



Dufferin Elementary School

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Principal's Message

September is always a time of great excitement, and we are all happy to have the students back in classes at Dufferin Elementary School. The culture of each class and the learning communities can now begin to develop. And as summer holidays have come to an end, I sincerely hope that students and families had an opportunity to enjoy the time off, and I also hope that students are ready and excited to get back to school.

It is an exciting time for me as well, as I begin the year at a new school. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the staff, students and families, but I really look forward to actually getting to know everyone better. I just keep seeing smiling faces, which reinforces how lucky I am to work here.

I am confident that this school year is going to be one of possibility and growth for our school community, and I am excited to see students in classes, focused on learning and personal development. On behalf of myself and the staff, we all look forward to the year ahead and working together to help our students succeed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at 250-374-4425.

Sincerely,

Scott Galloway

Principal, Dufferin Elementary



Dufferin's Daily Schedule

8:25 am - Morning Warning Bell - Students line-up to enter the building

8:30 am - Morning classes commence

10:10 am - Recess, students go outside

10:25 am - Recess ends & students return to class

12:05 pm - Lunch hour - Students eat their lunch in their classroom

12:20 pm - Students go outside or to other activities

12:55pm - Afternoon classes commence

2:34 pm - Dismissal for the day

Verification Forms and Permission Forms

The school district requires parents to update Student Verification Records on a yearly basis. Along with this document, a *permission for Personal Information Consent*, an *Outside Media in Schools* and a *walking permission* form have also been sent home. In addition, kindergarten students and students new to the school will also be sent home with *Student Use of District Technology* and *Google Apps for Education (GAFE)* forms. These forms should be signed and returned to the school no later than September 19th.

School Cash

School Cash Online is the preferred method of payment for school fees and field trips. 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>

Why Use SchoolCash Online?

- **Convenient:** Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home
- **Easy To Use:** Online shopping with various payment methods
- **Safe:** Your child won't be carrying cash or cheques to and from school
- **Saves Time:** Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

- **One Account:** You can manage the fees for up to 8 students at 8 different SD73 school through one account.

* Please note that paying online has a processing fee (on average 5%) incorporated in the cost to be paid online, which was approved by the Board after the budget consultation process last spring. These represent true transaction fees charged by the District's processing platform.

School Supplies and Fees

Parents will receive a school fees form this week. **School Cash Online** is the preferred method of payment however we will also accept cash or cheque. Please have school fees paid by October 10th.

Safe Arrival

Please remember that all student absences and late arrivals must to 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.

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.

Reporting

Three formal report cards will be sent home with students.

2025-2026 Dates:

Dec. 12th, 2025

Mar. 11th, 2026

Jun. 26th, 2026



Parking Lot

Dufferin has limited parking and the school parking lot is designated for **SCHOOL STAFF ONLY**. It is not to be used for the drop off or pick up of students or parent parking. **Please park in the gravel parking lot or on Hillside Drive**. The roundabout is strictly for busses and daycares. Your cooperation is

appreciated. We also kindly ask that you are mindful of no parking zones around the school. Parking in these zones creates a hazard to traffic and pedestrians.

How to Support Your Student

- Inside Shoes
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Healthy snack/lunch
- Water bottle
- Arrive on time
- Gym strip (intermediate students)
- We encourage primary students to keep a change of clothing in a Ziploc bag in their backpack in case of spills or accidents

English Language Learners

New students who arrive at Dufferin from other countries will meet with a district ELL Resource Teacher to assess their language proficiency and receive assistance transitioning to school in a new culture.

Indigenous Education Services

Students with an indigenous background are provided with additional resources and learning opportunities. Students who have self-identified as having indigenous ancestry will be sent home with forms to complete. Please contact our Indigenous Education Worker – Julia Wright – for more information.

Supervision of Students

Supervision of students before 8:15 AM and after 2:34 PM is for bus students only. Students arriving early or staying after school hours must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Sign in and Sign out

Please ensure your student arrives on time. Arriving late disrupts the class and the students learning routines. If a student is late, they must sign in at the office. They must sign out if leaving early. For safety reasons, parents are to report to the office and we will then bring your child to you.

Lost and Found

Please write your student's name on all articles of clothing and personal belongings. Very small items like jewelry or



glasses are taken to the office. All other items are put in the bin at the entrance of the school. All items will be displayed before winter and spring break. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Precious/important items should be kept at home.



SCHOOL STAFF

Administration

Mr. Galloway – Principal

Teaching Staff

Ms. Carter – K

Mrs. Thomas – K/1

Mrs. Cross – 1

Ms. Thomson – 1/2

Mrs. Preymak – 2

Mrs. Lofgren – 2/3

Mrs. McCloy – 3/4

Ms. Eacrett – 4/5

Ms. Dalsin – 4/5

Mrs. Geoghegan 5/6

Mr. Mueller 6/7

Mrs. McGarry 6/7

Mrs. Bell – LART

Mrs. Gorman – Teacher Librarian

Mrs. Keith – P.E. Prep

Ms. Morphy - Prep

Support Staff

Mrs. Gilbert – Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Smith - CEA

Mrs. Mirtle – CEA

Mrs. Rowand – CEA

Mrs. Christiaens – CEA

Ms. Wright – IEW

Ms. Reid – Day Custodian

Mr. Walton – Evening Custodian

- Mon, Sep 22nd – District Non-Instructional Day
- Tues, Sep 30th – National Day for Truth and Rec
- 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