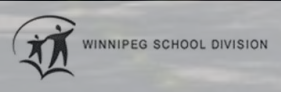


# Dufferin School

## March

### Newsletter 2023



*We're so glad you're here!*

# School Message

**Hello to all of our Dufferin Families,**

March is always an exciting time of the year at Dufferin. We transition into longer days with extra sunlight and the temperatures get warmer which allows us to be outside more. Student-led Conferences are upcoming and we are excited for students to share all of their learning with you. We are changing the format of Student-led Conferences this year, and hosting an 'Open House' style format. Parents/Guardians will be able to visit their child's classroom on a drop-in basis over the course of three evenings, March 14, 15, and 16.

More information with a formal invite will be sent out soon. Report cards will be sent home on Monday, March 13 with information on your child's learning during Term 2.

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who attended our Story Night on February 23rd. It was great to see so many families in the school to celebrate literacy. Our next school event is Winter Fun Day at Dufferin taking place on Friday, March 3rd.

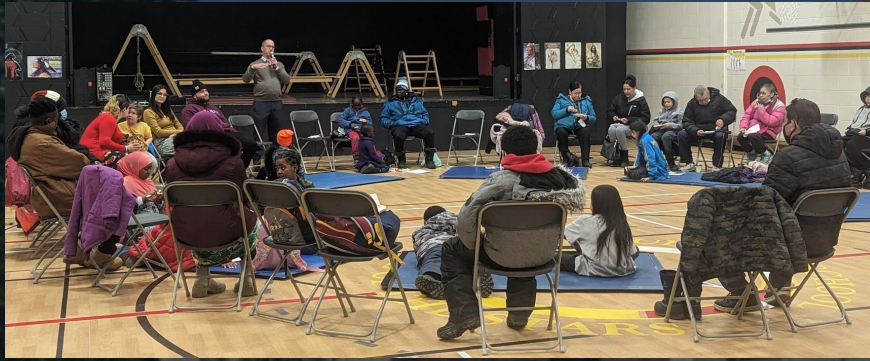
Yours in learning,

Garth McAlpine  
Principal

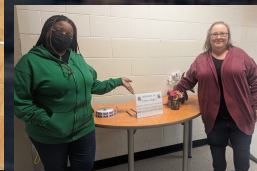
Out of Respect for the Indigenous  
People of Manitoba, we at Dufferin  
School and the Winnipeg School  
Division recognize the school we  
attend resides on Treaty 1 Land  
known as First Nations  
Territory as well as the  
Homeland of the  
Red River  
Metis.

# Story Night

We hosted our first Story Night and it was a success all thanks to the families who attended to hear each others stories. Students walked away with a free pencil case and book at the end of the evening! Thank you for attending and being a part of our **STORY**.



Thank you to our guest student **Lola** for reading the Land Acknowledgement Statement



# Spring Spirit Week

March 20 - 24th

We are bringing the spirit of Spring before Spring Break with different activities this week. We encourage students, staff members and parents/guardians to participate!

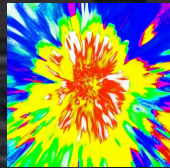
March 20  
Monday

**Sports Day  
Monday**  
Support your favourite sports team by wearing their team colours or jersey



March 21  
Tuesday

**Tie-dye Tuesday**  
Wear colourful tie-dye colours



March 22  
Wednesday

**Find a Match  
Wednesday**  
Dress alike with a friend (or two) by wearing the same thing



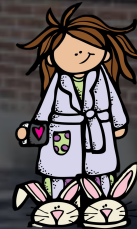
March 23  
Thursday

**Throwback  
Thursday**  
Dress in the style of your favourite era from the past



March 24  
Friday

**Pajama Day  
Friday**  
Lounge in your pajamas all day



# PINK shirt Day - Feb. 22



For the past seven years, our school division has recognized the “Day of Pink” on April 12th as a symbolic initiative to take a stand against bullying. On February 22nd we recognized the International Red Cross “Pink Shirt Day” where our staff and students wore pink to remind others to be kind and respectful toward others!



## 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.



# Parent Council News



Congratulations to the Mystery Jar winners for guessing the correct amount of candy in each jar!

Enjoy your Valentine Treats  
**Ms. Hong, Ms. Velma and Eden.**

Thank you for your continued support,  
***Helen Sinisalo***

P.A.C. President



# 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.



# 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](http://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**

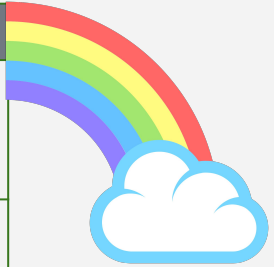






# March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1 <b>Winter Fun Day</b>
6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 <b>PAC Meeting</b> Room 6 - 3:45 p.m.	9 Day 5	10 Day 6 <b>Lunch Program</b> Hot Lunch: <b>Chicken Noodle</b>
13 Day 1 <b>Report Cards</b> GO HOME TODAY	14 Day 2	15 Day 3 <b>Student Led Open House</b> March 14th - 16th   3:30 - 5:00 pm		16 Day 4
				17 Day 5 <b>Non-Instructional Day</b> NO SCHOOL
20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4 <b>Lunch Program</b> Hot Lunch: <b>Sloppy Joes</b>
27	28	29	30	31 <b>Spring Break</b>



**LOOKING AHEAD**

Classes Resume  
April 3

International Day  
of Pink April 12

Non-Instructional  
Day April 14



# March Family Room

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6 <b>Little Food Explorers</b> Family Room - 9am <b>Wellness Journaling</b> Family Room - 1:15pm	3 Day 1
6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 <b>Families in the Kitchen</b> Zoom - 1:15 pm <b>PAC Meeting</b> Room 6 - 3:45 p.m.	9 Day 5 <b>Little Food Explorers</b> Family Room - 1 pm	10 Day 6
13 Day 1	14 Day 2 <b>Video Story Time</b> w/ WPG Library Services	15 Day 3	16 Day 4 <b>Little Food Explorers</b> Family Room - 9am <b>Families in the Kitchen</b> Room 10 - 1 pm	17 Day 5
20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2 <b>Adult Painting</b> Family Room - 9am <b>Families in the Kitchen</b> Zoom - 1:15 pm	23 Day 3 <b>Little Food Explorers</b> Family Room - 1 pm	24 Day 4
27	28	29	30	31
<b>Spring Break → March 27 - 31</b>				

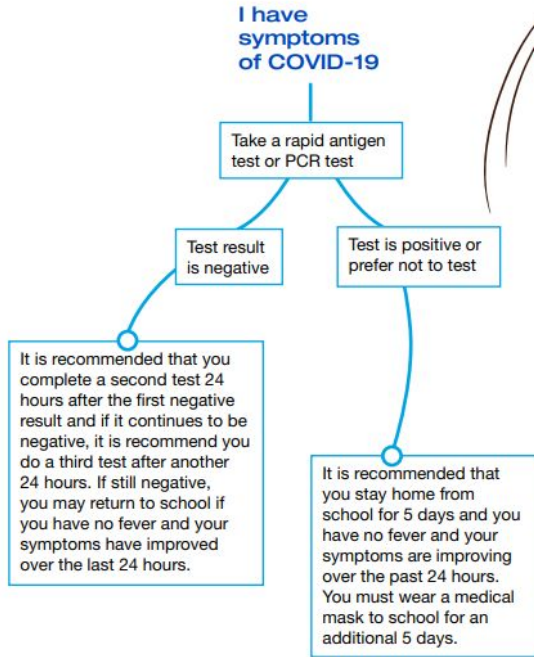


## LOOKING AHEAD

**International Day of Pink**  
April 12

**Non-Instructional Day**  
April 14

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