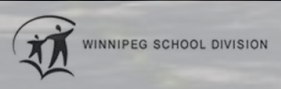


Dufferin School

April
Newsletter 2023



We're so glad you're here!

School Message

Hello to all of our Dufferin Families,

Welcome Back! We hope you enjoyed the past week of Spring Break and look forward to our last three months of the school year. Entering the season of Spring means change, and one of these changes is in our staffing. We say farewell to Ms. Morais and thank her for teaching and learning with our Grade 1 students of Room 18. We welcome Ms. Waskul back from her maternity leave and wish her the best start with her students. We also want to formally welcome Tizita Utalo, Endale Arega and Venessa Edge to our educational assistants team.

We thank our Dufferin families for attending our Student-Led Conferences last month. We held a successful three-day open house style for families to visit their child(ren)'s classrooms and see all of the rich learning and growing that has taken place over the past few months.

We will be encouraging everyone to wear pink once more on April 12th as we pledge to make Dufferin School a safe place to be; safe from derogatory and mean words or actions that hurt others. We all know that bullying can take many forms and we also know how much words and actions can hurt people. Please continue to talk to your children about respect for others and to seek an adult if there are any problems.

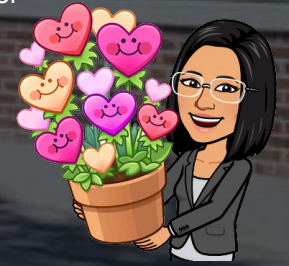
We thank you for your support as we work to keep Dufferin a safe and trusting place to learn and grow.

Yours in learning,

Maria Manzano

Vice Principal

Out of Respect for the Indigenous
People of Manitoba, we at Dufferin
School and the Winnipeg School
Division recognize the school we
attend resides on Treaty 1 Land
known as First Nations
Territory as well as the
Homeland of the
Red River
Metis.



School Registrations



Registrations for Nursery and NEW to Kindergarten students are now accepted for the 2023-2024 School Year

Nursery students must be 4 years old, born 2019
Kindergarten students must be 5 years old, born 2018

OUR NURSERY PROGRAM IS FREE
to all students who are residents of the
Winnipeg School Division.

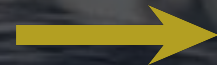
Residency is based on where the legal guardian resides.

Visit our website: [Dufferin School](#), under the
“[School Registration Information](#)” tab, for more information



REMINDER: Registration acceptance will be based on the student's residence within the school division's boundaries and the fulfillment of a requirement to present a hard copy of the application, signed by a guardian, when classes resume. *Non-resident student applicants are required to follow Manitoba's Schools of Choice guidelines.*

Kindergarten students will be receiving a *Welcome to Kindergarten* package.
More information in the next two pages





EVERY DAY!

DEAR KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES:

Welcome to Issue 2 of Learning Through Play! Families are children's first and most important teachers. Here are more ideas for your family to play and discover together. Have fun talking, reading, creating and playing, everyday!

The WTK Team
Canadian Education Warehouse
info@welcome-to-kindergarten.ca





TALKING AND SINGING BUILD:

- relationships
- memory
- rhythm & rhyme
- belonging
- enjoyment of music
- listening & speaking skills
- an appreciation for cultural stories & oral traditions



READING BUILDS:

- vocabulary
- a sense of story
- knowledge
- print, letter & number awareness



CREATING BUILDS:

- problem-solving skills
- imagination & personal expression
- small & large muscle control and coordination
- measurement, geometry & spatial sense



PLAYING BUILDS:

- self-awareness & regulation
- math concepts & vocabulary
- confidence & well-being
- empathy & understanding
- decision-making skills
- cooperation physical skills
- curiosity

YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND BEST TEACHER!

- Follow your child's lead as you play and discover together
- Talk and read with your child in your first language
- Help your child to share and take turns
- Encourage your child to make choices and decisions
- Celebrate your child's learning



Attention Caregivers Inclusive Education Advisory Committee

The Inclusive Education Advisory Committee is an Advisory Committee to the Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees comprised of parents/guardians of students with inclusive needs in WSD.

The Inclusive Education Committee is open to feedback from any parents/guardians of a student with inclusive needs on programs and services, and also provides networking with other parents with similar advocacy needs.

Inclusive Education includes any students with exceptional learning needs including social/emotional, behavioural, sensory, physical, cognitive/intellectual, communication, academic or special healthcare needs.

The Committee's first meeting will be held at Technical Vocational High School on April 12, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Parents/Guardians who are interested in participating as a member of this Committee please contact the Board Office at 204-789-0469 or email Board@wsd1.org.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Parent Council News



Enjoy your St. Patrick's
Day Treats
Tyler and Eden!



Congratulations to the Mystery Jar winners for guessing the correct amount of candy in the jar!

264 chocolate gold pieces will be divided between the two winners: **Tyler** and **Eden**.

We will be having another fundraiser event in the first week of April. Look for us in the front foyer to learn more.

Thank you for your continued support. Parent Council appreciate supporting our one week fundraiser during the Student-Led conference last month.

Thank you for your support,

Helen Sinisalo

P.A.C. President

Attendance



It is very important that students attend school every day. Regular and punctual attendance is one of the best ways to ensure students' academic success.

Bells ring at 8:50 a.m. and 12:55 p.m.

Students are required to continue using their designated doors to meet their teacher outside, in their meeting area.

Dufferin School sends messages, reminders and newsletters by email through School Messenger. If you would like to add your email address to our list, call Dufferin School at 204-774-3409

Report absences on
School Messenger

Phone: 1-855-278-4513
Toll-free, interactive telephone system

Website: go.schoolmessenger.ca
Set up your Parent Portal account then log in.

Mobile App School Messenger:
Set up your Parent Portal account, download the Apple or Android app, then log in.

**All methods are available
24 hours a day, 7 days a week**



Spirit Week Pictures

Staff and Students ending the month in style sporting:
athletic, tie-dye, matching clothes, crazy hat/hair and pajama gear!



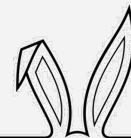
Spirit Week Pictures

Staff and Students ending the month in style sporting:
athletic, tie-dye, matching, crazy hat/hair and pajama gear!





April



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Day 5 Classes Resume 	4 Day 6	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 Lunch Program Hot Lunch: Taco in a Bag	6 Good Friday NO SCHOOL
10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5 International Day of PINK PAC Meeting Room 6 - 3:45 p.m.	13 Day 6	14 Day 1 Non-Instructional Day No Classes
17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Day 4 Bus Ridership 	20 Day 5	21 Day 6 Lunch Program Hot Lunch: Hotdogs and Fries
24 Day 1 	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5

LOOKING AHEAD

Non-Instructional Day May 1

Victoria Day - No School May 22



April Family Room



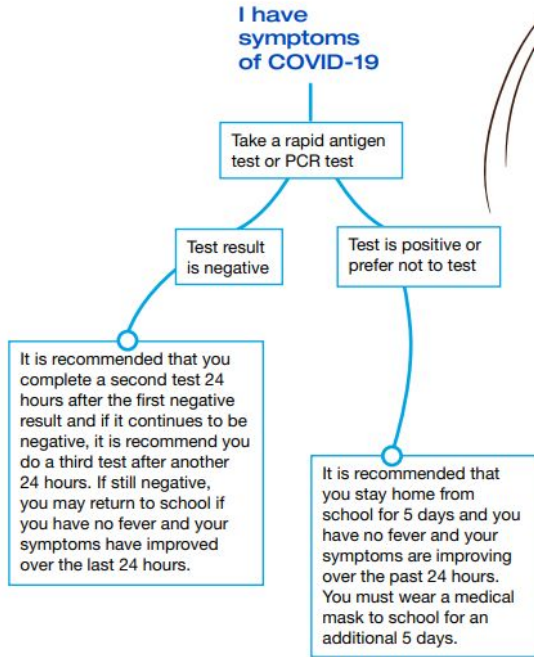
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Day 5 Classes Resume 	4 Day 6 Traditional Parenting with Snowbird Lodge Family Room - 1:30pm	5 Day 1 Families in the Kitchen Zoom - 1pm	6 Day 2 Lunch Program Hot Lunch: Taco in a Bag	6 Good Friday NO SCHOOL
10 Day 3	11 Day 4 Traditional Parenting with Snowbird Lodge Family Room - 1:30pm	12 Day 5 International Day of PINK PAC Meeting Room 6 - 3:45 p.m.	13 Day 6 Families in the Kitchen Room 10 - 1pm	14 Day 1 Non-Instructional Day No Classes
17 Day 2	18 Day 3 Traditional Parenting with Snowbird Lodge Family Room - 1:30pm	19 Day 4 Families in the Kitchen Zoom - 1pm	20 Day 5	21 Day 6 Headdress Making with Denise Family Room - 9am to 3pm
24 Day 1	25 Day 2 Traditional Parenting with Snowbird Lodge Family Room - 1:30pm	26 Day 3 Bookmates "Sliding into Summer" Family Room - 1:00 pm	27 Day 4 Families in the Kitchen Room 10 - 1pm	28 Day 5 

LOOKING AHEAD

Non-Instructional Day May 1

Victoria Day - No School May 22

Safe school attendance is a priority for student learning.
All students should complete daily COVID-19 Screening Tool
prior to attending school.



When to stay home

If you're unsure if your child should stay home or attend school, complete the Shared Health screening tool online or by phone:

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool>

Call 1-877-308-9038