of subjects to primary classes at École Élémentaire Lloyd George
- **M. Hallett** will be teaching English at South Kamloops Secondary
- **Mme Norton** will be the Librarian Assistant at Pacific Way Elementary and Aberdeen Elementary
- **Mme Bauhuis** will be teaching Grade 6 at École Élémentaire Lloyd George until November.
- **M. Featherstone** will be on the TTOC list.

There are a number of new staff members we will be welcoming in September:

- **Mme Diederichs** and **Mme Venables** are both returning to their classrooms after being away on Maternity Leave.
- **Mme Mahoney** (aka. Mme Charlotte) will be returning to EESS as the grade 4/5 teacher.
- **Mme Wallis** will be filling in for Mme Moffat's maternity leave in Grade 5/6.
- **M. Gorman** will be teaching in Mme Magalie's class on Mondays.
- **Mme Spooner** will be teaching in Mme Nancy's class on Fridays.
- **Mme Gordon** has accepted the Music/Band position; however, she is on leave until March 2022; therefore, **Mme Cowley** will be filling in for her until she comes back.
- **Mme Farkas** (Mon. – Wed.) and **Mme Partovi** (Thurs. – Fri.) will be sharing a Certified Education Assistant position that is left behind by Mme Norton's departure.
- We are still waiting to hear who will be in Mme Venables' Kindergarten class on Mondays and Tuesdays.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL and REPORT CARDS

The last day of school is Tuesday, June 29th and dismissal is at 11:30 for families with last names A-M and 11:40 for N-Z. Please make sure to pick up your child/ren on time, as we have important meetings in the afternoon that day.

If you are planning on leaving early for Summer Holidays, please call the office to let us know and enter the absence into the Safe Arrival Reporting App/Website. Report cards will not be given out until June 29th at dismissal, so if your family won't be here for that day, you will need to plan accordingly. There will be someone in the school until July 9th if you would like to pick up your child/ren's report card before then, or you may leave a self-addressed stamped envelope with either your child's teacher or Mme Lisa in the office.



LOST AND FOUND DAY



Wednesday, June 23rd from 1:30pm – 3:00pm, we will have the contents of our lost and found out on display on tables on our field for you to peruse and collect your belongings. Anything not collected at the end of that day will be donated to Found4Kids, a not-for-profit organization which provides proper clothing to at-risk school-aged children at NO COST through a school referral system.

CONTACT INFORMATION

I am hoping that we will have a clear idea of what the start of the school year will look like in September prior to leaving for summer holidays; however, if the COVID-19 Pandemic has taught me anything, it is to expect the unexpected. Please make sure that the contact information (most importantly phone number and e-mail) that we have on file for you is current, and that the e-mail we have is the one you will be checking during the summer months so that I can communicate if/when necessary.



BRIGHT RED BOOK BUS

As a collaborative project with community partners, the Bright Red Book Bus visits school and park sites over the summer and provides free, engaging interest books to encourage reading for pleasure. Our school will host the bus on Thursdays from **10:00 to noon** from **July 5th-August 20th**. Like last year, the bus will observe and post safety procedures and feature a "take out" menu listing popular titles.



WAYS TO ENHANCE YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING OVER THE SUMMER

Turn off the television, iPad, and game consoles.

Things to Do:	Places to Visit:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make weekly trips to the TNRD library. • Join the “Summer Reading Program” – all B.C. libraries usually participate. • Read with your child every day. • Let your child read to you and then discuss the story. • Have your child keep a journal to record their thoughts about books or activities. • Exercise regularly. • Send post cards, letters, and e-mails to friends and relatives. Who doesn’t like to get actual “mail” that is not a bill? • Visit family and friends. We’re allowed to now!!! Yay! • Make arts and crafts projects. • Start a garden or grow plants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kamloops Art Gallery • Riverside Park • Pioneer Park (dog-friendly) • The Kamloops Wildlife Park • Lac le Jeune • Westsyde Pool, Brock Pool, Kamloops Aquatic Centre • Peterson Creek Park • Sun Peaks

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play board (Scrabble, Boggle, etc.) or card games. (https://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/archives/boxcars.shtml) • Go on a picnic. • Go golfing. • Go fishing. • Go swimming. • Organize a slumber party. • Learn to play an instrument – YouTube can teach you anything these days! • Go camping. • Cook together (follow a recipe). • Go on a nature hike and collect leaves and seeds. • Go for a bike ride and explore your neighbourhood. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MacArthurs Island • Paul Lake • Adams Lake • Kamloops Museum and Archives • Kamloops YMCA/YWCA • Kenna Cartwright Park • Chace (the Little Shushwap) • Well's Grey Park (Clearwater) • Kamloops Lake – Bruker Marina (Tobiano)
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Have a wonderful Summer Break everyone!

Stay healthy and be safe!



Susie Mabee