



DUFFERIN SCHOOL

Newsletter
December 2024



Highlights from the month of November.....

(Music - Mr. Daniel Granzew)

On November 8, our school hosted a ceremony honouring Indigenous Veterans' Day and Remembrance Day. Room 17 shared a poem about the importance of wearing a poppy on Remembrance Day and Room 12 created a video about the life of Indigenous Veteran Tommy Prince. One of our Education Assistants, Mr. Gerret, ended the ceremony by sharing a Victory Dance, which was a highlight for our students.

In Music class, students are hard at work preparing for their upcoming winter concert. The "Snowtastic" concert will be a celebration of winter and all the fun that comes with a day of snow. We are learning songs, actions, and performance skills, and we are looking forward to sharing our work with the community at our concert.

Nature Based Learning - Mr. Jay Thiessen

Hello Dufferin Families, My name is Mr. Jay and I am excited to be sharing Nature Based Learning experiences with your children this year. Nature Based Learning is being offered to Dufferin students in order to influence and make an impact in the following 3 areas:

Educator and Learner Health and Wellbeing: Decreased symptoms of anxiety or depression and improved physical and mental wellbeing, as a result of learning happening outside.



Environmental Literacy: Increased connection to the environment leading to a deeper understanding of environmental issues like climate change, as a result of learning happening outside.

Commitment to Reconciliation: By uplifting and amplifying Indigenous Knowledge, perspectives and Ways of Knowing, learners can connect more deeply to the land to help facilitate action on Truth and Reconciliation.



***Please ensure your child dresses appropriately for Mother Earth's ever-changing weather*
Miigwech/Thank you**

Upcoming Events...

December 6 - Turkey Lunch

December 11 - Winter Concert (Matinee)

December 12 - Winter Concert

December 20 - Last Day of School

Winter Break December 20 - January 3rd!



"The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples."

Additional information about the SNOWSTATIC Winter Concert:

There will be a performance on Wednesday, December 11th at 1:30 p.m. & an evening performance on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. Students performing should arrive at school at 6:00 pm for the evening performance.

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Looking Ahead...

- January 6 - School Reopens
- January 31 - Non-Instructional Day

Family Room

Events in the Family room for this month of October....

- **Tuesday, December 3**

*Food Security Table with Weetamah (last one until January 2025)
at 3 pm Front Lobby Please bring your reusable bags*

- **Tuesday, December 10**

Adult Painting Class at 9:00 am

- **Thursday, December 12**

Brunch with the Grinch at 1:15 pm

- **Friday, December 13**

Beaded Earring Workshop at 9:00 am

- **Tuesday, December 17**

Bookmates at 1:00 pm