

## DOFFERIN SCHOOL Newsletter October 2024

### Highlights from the month of September.....

## (Nursery & Kindergarten - Room 3

This month Nursery students have been working hard to learn the routines of being at school such as, lining up, sharing, and listening. Nursery students have also begun to explore a variety of centres including, sand and water, blocks, art, and dramatic play. Within these centres students have had many opportunities to practice counting, for language development, turn taking, and early literacy skills.

#### Grades 3 + 4 - Room 11

Welcome Back! As we started off our year together in Room 11, the students were involved in a design challenge. We read the story Roberto the Insect Architect by Nina Laden. Students were asked to use the design process to create a house for an insect. They drew blueprints, built their own insect out of clay, wrote a bug biography all about their insect and then followed their plan to build their insects home using recycled materials. We had such a great time! You can see our learning journey posted on our classroom bulletin board!

### Grades 5 + 6 - Room 14-



Aniin tansi! The students in Room 14 & 12 went to Beaudry Provincial Park on Sept. 25th to harvest sage. At Dufferin, students have the opportunity to smudge at school using the sacred medicine sage. Ms. Stephanie, our Learning Support Teacher, arranged this field trip for our students to learn the protocol for harvesting sage, such as only picking the male sage, as the female plants carry the seeds, as well as offering tobacco to Mother Earth before harvesting.

Students also had the choice to go on an exploration hike or play traditional games. It was a perfect day to be out on the land!





# Upcoming events:

- October 9 Non-Instructional Day No Classes
- October 14 Thanksgiving Day No Classes
- October 16 Parent Council 3:45 - 5:00 pm
- October 17 Bus Ridership (AM only)
- October 18 Picture Day
- October 23 Grade 6 Immunization
- October 25 MTS PD Day No Classes





"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."

PAC FUNDRAISING Halloween Fundraiser event

October 21st - 24th!

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## Looking Ahead..

- November 11 Remembrance Day- No Classes
- November 12 14 Hearing Screening
- November 13 Parent Council Meeting
- November 20 21 Family Conferences
- November 22 Non-Instructional Day & Family Conferences (pm only)

Family Room is now open!

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

 Wednesday, October 2 Buffalo Hunt Workshop at 1:00 pm Tuesday, October 8 Food Security Table with Weetamah at 3:15 pm (please bring your reusable bags) • Thursday, October 10 Little Food Explorers at 1:15 pm • Thursday, October 15 Red River Metis Walking Tour time at 1:00 pm • Thursday, October 17 Bookmates at 1:15 pm • Friday, October 18 Beaded Chockers with Denise at 1:00 pm Tuesday, October 22 Adult Painting Class at 9:15 am Food Security Table at 3:15 pm Thursday, October 24 Poppy Beading with River Elm at 9:15 am Monday, October 28 Family Wellness at St. John's Library at 1:00 pm • Wedneday, October 30 Rhyme Time at 1:15 pm