



# Dufferin Elementary School

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## November 2025

### Principal's Message

Dear Dufferin Families,

As we move into November, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helps make our school such a vibrant and caring community.

A special thank you goes out to our PAC for organizing and hosting a fantastic Halloween Dance! It was wonderful to see so many families come together for an evening of fun and connection. Events like this truly bring our school community to life, and we deeply appreciate all the time and effort our PAC puts into making them happen.

I'd also like to recognize Mrs. McGarry and her Leadership students for their hard work and creativity in helping plan and run the dances. Their energy, teamwork, and enthusiasm made the events a great success — thank you for leading by example and helping to build school spirit!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Wishing everyone a warm and wonderful November!

Sincerely, Scott Galloway

Principal, Dufferin Elementary

### School Supplies and Fees

School fees are now due to the office and new forms have been sent home for students with outstanding balances. There are three options for payment. SchoolCash Online, cash or cheque. If a payment plan needs to be arranged, please feel free to call the office 250-374-4425.



### Remembrance Day

Each year on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month we take a moment and stand to honor those who have fallen.

This year our Remembrance Day assembly will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:40. Parents are welcome to attend and can enter the gym after 10:30. Several classes will contribute and we will take time to honor the men and women who have fallen in service of our country.



Lest we forget!

### Volleyball

This year, we have three volleyball teams. Thanks so much to the coaches for donating their time and energy to giving our kids these opportunities to learn volleyball skills and to learn teamwork, sportsmanship and work ethic.

- Girls Competitive - Kim Geoghegan
- Girls Recreational - Nicole Preymak

- Boys Competitive - Randi Pinkenberg, Jen Campbell; teacher sponsors - Seema McGarry, Tiffany Cross

### Cooler 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 definite musts! 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 whether it will be an inside or an outside day. Thanks for helping!



### Indoor Shoes

As the weather changes, it is important to note that students are required to wear non marking indoor footwear for health and safety purposes. Please have your son or daughter bring and leave a pair of inside shoes at school as the weather is certainly wetter and outside shoes can track in a lot of mud and water. Indoor shoes will ensure our classrooms and hallways remain clean and dry, preventing any accidents due to wet slippery floors.

### Come Read with Me Program

Our Come Read with Me Program is now in full swing and we are grateful to all the amazing volunteers who support our students in literacy.

We are looking for an Assistant Coordinator for our program. Our existing coordinator would like to train someone new who can take on the organizational role for the spring Session or next School year. If this interests you, please call the school office.

### Safe Arrival

Please remember that all student absences and late arrivals must be reported by calling **1-844-350-2647**, by visiting **go.schoolmessenger.ca**, or download the **school messenger app**. Please do not call the school directly. All absences or late arrivals that have not been reported before 8:45 am will initiate the School District's safe arrival system

to call home and cell phone numbers up to 5 times until a parent is reached and a response is given

### Entrances & Exits

At this point, all students should know which door is for their designated use. If your child is late, please use the main door located at the front of the school. Upon entering the building, late students should then sign in at the office. Dufferin Students!

### After School Plans

Please ensure that your child knows his/her after school schedule before leaving for school in the morning. We are happy to occasionally deliver messages to the students, however there are approximately 260 students attending Dufferin. We do not permit students to use the office phone to make after school plans with classmates. Students may use cell phones to communicate with parents before or after school but no cell phone usage of any kind is permitted during the school day and these devices must be stored away.



- Tues, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day
- Mon, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – District Non-Instructional Day
- Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – Winter Vacation Period
- Mon, Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – School Reopens
- Fri, Feb 6<sup>nd</sup> – District Non-Instructional Day
- Mon, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Family Day
- Mar 14<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – Spring Vacation Period
- Fri, Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday Closure
- Mon, Apr 6<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday Closure
- Mon, Apr 27<sup>th</sup> – District Non-Instructional Day
- Fri, May 15<sup>th</sup> – District Non-Instructional Day
- Mon, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Day
- Fri, Jun 26<sup>th</sup> – Administrative Day