



Dufferin Elementary School

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Administrative Message

It is hard to believe that we are now just three weeks away from Winter Vacation. Winter Break this year runs from December 22nd to January 2nd. Classes resume Monday, January 5th. The staff at Dufferin Elementary wish you and your family all the best this holiday season!

Christmas Show



We are thrilled to invite families to this year's holiday musical production, "North Pole Express", taking place on **December 17th** at **10:45 am** and **1:15 pm**. This festive show takes audiences on a magical train ride to the North

Pole, where each stop introduces a new adventure and a special musical moment.

Throughout the journey, every class plays an important role. Each division will perform a song that represents a unique stop along the train route—celebrating themes such as winter wonder, kindness, friendship, and the excitement of the season. Students have been working hard on learning their music, choreography, and storytelling to bring this imaginative world to life on stage.

From whimsical characters to heartfelt messages, *North Pole Express* promises to be a joyful celebration of creativity and community. We can't wait to share this magical experience with you. Mark your calendars and join us on December 17th!

No school on Monday, December 1st

Just a reminder that there is no school on Monday December 1st. This is a professional learning day for teachers and support staff in our district.

December School Spirit Days



Thursday, Dec. 4th – Grinch Day – Wear Green

Tuesday, Dec. 9th – Christmas Vacation Day – Tropical shirts, summer t-shirts, shorts, sunglasses, Hawaiian leis, sun hats.

Friday, Dec. 12th – Christmas Sweater Day (or Christmas Shirt)

Thursday, Dec. 18th – Candy Cane Day – Wear red, white and green.

Friday, Dec. 19th – Long Winter's Nap Day – pajamas, slippers, robe.

Salvation Army Food Donations

Dufferin Elementary will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Kamloops Salvation Army. Donations will be delivered for families in need in the community during the last week of school. Your kind donations are appreciated.

Learning Updates

Term 1 Learning Updates (report cards) will be published to the MyEd BC Parent Portal the afternoon of Friday December 12th. For information on how to access learning updates please click on the link <https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/myed-bc-parent-and-student-portal.aspx> **We ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRACTICE SIGNING-IN over the next few weeks** so that when report cards are posted you are ready to go. If you experience any difficulties, please first try resetting your password.

PAC Movie Night

Our PAC will be hosting a
Movie Night featuring “**The Grinch**” (2018)
Thursday December 4th at 6:00pm
Movie Doors open at 5:30pm
School Gym

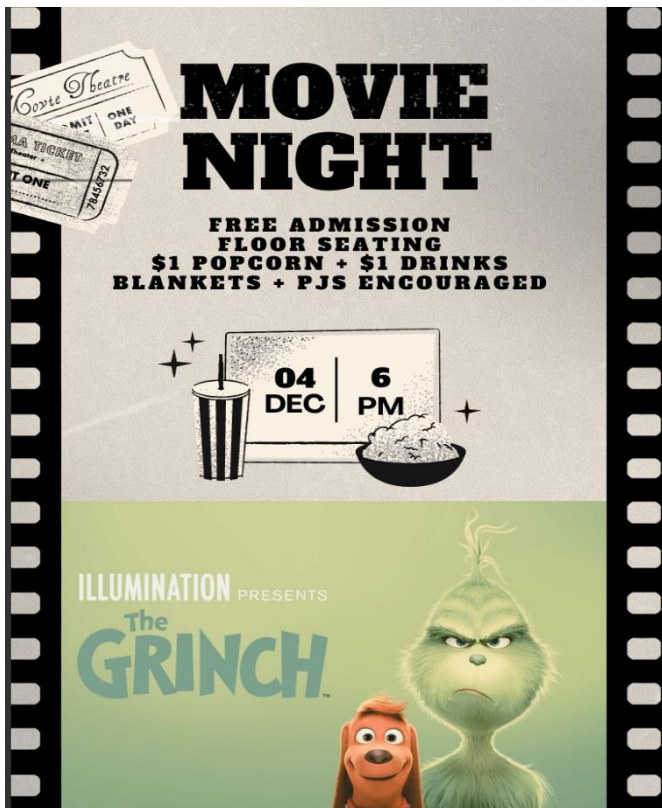
Floor seating, so you're encourage to bring blankets,
pillows and cozy pajamas.

Students must be accompanied by an adult.

Cash concession available (limited items)

Rated PG for brief rude humour

Hope to see you out there!



Volleyball News

Volleyball season wrapped up for all teams last week. Skill development and basic game play was the primary focus this season along with teamwork and sportsmanship. A big thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time (coaching, reffing, scorekeeping and driving) to make this extra-curricular activity a success. Basketball will start when students return in January.

Basketball Coaches Request

We are currently looking for volunteers to coach our recreational basketball teams this season. Both teams are in need of supportive, enthusiastic adults who can help create a positive and fun experience for our students. No prior coaching experience is required—just a willingness to learn, encourage, and be part of our school community. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mr. Galloway. Thank you for considering this important opportunity!

Cold Weather Reminders

Please work with your child to help them be prepared for spending their break times outdoors. Students are outside in the mornings before school, during recess, and during lunch. Hats, gloves or mittens are a definite must! We would ask that all children also have boots to wear outside, and appropriate shoes to change into for wear inside, including in gym classes. It would also be helpful for them to have layers that they can add or remove according to inside and outside temperatures. When/if the weather becomes really extreme, we will judge on a day by day basis as to as to whether it will be an inside or an outside day. Thanks for helping!



Important Dates

- Mon, Dec 1st – District Non-Instructional Day
- Dec 20th – Jan 4th – Winter Vacation Period
- Mon, Jan 5th – School Reopens
- Fri, Feb 6nd – District Non-Instructional Day
- Mon, Feb 16th – Family Day
- Mar 14th – 29th – Spring Vacation Period
- Fri, Apr 3rd – Good Friday Closure
- Mon, Apr 6th – Easter Monday Closure
- Mon, Apr 27th – District Non-Instructional Day
- Fri, May 15th – District Non-Instructional Day
- Mon, May 18th – Victoria Day
- Fri, Jun 26th – Administrative Day