



Dufferin Elementary School



October 2025

Principal's Message

Greetings to all Families - and Hello October! I want to start by thanking the entire Dufferin Elementary School community for a great start-up to the year. Transitioning back to school is not always easy for students and families, but I have observed students quickly getting back to the daily routine of learning and school, which has been great. We also got to welcome our 33 new Kindergarten students and some new students who have transferred in. It has been great meeting the new students and their families. I really enjoyed the Welcome Back BBQ too, as I was able to meet even more families. Thank you to the PAC for their time and effort in putting that community event together.

Given that October is now upon us, staff and students start thinking about Thanksgiving and all that we are thankful for. I wish to thank the community for making donations to the Terry Fox Run. Personally, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the Dufferin Elementary community, and I am so incredibly happy to be here as Principal. The students are an absolute joy to be around, and I enjoy seeing their smiles and watching them enjoying their learning. As always, please feel free to reach out via email or school phone if you wish to discuss anything.

Sincerely, Scott Galloway

Principal, Dufferin Elementary

School Supplies and Fees

School fees are due by October 10th. If you have not done so already, please log onto School Cash Online to make a payment. If paying by cash or cheque, please send payment along with the school fee form sent out earlier in September.

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.

Picture Day

Picture day will be on October 9th. If your child is not able to attend the October 9th date, a retake day has been scheduled for October 17th. Class photos will also be taken on October 17th.



Terry Fox Run

Dufferin Elementary students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run on September 25th. This year our school raised \$1,359 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Well done Dufferin Students!





National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

To reflect the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation students were taught age-appropriate lessons supported by the districts Indigenous

Education Department. On September 29th flags were lowered to half-mast to honor residential school survivors and children who did not return home.

Cross Country Running

The Dufferin Cross Country Running Team is having a fantastic season, with more than 60 students Grades 3-7 participating. Wow! From the first very hot race at McArthur Island hosted by OLPH, to the jam-packed competition of the RLC-hosted Eagle Point Race, to the serene and tranquil wilderness of a true trail race hosted by Raft River at Candle Creek Trails just north of Clearwater, this continues to be a stellar season. We wish our athletes a great race at the final event of the season hosted by Westsyde and Westmount at Centennial Park Oct. 7th.

Bikes, Scooters, and other Fun Things

Many of our students make their way to and from school using wheeled forms of transportation. A reminder that students are expected to use and store their bikes scooters appropriately. Students are reminded that these items are not to be used on the school grounds between 8:00am – 4:00pm for safety reasons.

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.

Halloween

In the spirit of Halloween students will have the opportunity to dress in their costumes on October 31st for a day of Spooktacular fun. However, please remember masks and weapons of any kind are not permitted.



Weather Reminders

Students spend time outdoors at recess and lunch each day. It is important that they are dressed for the cooler weather and have coats, mitts, toques and appropriate footwear. Non marking indoor shoes are also required at this time.



PAC Hot Lunch

Our PAC will be offering hot lunches every Friday starting October 3rd. Please remember to go to www.munchalunch.com to order your hot lunches. If you are ordering for the first time and need to create an account, please go to www.munchalunch.com/schools/dufferin

Deadlines and Must-Knows!

- **Order cut-off: Friday @ 11:59 p.m.** the **week before** your lunch date.
- **Auto-cancel:** Unpaid carts vanish after 24 hours (system-automated)
- **Delivery:** Meals arrive at lunchtime and are handed out by amazing volunteers.
- **Bring cutlery:** Hot lunch does not include utensils

Sick Day Plan

If your child is away, email dragonspachotlunch@gmail.com by **10:00 a.m.** to:

- Pick up in front of the office by 12:10 p.m.
- Send home with a sibling

*Unclaimed meals are shared so **nothing goes to waste***

Need help? PAC Hot Lunch Coordinator:
dragospachotlunch@gmail.com



- Thurs, Oct 9th – Picture Day
- Mon, Oct 13th – Thanksgiving Day
- Thurs, Oct 17th – Picture Re-take and Class Photo Day
- Fri, Oct 24th – District Non-Instructional Day
- Tues, Nov 11th – Remembrance Day
- 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