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Remembrance Day

This year our Remembrance Day Observation will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026. This is a solemn remembrance of those who fought to preserve peace for Canada as well as to remember those still serving in our armed forces. Poppies will be given to all students on to wear in their classrooms. Please remember to support our Veterans by sending a small cash donation (if you can) for the poppies that day.



Winter Clothing

As the cooler weather approaches, please ensure that your child is dressed warmly before sending them to school. It is time for winter coats, mitts, hats and warm footwear. Students need to be dressed properly for the elements. Unless weather conditions are extreme, students will continue to enjoy their recess and lunch breaks outside.



Criminal Records Check & Volunteer Driving Forms

All parents / caregivers who would like to help in their child's classroom or accompany the class on any field trip, **must** have a current criminal records check on file at the school office. There will be no cost for parents/caregivers to obtain a criminal records check for use within SD#73 schools. All criminal record checks must be completed online, the local RCMP detachments are no longer accepting paper requests from any of the schools in SD#73. To start the process of obtaining a criminal record check, click here:

https://justice.gov.bc.ca/screening/crrpa/org-access

ACCESS CODE: ZJ7RJWUXV6

Similarly, all parents / caregivers who will be transporting students (other than your own child) to/from field trips or sporting events, must have a current Volunteer Driving Form on file at the office. These forms can be picked up at the office and can be filled out quickly! **We will need to verify the expiry date on your insurance and driver's license.**

INSIDE SHOES

Friendly reminder: all students need to have a pair of inside shoes to wear inside the school during the school day. These are shoes that are not to be worn outside and should have non-marking soles so that they can also be worn in the gym for PE class.



School Doors & Morning Entry @ 8:20am

To allow our teachers and staff uninterrupted time to prepare for the school day, **all school doors, including the front entrance, will remain locked until the 8:20 a.m. bell.** After morning entry, exterior doors will remain locked throughout the day, with access available at scheduled recess and lunch breaks. The front entrance will remain unlocked during the school day. **Please remember to check in at the office whenever entering the school.**

If you need to speak with your child's teacher or the Principal, please email to arrange a convenient meeting time. For urgent matters, staff will be available to assist you once the doors open at 8:20 a.m.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

The Cross Country season is now complete! Congratulations to the 50 participants from Grade 3-7 who worked hard and represented our school well. Thanks to all the parents who helped drive and supervise the athletes during the very busy events. Thanks also to Fern and Sandra who helped at practices and kept our stats during races. Finally, thanks to Ms. Morris who kept parents updated and made sure things ran smoothly behind the scenes. Our Coaches: Mrs. Bentz, Ms. Kawa and Mr. Kuroyama look forward to seeing many returning athletes next year!

We still have a few jerseys that have not been returned by the athletes. Once Mrs. Bentz has all the jersey's handed in, the team will get their 'wind up' party – a Red Tomato Pie Pizza Lunch, a certificate and some other treats! So please, make sure to get your jersey in to Mrs. Bentz.

Grade 3
Taylor J.
Willow H.
Sophia H.
Addie R.
Stella W.
Felicity S.
Ari V.
Cameron B.
Jace & Evan W.
Aidan H.
Isaac F.
Mehtab S.
Grade 4
Madeline S.
Jaina T.
Makenna B.
Mila K.
Brielle A.
Shivraj S.
Beck C.
Caden J.
Dax H.
Nathan R.
Cyprus K.
Jet G.
Grayson P.
Harper K.
Mick N.
Hukum N.
Rhys C.

Grade 5
Isla P.
Olivia H.
Ava P.
Grade 6
Paisley B.
Ember Forte
Ella K.
Violet S.
Ivy O.
Ryleigh H.
Charlotte G.
Sierra S.
Noah B.
Sawyer A.
Luke C.
Jake B.
Grade 7
Colbie B.
Delilah H.
Tommy C.
Barry B.
Team Managers:
Sandra O.
Fern L.



WINTER CONCERT – SAVE THE DATE!



December 9th & 10th @ 1:30pm



Our much-anticipated **Winter Concert** is coming up!

To help us manage seating and ensure everyone can enjoy the performances comfortably, please attend on the following dates based on your family's **last** name:

- **A–L:** Wednesday, December 9th
- **M–Z:** Thursday, December 10th

Both concerts will feature the ***same performance***, so no one will miss out!

We kindly ask families to attend on their assigned date to help us stay within the gym's occupancy limits.

We look forward to celebrating the season with you!



DT SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

Good news! The deadline to order DT school spirit wear has been **extended to November 6th!**

All orders must be placed online. This is a great opportunity to show off your DT school spirit or get a head start on holiday gifts! Please email Ms. Morris if you would like your order to be held for pick-up at the office: cmorris@sd73.bc.ca

Order here: DT Spirit Wear – Fall 2026





The Grade 7 hoodie order link will be emailed home this week!

Clubs at DT

The students at DT have opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills, get creative, and connect with friends during the lunch break! Check out the clubs currently being offered at DT:

Tuesday:
- Grade 3/4/5 Drawing Club
- Grade 6/7 Comic Book Club

Wednesday:
- Grade 5/6/7 Crochet Club

Thursday:
- Grade 6/7 Drawing Club

Friday:
- Grade 4/5 Comic Book Club

Ongoing & Upcoming Clubs:

- **Grade 7 Leadership:** Activities as scheduled by Mr. Martin.
- **Guitar Club:** More details coming soon!
- **Chess Club:** Mr. Kuroyama will be starting DT's Chess Club once volleyball season wraps up.

A big thank-you to our wonderful staff for sharing their time, talents, and enthusiasm to make these opportunities possible for our students!



Happy HALLOWEEN

HERE ARE SOME OF THE INCREDIBLE COSTUMES @DT!

















PAC NEWS

♦ Next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 6:30pm** in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend, and childcare will be available ☺

♦ **Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser**

More information will be sent home soon!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SUPPORTING THE DT PAC!





BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED!

Basketball season starts after the winter break and we are looking for a few Parent/Caregiver volunteers to help with the girl's basketball teams, Grades 4-7. Commitment would be one practice day per week and one game day per week. Please note for grade 4/5's this may be for a practice team only. If you are interested in coaching one of the teams or if you'd like more information, please email Mr. Marchese: rmarchese@sd73.bc.ca

Beef Jerky Fundraiser

- **Order deadline:** November 10
- **How to order:** Paper order forms only. Please submit your completed order form to the school office with payment attached.
- **Delivery:** Early December

Poinsettia Fundraiser

- **Order deadline:** November 9
- **How to order:** Online orders only.
- **Delivery:** November 24

Order here: DT Elementary Poinsettia Fundraiser

Created by Kids Art Cards – 2026

Our students have been working hard on their artwork, and ordering is now open! Copies of your child's artwork will be sent home this week, if they haven't already arrived.

- **Order deadline:** November 3rd
- **Expected delivery:** November 17th–21st
- **How to order:** Visit the website below and enter our school code.

Order here: Created by Kids Art Cards
School Code: DTEL2026

Questions? Please email
pacdavidthompson@gmail.com



NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02	03 **Pasta Lunch Day** Art Cards Due	04 **PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm – Library**	05 **Pizza Lunch Day**	06 Spirit Wear – DT Clothing Orders Due	07
08	09 Poinsettia Orders Due	10 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30am Beef Jerky Orders Due **Mary Brown's Lunch Day**	11 **Remembrance Day – No School**	12	13	14
15	16	17 **Hot Dog Lunch Day**	18 PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm	19	20	21
22	23 PAC 50/50 Sales Start – Draw Dec 14th	24 **Senor Froggy Mexican Lunch** Poinsettia / Plant Order PICK UP	25 Paw Pack Assembly @ 9:30am	26	27	28
29	30 In Service Day No School Purdy's Orders Due	Dec 01 **Edo Japan Lunch**				