



# Dufferin School February 2024



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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1 / Day 1	2 / Day 2 <b>Non - Instructional Day NO CLASSES</b>	3
4	5 / Day 3	6 / Day 4	7 / Day 5	8 / Day 6	9 / Day 1 <b>LUNCH PROGRAM Hot Lunch Burgers and Fries</b>	10
11	12 / Day 2	13 / Day 3	14 / Day 4  <b>PAC Meeting</b> 3:45 pm - Room 6	15 / Day 5	16 / Day 6	17
18	19 <b>Louis Riel Day</b> <b>NO CLASSES</b>	20 / Day 1	21 / Day 2	22 / Day 3	23 / Day 4 <b>LUNCH PROGRAM Hot Lunch Rice and Meatballs</b>	24
25	26 / Day 5 	27 / Day 6	28 / Day 1 <b>Pink Shirt Day</b> 			

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.

## School Message

Hello to all of our Dufferin Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the midpoint of our school year and it's already February. Although this month is a short one, we anticipate a busy month ahead. February is Black History Month and I Love to Read Month. We will be learning and discussing all of these important events in grade appropriate ways. Here are a few additional dates to note at a glance:

- Feb 2 - Non-Instructional Day - No School**
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day**
- Feb 19 - Louis Riel Day - No School**
- Feb 28 - Pink Shirt Day**

At this time of the year, teachers have had valuable learning conversations about specific projects and goals through Professional Development days. We are targeting our goals and excited to take our next steps as we carry out the next phase of our school plan. We are focused on student learning and growth this year where teachers are focused on strengthening conferencing with students, pacing instruction and goal setting.

We look forward to this month's learning activities!

Yours in learning,

Dan Shynkaryk  
Vice Principal



Wear  
**PINK**  
on February 28th

## Reminders

### COLD WEATHER

With the cold weather here, 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  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$

### LUNCH TIME

Our lunch time runs from 12:00 - 12:55 p.m. Students who stay for the Lunch Program eat 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.**

**Please do not send students back to school early, as there is no supervision and they will be waiting outside, weather permitting.**  
Thank you for your understanding.

## Parent Council News

### Guess How Much Candy! (Starting February 12-14)

Three different sized jars (labeled 1, 2, 3) filled with Valentine treats will be available in the front foyer for students to guess the amount of candy inside each jar. Each guess will be \$1.00 a ticket. The student that guesses the correct amount of candy (or closest to) will win a prize.

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



## The Pink Shirt Day Story

In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia, after a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two grade 12 students bought 50 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise the majority of students arrived wearing pink! With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born.

## FEBRUARY FAMILY ROOM 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Non Instructional Day	3
4	5	6 <i>Black History Month Activities</i>	7	8 <i>LFE PM</i>	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Black History Month Activities</i>	14	15 <i>Human Rights Museum</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>Louis Riel Day</i>	20 <i>Black History Month Activities</i>	21 <i>Bookmates PM</i>	22 <i>Paint Class AM</i>	23	24
25	26	27 <i>Black History Month Activities</i>	28 <i>Stranger Safety PM</i>	29	<b>A look ahead...</b> <b>March 15 Non Instructional Day (No School)</b> <b>March 25 to 29th Spring Break (No School)</b>	