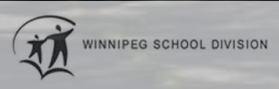


Dufferin School

December
Newsletter 2022



We're so glad you're here!



School Message

Hello to all of our Dufferin Families,

Season's Greetings! With Winter slowly approaching and Fall behind us, we're reminded of a great first term of the school year. Students are outside, enjoying the snow and coming to school ready to learn. We would like to remind families to ensure children are always dressed for the weather as they are expected to be outside before school, during morning and afternoon recesses and the lunch hour.

Thank you to all of our parents and guardians who connected with our teachers during Parent-Teacher Family Conferences. We trust that you have celebrated your child's success after receiving their report cards and met teachers with your child's goals and next steps for the second term. With the first term of the school year now complete, students have had an opportunity to reflect on their learning and set goals. If you have missed your appointment, please reschedule with your child's classroom teacher.

We want to extend a warm welcome to new families who have registered at Dufferin School these past few months and we hope that you have enjoyed meeting your child's teacher. We want to reassure families that we work hard at creating a positive environment so that children have an easy transition into their learning journey.

Finally, both Mr. McAlpine and myself, and behalf of the entire Dufferin School staff, would like to wish each and everyone of you a very joyous holiday season! May the joy of this special season bring peace and good health to all of you.

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.



Reminders

COLD WEATHER

With the cold weather fast approaching, remember to dress warm everyday by wearing a sweater, mitts, toques, scarves, ski-pants and a warm jacket.

Students go outside for recess everyday.

Students stay indoors for recess when the wind chill reaches -28 degrees Celsius.



LUNCH TIME

Lunch runs from 12:00 - 12:55 p.m.

Students who stays for the Lunch Program eats lunch from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. and have lunch recess from 12:30 - 12:55 p.m.

Students who go home for lunch cannot re-enter the school until the bell rings at 12:55 p.m.



HOLIDAY BREAK

This year, Dufferin School will not have a Winter Concert. Instead, classrooms will be doing winter activities this month and participate in Spirit Week.

Winter Break runs from December 22nd - January 4th





On November 22, Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's Chief Public Health Officer, and Dr. Elisabete Doyle, head of pediatric medicine at HSC's Children's Hospital, held a town hall to talk about the high number of RSV and influenza A among children.

We are providing some excerpts from the town hall below to keep parents informed and give support if children are experiencing illness this winter.

Q: How can I protect my child this flu season?

A: Dr. Roussin: There are multiple layers that we can take to protect ourselves. You can make sure vaccines are up to date, stay home when ill, wash your hands, proper cough hygiene (cough or sneeze into your elbow), and you can wear a mask in indoor public places.

Click to read the entire letter here: [Town Hall Letter](#)

Winter Spirit Week

December 12 - 16th



We are bringing the spirit of the Winter Season with different activities this week. We encourage everyone, including staff to participate!



Dec 12 Monday	Dec 13 Tuesday	Dec 14 Wednesday	Dec 15 Thursday	Dec 16 Friday
Pyjama Jam Monday Wear your holiday pyjamas!	Twinkle Toes Tuesday Wear your favourite, funniest Socks	Whiteout Wednesday Wear WHITE from head to toe	What are those Thursday Wear your "ugly" holiday sweater or craziest outfit	Festive Friday Wear something festive for the holidays
Share a cheerful, motivating message to your peers	Write something thoughtful to someone	Learn a holiday song or poem	Make a Holiday Card	Create winter, holiday crafts

Shopping with Cops



Winnipeg School Division has been invited to participate in Shopping with Cops, presented by St. Vital Centre in-conjunction with the Winnipeg Police Service. On Wednesday, November 30th, 2022, 60 Winnipeg School Division students visited St. Vital Centre for a morning filled with shopping with the Winnipeg Police Service.

Parent Council News

LUNCH PROGRAM

Our Parent Council operates Dufferin School's Lunch Program in our school from 12:00 - 12:55 pm every day. The cost per child to stay at our Lunch Program is \$50 per month. To avoid the \$10.00 late fee, monthly payments are required to be made by the 20th of each month.

We are a non-profit organization. All fees go towards paying for our staff, hot lunches and supplies. If you require additional information please contact our Lunch Program Coordinator, Chris at (204)774-3409.

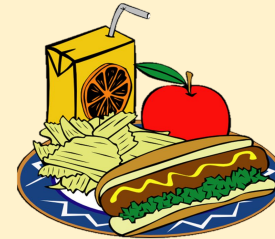
Thank you,

Helen Sinisalo
P.A.C. President

Chris Hill
Lunch Program Coordinator

Parent Council held their second fundraiser November 17th and 18th and raised **\$100** selling hot-dogs, chips, a drink and hot chocolate. Funds collected will continue to go towards purchasing a new microwave for the Lunch Program. Thank you for your support.

Thank you,
Helen Sinisalo
P.A.C. President



FUNDRAISER

December 16th - Holiday Baked Treats - cookies, cupcakes and hot chocolate - \$1.00



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**



December



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 6	2 Day 1
5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4 PAC Meeting Library - 4pm	8 Day 5 LUNCH PROGRAM Spaghetti Meal	9 Day 6 Holiday Lunch Lasagna Meal for all students
12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4	16 Day 5
19 Day 4 	20 Day 5	21 Day 6 LUNCH PROGRAM Cutlets, mash potatoes, corn, gravy Meal	22 WINTER BREAK STARTS December 22 - January 5	23 
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LOOKING AHEAD
Classes Resume
January 5th -
Day 3



December Family Room



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Thank You

Crafters Care Group

Thank you for donating carefully crafted mitts and hats to our Dufferin students!



Thank you Pat Galbraith for supporting our students during this cold winter season.

FAMILY ROOM IS NOW OPEN

Megan Brisco, our Community Support worker, operates our Family Room from Monday to Friday for parents and non-school age children to participate in various activities throughout the year.

Check out our calendar to learn more!

Contact Megan at 204-774-3409 or brisco@wsd1.org

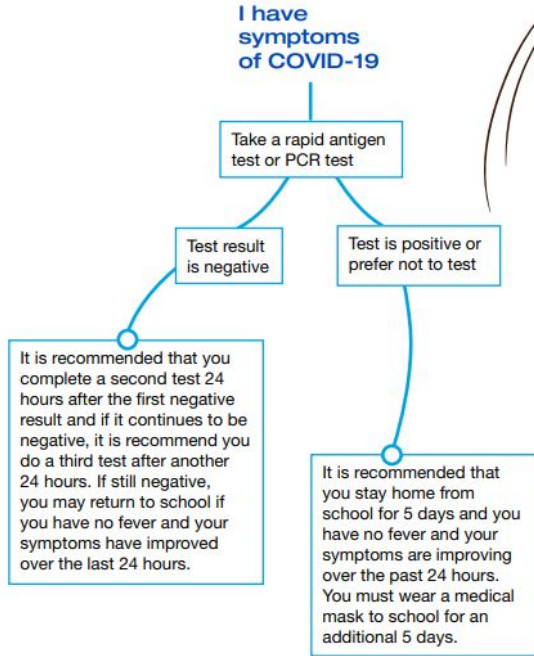
OPEN A BOOK, OPEN THE WORLD

NEW family literacy training focused on promoting diversity including race, creed, gender, culture, family structures and abilities. Literacy resources, tools, and strategies will be provided.

ADULT PAINTING

Adult Painting class is for parents and caregivers. The self-care session will run from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Family Room and not online.

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