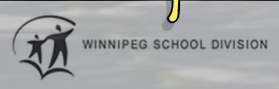
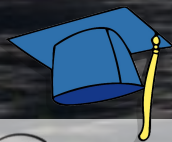


Dufferin School

June

Newsletter 2023



We're so glad you're here!

School Message

Hello to all of our Dufferin Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is in sight. The 2022-2023 school year has been the first uninterrupted school year in the last 4 years. We have learned how resilient we can all be but also how important it is to have our students and families back in school together. As we celebrate the accomplishments of our students and the incredible growth they have all shown in their learning, teachers have also begun planning for next year. June 12 is a school closure for teachers to collaborate and plan for classroom compositions for the upcoming school year. There are a number of other events as the year comes to a close, please refer to our calendar in the following pages for events and dates.

Personally, I have some news to share that impacts the Dufferin School Community. Next school year, I will be moving on from Dufferin to become the Principal at Tec Voc High School. My teaching career began at Tec Voc High School in 1999 and I spent 16 years there as a Phys. Ed. teacher and Guidance Counsellor. It has been ten years since I left Tec Voc and moved into administration. While I am excited to return to Tec Voc as Principal, I am sad to be leaving Dufferin. Dufferin School and community is an incredible place and I am very proud of all that we have accomplished in my 3 plus years here as Principal. I truly appreciate the time that you have entrusted your children's academic and social emotional learning to me. It has been a great pleasure to serve as Principal of Dufferin School. I look forward to hopefully seeing many Dufferin Stars again as they move into high school at Tec Voc.

Yours in learning,

Garth McAlpine

Principal

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.



Tomatosphere Science Investigation



Room 15 recently participated in the **Tomatosphere Science Investigation**. This began from the question: *How does the space environment affect the growth of tomato seeds?*

We were provided with two packs of seeds, labelled V and W. One pack spent 4 months on the International Space Station. We were not told which one had been to space. We started our investigation by writing a hypothesis. Many of us thought that the seeds that were on the space station would grow differently. Some of us thought they would grow quicker and some thought they wouldn't grow at all!

After we planted and labelled our seeds, we waited for them to germinate. We learned that germination is when the plant grows its first two leaves. We recorded the data on a chart each day to count how many seeds had germinated. More seeds from seed pack 'V' germinated.

After we submitted our results, we were told that seed pack 'W' had been sent to space! We are continuing to observe our space tomatoes and plan to plant a few in the garden beds outside.



Outdoor Learning

Grade 3 and 4 students in Room 12 were busy digging out weeds from our community garden beds in preparation to plant some plants native to our prairie province. We hope to have these garden beds ready by this month and used throughout the summer months for the community.



Grandparents Tea

YVETTE & ERIN (*LITTLE RED SPIRIT*) and **MEGAN** (*COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER*) held a successful Grandparents Tea on May 26th. Grand children were invited to read a book to their Grandparents, take a family photo and have a light snack. Thank you Grandparents for being a part of our children's lives and taking time to be with us.



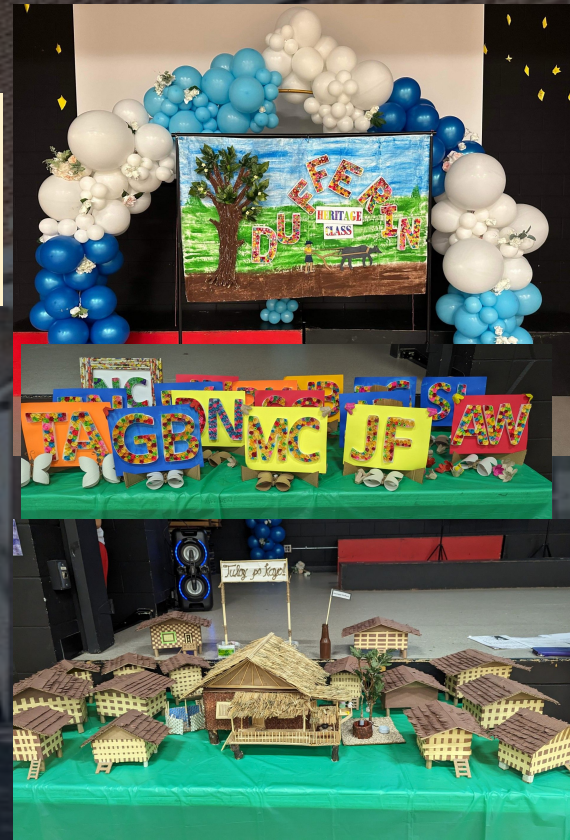
Grandparents Tea

THANK YOU **Curly, Denise** and **Bola** for sharing your culture with us by sharing a story, traditional dance and drumming.



Heritage Class

FILIPINO LANGUAGE CLASS Had a successful Culminating Activity to celebrate student learning on Friday, May 26th. Students presented their work, recited a couple of poems, sang a few songs and showcased their creative artwork to their families. Thank You for celebrating with our students as they learn a new language and bring the community together.

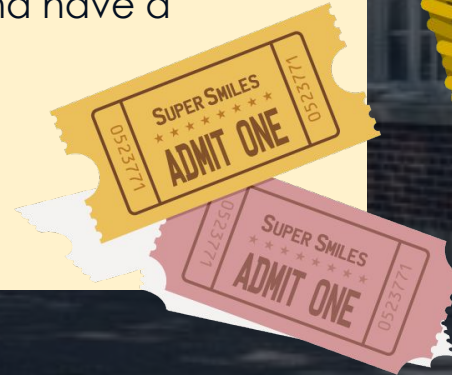


Parent Council News

Hope everyone had a great school year. To help celebrate the end of this 2022-2023 school year, the Parent Advisory Committee will be doing a Year End Basket (Summer Hamper). Each family with student(s) attending Dufferin School will receive a ticket for a chance to win. The draw will be held on June 29th at 1:00 p.m. Good luck to all families and have a wonderful summer.

See you next school year!

Helen Sinisalo
P.A.C. President



School Registrations

Initial information about registrations were sent in the April Newsletter. If you require more information, visit Dufferin School's office.

Registrations for Nursery and NEW to Kindergarten students are accepted for the 2023-2024 School Year

Nursery students must be 4 years old, born 2019
Kindergarten students must be 5 years old, born 2018

OUR NURSERY PROGRAM IS FREE
to all students who are residents of the
Winnipeg School Division.
Residency is based on where the legal guardian resides.

Visit our website: [Dufferin School](#), under the
“[School Registration Information](#)” tab, for more information



REMINDER: Registration acceptance will be based on the student's residence within the school division's boundaries and the fulfillment of a requirement to present a hard copy of the application, signed by a guardian, when classes resume. *Non-resident student applicants are required to follow Manitoba's Schools of Choice guidelines.*

Kindergarten students will be receiving a *Welcome to Kindergarten* package.

Family Room

Community Information



Family Room is 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



W.A.S.A.C.

Students in Rooms 11, 12, 13, and 14 received information about this great summer opportunity. Submit your forms to claim your spot. *(Spots are limited)*



SUMMER KIDS CAMP

The Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport Achievement Centre will be offering Summer Kids Camp 2023 for children ages 7 - 12 (grades 2 - 6).

Join us for sports, recreation, arts and crafts, coding, cultural activities and so much more. WASAC's day camp runs from 10 AM - 3 PM for 1 week during the summer. Pick up and drop off will be at your school or a neighboring school as specified below.

The program is free. Lunch and snacks are provided. Children will swim each day at Sergeant Tommy Prince Place. Kids should come equipped with runners, swimsuit, towel, water bottle, and hat.

School Name: **DUFFERIN**



Camp Week and Date: **AUGUST 14-18**



Pick up & Drop off Location: **DUFFERIN**



Morning Pick up Time: **9:50 AM**

Afternoon Drop of Time:
(please allow 5-10 min in case
of traffic or delay at camp)

3:10 PM

WASAC staff will meet students at the bus in the morning and be at the school for drop off in the afternoon. Children with permission from parent/guardian will be permitted to walk home on their own.

Attendance



Hard to believe it's already **JUNE!**
We encourage students to continue
arriving to school every day, on time

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. Students are not permitted
inside the school before the bell.

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.

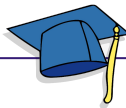
Mobile App School Messenger:
*Set up your Parent Portal account, download the
Apple or Android app, then log in.*

**All methods are available
24 hours a day, 7 days a week**



June



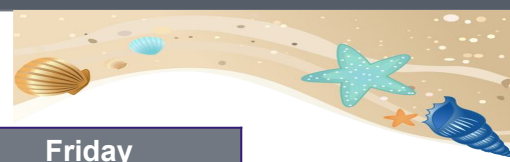
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| | | | 1 Day 4 WSD Pow Wow @ Tec Voc | 2 Day 5 |
| 5 Day 6 | 6 Day 1 | 7 Day 2 | 8 Day 3 | 9 Day 4 Lunch Program Hot Lunch: Grill Cheese |
| 12 Day 5 NO CLASSES Non Instructional Day | 13 Day 6 | 14 Day 1 | 15 Day 2 LITTLE RED SPIRIT CELEBRATION Upper Gym 10:30 a.m. | 16 Day 3 KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION Upper Gym 10:00 a.m. |
| 19 Day 4 | 20 Day 5 | 21 Day 6 | 22 Day 1 | 23 Day 2 Lunch Program Hot Lunch: Pizza |
| 26 Day 3 | 27 Day 4 FIELD TRIP Rooms 15, 16, 26 <i>Splash Pad</i> | 28 Day 5  GRADE 6 FAREWELL Upper Gym 10:00 a.m. | 29 Day 6 | 30 Day 1 Report Cards - Go HOME Last Day of School |





LOOKING AHEAD

School Reopens
Wednesday,
September 6, 2023
- First Day of School

June Family Room



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| 5 Day 6 Zumba for Parents 1:30 pm - Upper Gym | 6 Day 1 | 7 Day 2 | 8 Day 3 | 9 Day 4 Metis Mini Sash Workshop 1:00 pm - Room 1 |
| 12 Day 5 NO CLASSES Non Instructional Day | 13 Day 6 | 14 Day 1 Adult Paint Class 9:00 am - Room 1 | 15 Day 2 | 16 Day 3 |
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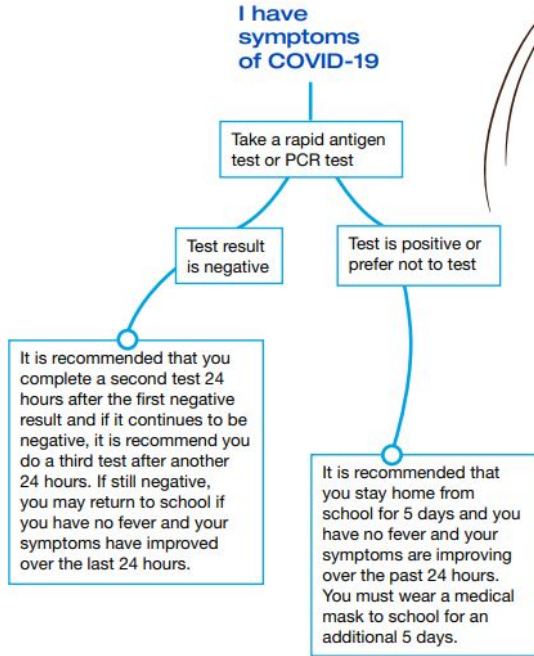


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Safe school attendance is a priority for student learning.

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