Dufferin Elementary School

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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

Dufferin's Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair is back in our library!!!



On Tuesday, November 3rd your child will have a chance to visit the Book Fair with their class to preview the books offered. The 'Highlights Flyer' *features only a few* of the hundreds of books available.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase books during the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, November 3rd ~ 2:30pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday, November 4th ~ 8:30am – 3:15pm
- Thursday, November 5th ~ 8:30am – 3:15pm

Book fair will be closed to students at recess and lunch. Classes will have **buying blocks** on **Wednesday and Thursday** where students may come in and purchase. All the proceeds from our Dufferin Book Fair are used to buy books for our school library. Thank you in advance if you are able to support our school library and literacy goals at Dufferin Elementary!

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 10th 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!

School Supplies and Fees

School fees are now due to the office and new forms have been sent home for students with outstanding balances. Payments can be made through SchoolCash Online. If a payment plan needs to be arranged, please feel free to call the office 250-374-4425.

Volleyball

This year, we have two 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 Recreational – Randi Pinkenberg
- Boys Recreational – Ashley Anderson
- Intermetals – Nicole Preymak

- Teacher sponsors – Kim Geoghegan and 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.

Christmas Food Hampers

Starting November 30th, each class at Dufferin Elementary will be collecting non-perishable food items to help fill Christmas food hampers for families in need in our community.



In each class, students will have the opportunity to choose items from a list of needed staples for their class hamper. The class to complete their hamper first will win a prize!

The hampers will be delivered to local families during the last week of school before Christmas.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found bins (located just past the front entry way are ALWAYS full!!. PLEASE if you notice that your child has something missing, have your child take a look through the bins or stop by when picking up your child to check for whatever it is. We would love all items to be returned to their owners but must rely on the students and their parents to make this happen! Thanks for helping us out with this!

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 175 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.

Important Dates

- Nov 3rd to 5th – Scholastic Book Fair
- Wed, Nov 11th – Remembrance Day
- Mon, Nov 30th – District Non-Instructional Day
- Dec 19th – Jan 3rd – Winter Vacation Period
- Mon, Jan 4th – School Reopens
- Fri, Feb 5th – District Non-Instructional Day
- Mon, Feb 15th – Family Day
- Mar 13th – 30th – Spring Vacation Period
- Fri, Mar 26th – Good Friday Closure
- Mon, Mar 29th – Easter Monday Closure
- Mon, Apr 26h – District Non-Instructional Day
- Fri, May 21st – District Non-Instructional Day
- Mon, May 24th – Victoria Day
- Wed, Jun 30th – Administrative Day