Dufferin Elementary School

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Principal's Message

As the colours of Fall begin to surround us, it is hard to believe how quickly the school year is already moving along. September has been a wonderful month at Dufferin Elementary, and it has been a pleasure seeing our students settle into their classrooms, establish positive routines, build new friendships, and fully engage in their learning. The energy throughout the school has been outstanding, and our students are well on their way to another successful year.

One of the highlights of October will be our annual Salmon Run field trip. This is always an incredible opportunity for students to experience the local environment firsthand and deepen their understanding of the life cycle of salmon and the importance of conservation. Experiences like these help bring classroom learning to life and create lasting memories for our students. A heartfelt and sincere thank you goes to our amazing Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for generously covering the entire cost of transportation for this year's Salmon Run field trips. Their contribution of **$1,750** ensures that every class can participate in this valuable learning experience without additional cost to families. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive PAC that continually invests in opportunities that benefit all of our students.

Finally, as Thanksgiving approaches, I would like to wish all of our Dufferin families a safe, relaxing, and happy Thanksgiving. This season reminds us to reflect on the many things we are grateful for, and I am especially thankful to be part of such a caring, supportive, and welcoming school community.

Thank you to our students, families, staff, volunteers, and PAC for everything you do to make Dufferin Elementary such a special place to learn and grow.

Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the beautiful Fall season!

Sincerely, Scott Galloway

Principal, Dufferin Elementary

School Supplies and Fees

School fees are now due. If you have not done so already, please log onto School Cash Online to make a payment. For tips, tricks and information on how to set up and manage your School Cash account please go to the SD73 website.
https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/cashless-schools.aspx

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

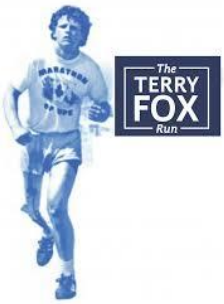
Picture day was on October 1st. If your child was not able to attend the October 1st date, a retake day has been scheduled for October 14th. Class photos will also be taken on October 14th.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

On September 29th, our students came together to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by creating a meaningful display in front of our school. Students hung orange ribbons and decorated orange wood rounds along the fence as a symbol of remembrance, respect and commitment to learning about the experiences of Indigenous peoples.

Terry Fox Run

Dufferin Elementary students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run on September 24th. With 80 fewer students our little school still managed to raise **$1,192.50** for the Terry Fox Foundation. Amazing and well-done Dufferin Students!



Cross Country Running

The Dufferin Cross Country Running Team is having a fantastic season, with more than 40 students Grades 3-7 participating. Wow! From the first 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. 14th.

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 and 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 180 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 30st for a day of Spooktacular fun. However, please remember masks, weapons of any kind and inflatable costumes are not permitted.

Weather Reminders

Students spend time outdoors at recess and lunch each day. As the weather gets colder 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.

Student Health and Safety

If your child has a serious life-threatening illness or an anaphylactic allergy it is critically important that the school is made aware of this. For students with an anaphylactic allergy SD73 requires that an epi pen be stored in the school office along with medical forms signed both by a parent and a doctor.

PAC Hot Lunch

Our PAC will be offering hot lunches every Friday starting October 2nd. 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: **dragonspachotlunch@gmail.com**

Important Dates

- Mon, Oct 12th – Thanksgiving Day
- Fri, Oct 23rd – District Non-Instructional Day
- 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