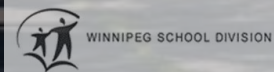


Dufferin School

January
Newsletter 2023



We're so glad you're here!

School Message

Hello to all of our Dufferin Families,

On behalf of everyone here at Dufferin, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy winter break. It seems the break has come faster this year than in the past. We have 4 months of school to look back upon and 6 more ahead. Teachers have spent December using assessment and report card information to plan for learning. We have had a strong finish to the month of December and are ready for when students return to school in January. School resumes on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

There have also been many fun learning experiences and school activities as you can see in the pictures included on the following pages.

Enjoy your break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at Dufferin in January.

Yours in learning,

Garth McAlpine

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.



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.





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 an excerpt from the town hall below to keep parents informed and give support if children are experiencing illness this winter. **A hard copy was also sent home in December, translated in different languages.**

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](#)

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**





Thank You

Chefs Karl & Melissa

From Red River College Culinary Arts
Paterson Global Food Institute
For a delicious lasagna meal for our students to enjoy.
Everyone received lasagna, bread stick,
banana bread and juice.



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 mbrisco@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.

Holiday Lasagna Lunch

A special **THANK YOU** to our volunteers and staff members for making our luncheon a successful one. Red River College chefs Karl and Melissa, thank you for providing our staff and students with a delicious meal.



Winter Spirit Week Student Pictures



Winter Spirit Week Staff Pictures

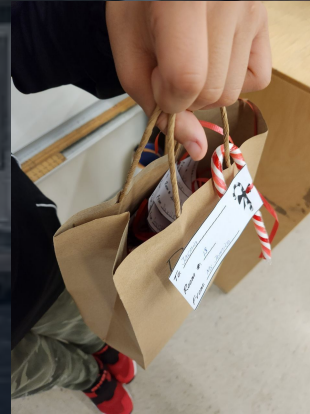
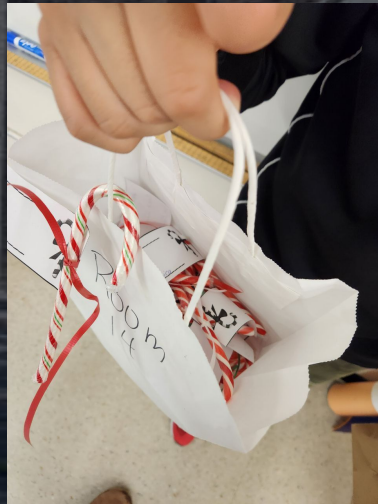
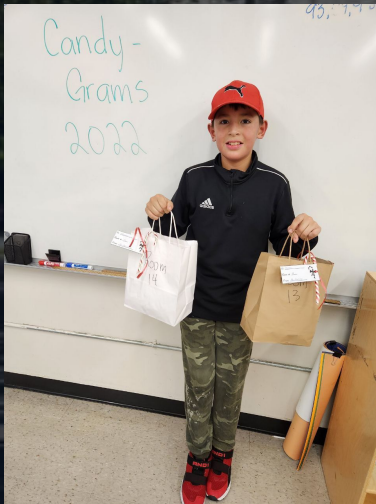
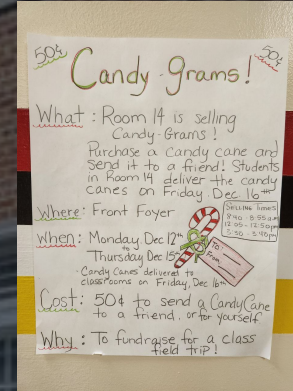


Have a happy and safe Winter Break

Candy Grams Fundraiser

Candy Gram

Thank you for supporting Room 14's classroom fundraiser.
Students raised **\$145.50** to go towards a class field trip.



Parent Council News

Parent Council held a successful week selling hot chocolate, cookies and popcorn for the month of December. We raised **\$150** . Thank you for continuing to support Parent Council and we encourage families to join our meetings. We meet once a month on a Wednesday. This month, our meeting is on **January 18th at 4pm** in the Family Room.



Thank you,
Helen Sinisalo

P.A.C. President



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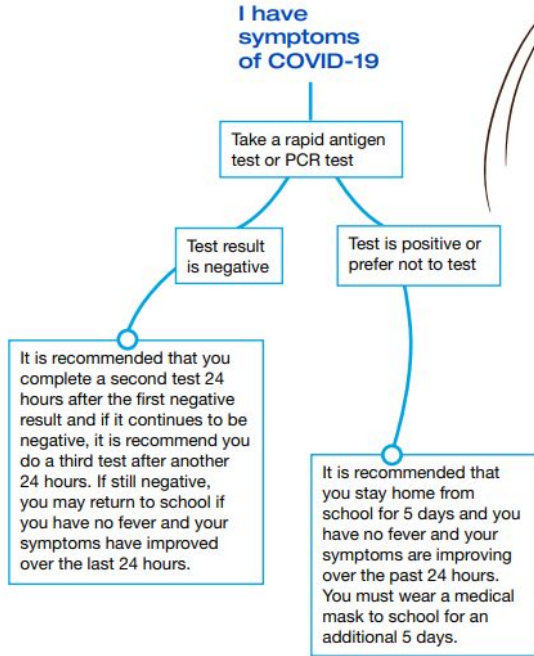
We are a non-profit organization. All fees go towards paying for our staff, hot lunches and supplies. If you require additional information please contact our Lunch Program Coordinator, Chris at (204)774-3409.

Thank you,

Helen Sinisalo
P.A.C. President

Chris Hill
Lunch Program Coordinator

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


January



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 	3	4	5 Day 3 School Re-opens Classes Resumes	6 Day 4
9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3 LUNCH PROGRAM Mac and Cheese Hot Lunch
16 Day 4 School-based PD NO SCHOOL	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 Day 2
23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1
30 Day 2	31 Day 3			



LOOKING AHEAD
Non-Instructional Day: No School February 3

 **Mobile Vision Care Clinic** January 23—27



January Family Room



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2	3	4	5 Day 3 School Re-opens Classes Resumes	6 Day 4
9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1 Adult Painting Family Room - 9am	12 Day 2 Portfolio Building Family Room - 1pm	13 Day 3
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