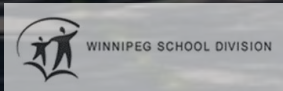


# Dufferin School

May  
Newsletter 2023



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

# School Message

## Hello to all of our Dufferin Families,

The spring weather we have all been waiting for seems to have finally arrived! It is great to see students outside enjoying the nice weather.

The month of May began with school staff spending May 1st planning for the remainder of this school year and looking ahead to September. We also took time to celebrate the learning growth of our students to date. There are many things to celebrate at Dufferin!

Classrooms have a number of field trips planned throughout the month, so parents look out for permission slips coming home.

There are a number of noon hour clubs happening each week. Running club, Beading and Pow Wow club are just a few.

It is an exciting time of year as we look to keep the momentum going for learning in the classrooms and also find time to celebrate the learning with meaningful trips outside of the school.

Yours in learning,

Garth McAlpine

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.



# **WSD Land Acknowledgement and Commitment to Action**

The Commitment to Action for Winnipeg School Division was a collaborative effort amongst students, staff, and community to acknowledge the traditional territory, the treaty relationship, as well as the original people of Turtle Island. The intent of this statement is to begin with acknowledgement, to provoke learning, and to work towards building relationships and reconciliation through a commitment to action. The process was overseen by the guidance of Grandmothers and Grandfathers. A vision was requested through the passing of tobacco, and sealed in ceremony. **The WSD Acknowledgement & Commitment to Action is grounded in Treaty Education and therefore a Support Document and Treaty Education Training opportunity accompanies the unveiling of this statement for all schools to access.** This learning will assist all students, staff, and communities within WSD to enter into understanding, empathy, and action towards reconciliation.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

# WSD HEALTHY MINDS WEEK 2023



Winnipeg School Division is hosting a Community Resource Fair to showcase organizations that support mental health and wellness at **R.B. Russell Vocational School** **May 4th | 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

**May 1 to May 5**  
**is Healthy Minds Week**  
**in Winnipeg School Division**

Now in its eighth year, Healthy Minds Week is an event devoted to recognizing and promoting mental health and wellness among students, families, staff, and the community.

Visit Winnipeg School Division website to learn more about it by clicking [HERE](#)







Students and staff spent some time on Monday, April 24th discussing Earth Day and our planet, as well as, ways to keep our school and community clean. Teachers were outside with their class to clean up litter and garbage in their designated areas and presented to each classroom about Earth Day.

Room 14 have been working hard to organize a school wide community clean up on **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, to celebrate Earth Day (Saturday April 22nd).



# Attendance



With only **two months** left of the school year, 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. 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](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

*Set up your Parent Portal account then log in.*

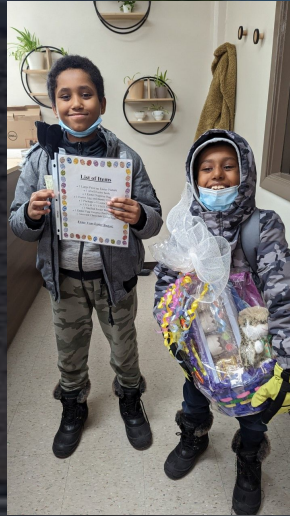
Mobile App School Messenger:

*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**



# Parent Council News



Enjoy your basket  
Zacareas and  
Simon

**Congratulations** to the raffle basket winners...brothers, **Zacareas** and **Simon**.

We will be having Friday fundraisers in the upcoming two months and sell in the foyer.

We want to extend our Thanks to **Chris Hill** for his time and dedication to our Lunch Program and help with PAC's Fundraisers. Chris will no longer be the Lunch Supervisor and we wish him the best on his next endeavor.

Thank you for your continued support.

**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 now 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](mailto:mbrisco@wsd1.org)



# Family Room

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### Ways to wellbeing

Well-being is something you can work towards right now.



Want more ideas and tips to enhance your well-being?  
Explore the "Six Ways to Well-being" link at the top of this page or [Print this page](#).

[Click here for a quick overview card](#) (bilingual) of the six ways to well-being.



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# COMMUNITY ACCESS FAIR

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023: 4PM TO 8PM

CHILDREN OF THE EARTH • 100 SALTER STREET

## ID CLINIC

BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBERS FOR YOUTH BORN AFTER 2004

## CLAIM YOUR CLB

LEARN ABOUT THE CANADA LEARNING BOND (CLB)

## FUND YOUR FUTURE

FIND OUT HOW TO SAVE \$\$\$ FOR POST-SECONDARY

## CONNECT WITH LOW-TO-NO COST YOUTH SERVING AGENCIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.CFCSTAKES.COM/CANADA-LEARNING-BOND](http://WWW.CFCSTAKES.COM/CANADA-LEARNING-BOND)





# May



| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span><br>Non-Instructional Day<br><b>NO CLASSES</b> | 2 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>  | 3 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span><br><b>FIELD TRIP</b><br><b>Rooms 15, 26</b><br><i>Oak Hammock Marsh</i> | 4 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>  | 5 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>   |
| 8 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>   | 9 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>  | 10 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span><br><b>PAC Meeting</b><br>Room 6 - 3:45 p.m.                            | 11 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>   | 12 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span><br><b>Lunch Program</b><br>Hot Lunch:<br><b>Pancakes &amp; Sausage</b>                   |
| 15 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>  | 16 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span><br><b>FIELD TRIP</b><br><b>Rooms 12</b><br><i>St. John's-Ravenscourt School</i> | 17 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>  | 18 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span><br><b>FIELD TRIP</b><br><b>Rooms 15, 16, 26</b><br><i>Science Gallery</i> | 19 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>  |
| 22<br><b>NO CLASSES</b><br>Victoria Day  | 23 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>   | 24 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span><br><b>PAC Meeting</b><br>Room 6 - 3:45 p.m.                            | 25 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>   | 26 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span><br><b>GRANDPARENTS TEA</b><br><br><b>Lunch Program</b><br>Hot Lunch:<br><b>Spaghetti</b> |
| 29 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>  | 30 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>   | 31 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>  |   |  |



## LOOKING AHEAD

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**Kindergarten** - June 16  
**Grade 6 Farewell** - June 22

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| 8 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>   | 9 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span><br><b>Zumba for Parents</b><br>1:30 pm - Upper Gym                                    | 10 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span><br><b>Adult Paint Class</b><br>9:00 am - Room 1                                     | 11 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span><br><b>Wellness Workshop</b><br>1:15 pm - Room 1<br><i>for parents w/ Hazel</i> | 12 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span><br><b>Lunch Program</b><br>Hot Lunch:<br><b>Pancakes &amp; Sausage</b> |
| 15 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>  | 16 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span><br><b>Video Storytelling</b><br>1:30 pm - Room 1<br><i>w/ Library Services</i>       | 17 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>   | 18 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>  | 19 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>  |
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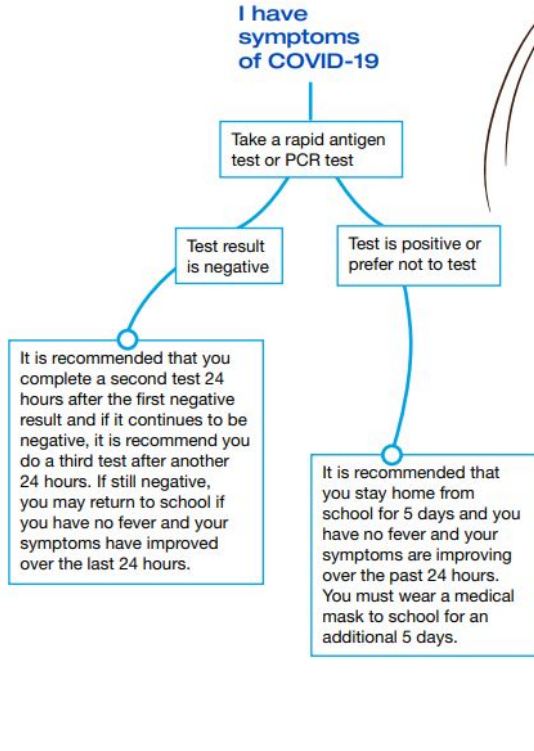
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Safe school attendance is a priority for student learning.  
All students should complete daily COVID-19 Screening Tool  
prior to attending school.



# 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