# DAVID LIVINGSTONE

**Community School** 

## October 2023 Newsletter

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### **Important Reminders**

Report Absences/ Lates to 204-586-8346

Students need to enter through their assigned doors.

AFTER SCHOOL
ARRANGEMENTS WITH
YOUR CHILD BEFORE
SCHOOL. The office is
a busy place and we
can't always reach
your children to pass
on the message.

ALL DOORS WILL BE LOCKED OUTSIDE OF PICKUP / DROP OFF TIMES. PLEASE USE FRONT DOORS TO ENTER IF LATE.

This is a nut/peanut free school.

Remember to dress for the weather!

## **Message from Administration**

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are already a month into the school year. We have had a great start to our school year. The time has definitely flown by.

We would like to thank everyone who came out to our "Meet the Staff" event. It was truly an amazing turn out! We absolutely appreciated seeing all the family members and students enjoying themselves. There were a lot of conversations and mingling that occurred. A huge thank you goes out to our staff who worked so hard in the planning, coordination and preparation of this event.

Exciting events occurred during the month of September. We would like to thank our staff members for organizing our "Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters" honouring Residential School Survivors and the community we have here at David Livingstone. **Students and Staff are being asked to wear their orange shirts throughout the year on Thursdays** to represent that they are part of our wonderful school community.

Another piece of exciting news is that we received a generous donation of school supplies donated from Ceridian. We are honoured to have been chosen to receive this donation and would like to say thank you for their generosity!

Teachers have worked hard through September to set up Classroom Treaties in each classroom and throughout the school. Respect for everyone's rights and responsibility to be safe and to learn is our main focus in this area. Students and teachers are also working on setting learning goals and determining each child's strengths and areas of growth. It is exciting to see all the great learning that is already happening in the classrooms.

We require students to be at school every day to benefit from a rich learning environment and optimal learning. Great student attendance remains an important goal at our school. If we can support you in any way in getting your children to school please let us know.

Happy Fall! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Halloween!

Safest Regards, C. Clarke, Principal T. Stevenson, Vice-Principal





# October 2023 Juportant Dates

October 2nd	Non-instructional. No classes.				
October 9th	No School - Thanksgiving				
October 15th	Non-instructional. No classes.				
November 1st	Non-instructional. No classes.				
November 11th	Remembrance Day				

### **Attendance Facts**

- Students need to be present to learn. Attending regularly helps children feel better about school.
- Students who miss only 15 days a year will end up missing a full year of school by grade 12.
- A student with 90% attendance (missing 2 days a month) will miss **4 weeks of school per year!** This can make it harder to learn to read.
- Being only **10** minutes late each day equals **6** missed days of instruction over the year.
- A pattern of absenteeism as early as grade 1 is a predictor of a school dropout.
- Children who miss too many days in kindergarten and grade one often have trouble mastering reading.

Room: 22 Mrs. Adams

Happy Thanksgiving!

It has been so much fun getting reacquainted with returning students and getting to know the new students in room 22!

We are learning all about homes around the world! The children are having fun learning about different homes, how they are built and what they are made of. We will also be constructing different homes in the art room. Now that our beginning of the year assessment has concluded, we will be focusing on our reading, writing and math programs.

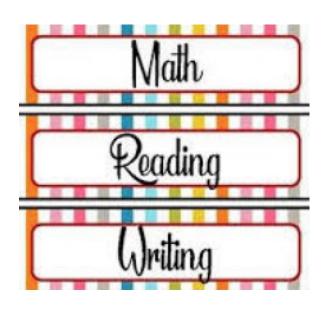
#### **Important Dates:**

October 3 – No School (staff professional development day)

October 9 - No School (Thanksgiving)

October 20 – No School (staff professional development day)





### October 2023

# Classroom News

Room: 14 Ms. Jacob



### MEET THE SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Mrs. Jacob

#### **About Me**

Hello, my name is Mrs. Jacob, and I am the school guidance counsellor at David Livingstone Community School this year. I have been a teacher at D.L. for 18 years and am looking forward to this continuing in this position.

## What does a school guidance counsellor DO?

I work alongside teachers and parents to help students develop socially and emotionally, and to help remove any barriers they have to learning!

## How does a student see the guidance counselor?

- Self-referral
- Parent referral
- Administrative, teacher, or other staff referral

#### Contact Info

Here are all the ways you can contact me:

- 204-586-8346
- djacobewsdl.org

## What kind of things do I talk to students and classrooms about?

- Making and keeping friends
- Setting goals
- Teamwork
- Feeling good about yourself
- Making good choices
- Being responsible
- Managing strong feelings
- Conflict resolution

#### Need to Talk Outside of School? (24 Hour Services)

#### Kids Help Phone

- 1-800-668-6868
- Text free across Canada 24/7 Text: 686868

Canada wide support and info services for youth.

#### Klinic Crisis Line

- + 204-786-8686
- 1-888-322-3019

Counselling and support for people in crisis.

#### Youth Mobile Crisis Team

- + 204-949-4777
- 1-888-383-2776

Crisis response team.

Room 3 Mr. Blain

Hello from room 3!
It has been a busy first month of school!

In room 3 we have been working hard. Now, a little bit about what we have been busy doing. In ELA we have begun a novel study of "Charlie and the Chocolate factory" and have also done a bunch of writing assignments on our new room 3 "Google Classroom". In Math we have focussed on basic operations and the strategies we use to solve them. In Science we have begun a unit on "Structures and Materials" in which we have learned about some strong engineering shapes by studying some famous structures from around the world. In Health we have begun a unit on mental health and have learned some techniques to manage frustration, anger and anxiety.

We are hoping that the weather stays warmer and the winter stays away for a while longer. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and Halloween in October! In the meantime, we will be doing some learning about "Truth and Reconciliation" leading up to our Truth and Reconciliation/Every Child Matters community walk that took place on Sept. 29.

Looking forward to the next month of learning and fun!







## October 2023

# Classroom News

Room 9 Ms. Hosegood

### | Class Newsletter

Room 9 has had a great September of learning! We are learning our new routines and getting to know each other!

#### Reminders:

\* Please remember when the weather changes to wear/bring warmer clothes. As well as, have an indoor and outdoor pair of shoes.\*



#### What We're Learning:

Reading: we are practicing our spelling, working on blends/ diagraphs and reading many stories!

Writing: Fall poems

Math: Patterns, counting, doubles, compatible numbers, addition and subtraction

Science: Weather

### **Important Dates:**

October.

Important Date #1
Oct.3rd No School

Important Date #2
Oct.9<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving

Important Date #3 Oct.20th No School

Important Date #4
Oct.25th Picture Day

Important Date #5

Oct. 27th Library (walking to St. John's library)

Important Date #6

Oct.31st <u>Halloween</u> party (in the afternoon)



Contact Me: lhosegood@wsd1.org

### Room 15

### Ms. N. Horsman/Cheryl Mann

A big welcome back to all the students and their families!

Room 15 has started the year off on a positive note with most students attending regularly and the students being excited to be back at school learning and spending time with their friends.

We have already started learning about the Earth's Crust in Science and will soon be starting a project on Greek gods and goddesses. Currently in Math we are working on improving our basic math skills and will soon be starting our Money unit.



We are looking forward to a year of learning with your child!



Room 20 Ms. Vandal

#### **Happy Fall!**

Room 20 has been so busy adjusting to Nursery/Kindergarten! We have been learning new routines, how to get along with others, learning all about our names and so much more! October is going to be a busy month full of various fall activities. We will also begin having our big buddies coming to visit our classrooms!



Just a reminder that as the weather changes, please ensure your child has indoor shoes that are clearly labelled.



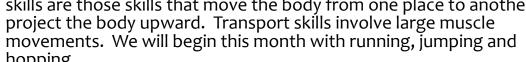
Our Welcome to Kindergarten event will be taking place Thursday October 12 from 4:30-6:00. An invitation has been sent home and RSVPs will need to be brought back in order to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Vandal at the school.

# October 2023 Gym News

Phys-Ed Ms. Hancharyk

#### 2023 October in the Gym

For the month of October, students in Grades 1-3 will begin work on transport skills. Transport skills are those skills that move the body from one place to another or



hopping.

Students in Grades 4-8 will work on orienteering. Orienteering is a fun way to exercise while learning new skills. We will use maps to locate different landmarks and stations, while being active in the outdoors. Orienteering was developed in Sweden as an offshoot of track and field, when Major Ernst Killander decided to use the natural environment to encourage active participation in running. His map and compass races were so successful that he was encouraged to extend the ideas further and develop a sport.



#### Extra – Curricular Gym Activities

Grade 6-8 Volleyball Team Practice Tuesdays 3:30 – 5:00

Thursday October 4 5 p.m. Grades 4-6 Girls' Soccer Tournament **Friday October 6 p.m.** Grades 4-6 Boys' Soccer Tournament

**Tuesday October 10 12:00** Grades 4-6 Soccer Team Party



**Congratulations!** On Friday, September 22nd, our students, staff and parents participated in our annual Terry Fox Run. A donation from our school of \$60.00 was given to the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research. Congratulations to Quincy! He won the Terry Fox T-Shirt.

#### October 4th was International Walk to School Day

David Livingstone School will participate in International Walk to School Month. IWALK is a global event that celebrates the many benefits of walking and cycling to school. We will celebrate at David Livingstone School.

Parents, students and staff who take the active route to school will receive a sticker for their efforts.

# October 2023 Parent Room



To request winter outerwear, please contact the <u>school</u>, daycare or United Way agency partner in your area.

If you would like to place an order please call Patricia at 204-586-8346 / 204-894-0476

# October 2023 Parent Room

Hello My name is **Patricia Olson**.

I was formerly a community support worker at William Whyte School. I am presently with David Livingstone School also as community support worker.

I am a proud graduate of Urban Circle Training Centre.

What inspired me to pursue a career in support work is that I enjoy meeting people, sharing our stories and learning together how to bridge the gap from home to school and back into our community. I feel, with your input and knowledge, together we can build a strong future for our children and build on community.

A calendar and invites will be circulated very shortly.

If you would like to connect with me,

- call 204-894-0476 (before 9.30 pm please) -or -
- email me paolson@wsd1.org

Looking forward to working with and meeting you.



## October 2023 General Information

#### **Education for Sustainable Development News**

DL will be collecting the following materials for recycling (bring them to room 4)



**Markers of all brands** 



**Batteries** 

### **Good Night ... Good Learning!**

#### Why is Sleep Important for Learners?

- Most children 5 to 12 years of age need ten to twelve hours of sleep each night.
- Learning that happens during the day is sorted and stored in your child's memory while they get a good night's sleep.
- A well rested and alert brain is a brain that is ready to think, do and remember!



#### The Canadian Pediatric Society Offers These Suggestions...

- Have a relaxing bedtime routine.
- Always fall asleep in bed, not in front of the TV.
- At bedtime, a room should be cool, dark & quiet.
- Try to go to bed at the same time every night.
- Avoid stimulants in the evening, such as drinks with caffeine (pop, energy drinks, etc.).
- Avoid TV before bedtime
- Don't allow your child to have a TV, computer, video games or a cell phones in their bedroom.

# October 2023 Calendar

Cto Sep	2023

Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6
	Non-Instructional	International Walk to School day	Gr 4-6 <b>Girls</b> Soccer Tourney at Chalmers Community Club PM	Gr 4-6 <b>Boys</b> Soccer Tourney Chalmers Community Club PM Rm 12 Field Trip - Animal Adventures
9	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4
Thanksgiving Day  Happy Thanksgiving	Gr 4-6 Soccer team party 12:00 Gr 6-8 Volleyball practice 3.30 - 5		Shops  Welcome +0  Kindergarten  Welcome to Kindergarten  (WTK) 4:30-6:00	Rm 12 & Rm 9 Walking to St John/s Library AM
16 Day 5	17 Day 6	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3
	Gr 6-8 Volleyball practice 3.30 - 5		PM - Gr. 6 / 7 /8 Immunizations	Non-Instructional - MTS PD Day
23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27 Day 2
	Gr 6-8 Volleyball practice 3.30 - 5	Picture Day		AM Bus Ridership Rm 12 & Rm 9 walking to St John/s Library AM Gr 6-8 Volleyball night @UofW 3.30 - 9
30 Day 3	31 Day 4	T.		Shops Day
Shops	Gr 6-8 Volleyball practice 3.30 - 5	FP=2		AM = Rm 15 PM = Rm 16 & 18
Mobile Vision Clinic Screening All Week -> ->	Screening all week —>—>	• LPED = 4 • PECFD = 5 • DDFCZP = 6 • PELOPZD = 7 • ELOPZD = 7 • ELOPZ		