



DUFFERIN SCHOOL COMMUNITY REPORT



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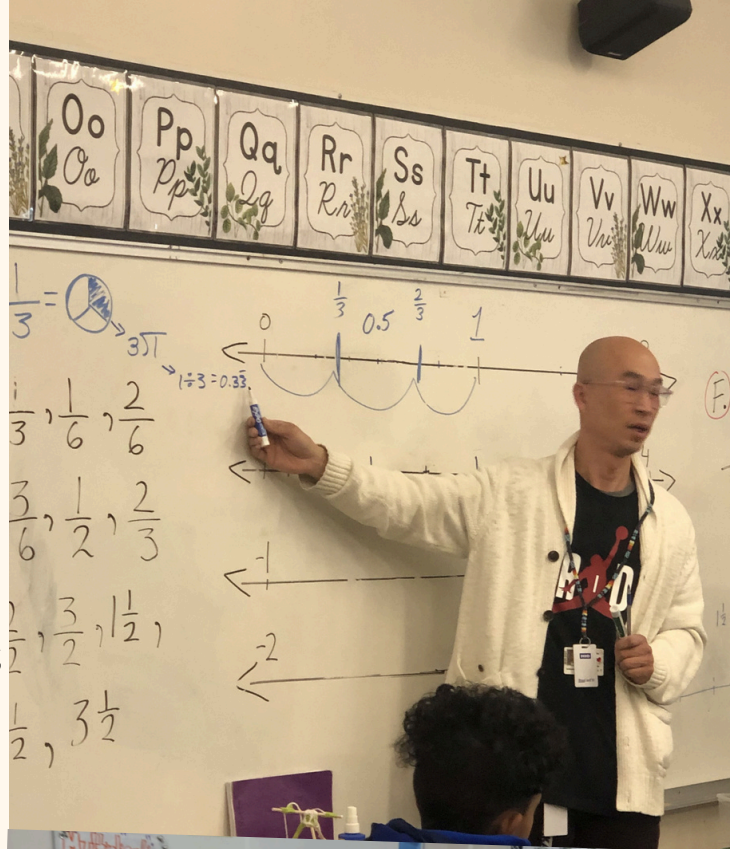
A community that nurtures the pursuit of The Good Life.

Mission

At Dufferin school, our mission is to cultivate a nurturing environment and a holistic education that puts the learners at the center. Through a commitment to truth and reconciliation, we strive to honor and learn from diverse cultures, histories, stories and perspectives. We are dedicated to providing rigorous learning experiences that value our learners and celebrate their unique identity and contributions, igniting a passion for learning and resiliency that extends far beyond the classroom in their pursuit of The Good Life.

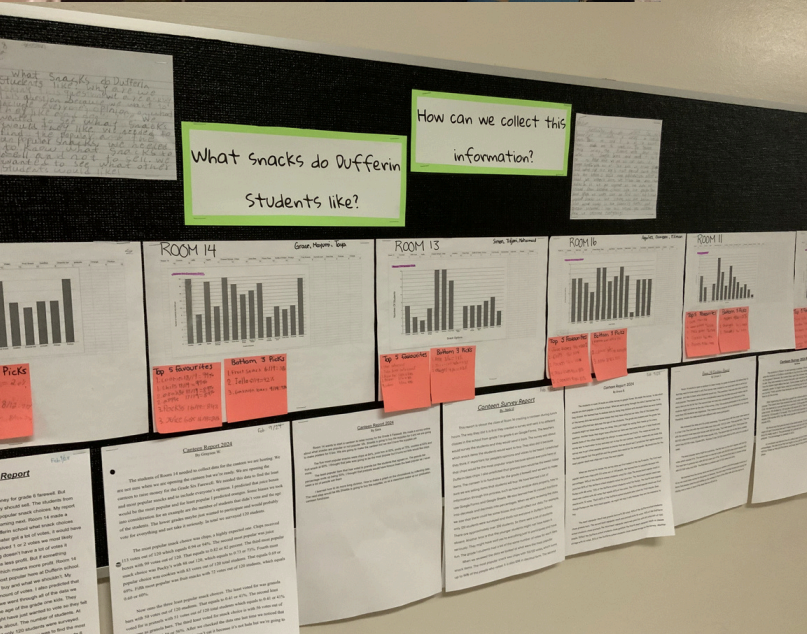
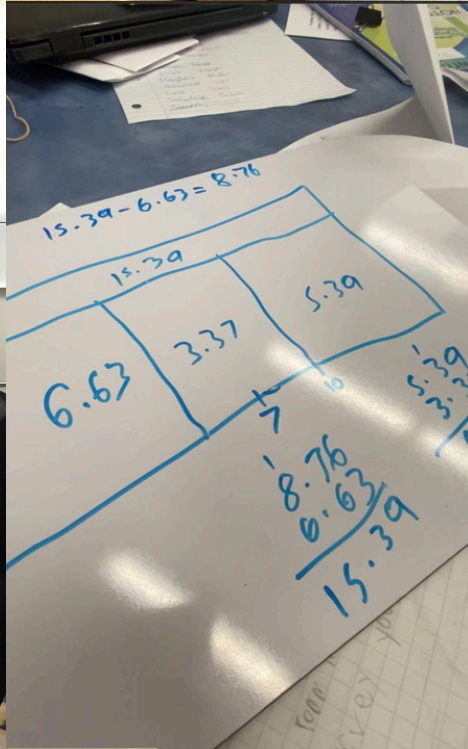
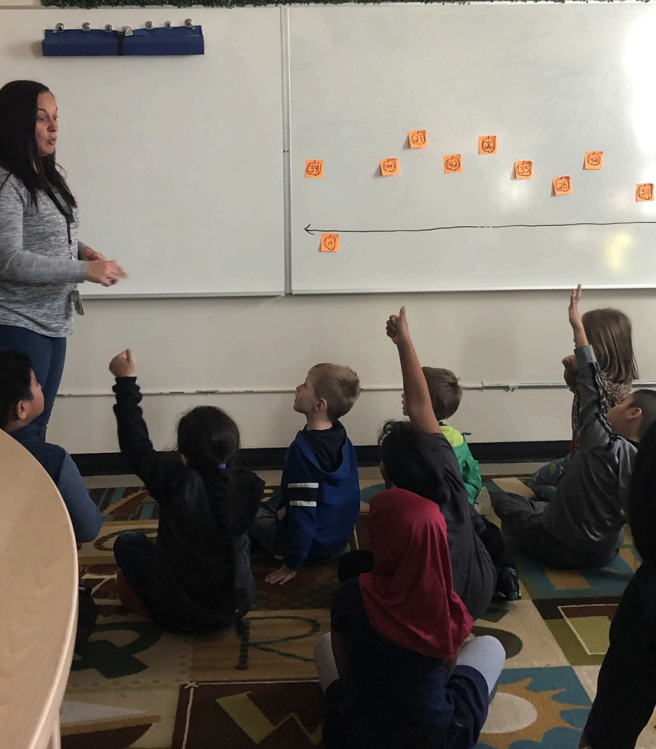
Academics

We value high quality education, productive struggle, and learning from our mistakes; we commit to resourcing our students with opportunities to develop their creativity, critical thinking and skills in collaboration to prepare them to respond to our ever-changing world.





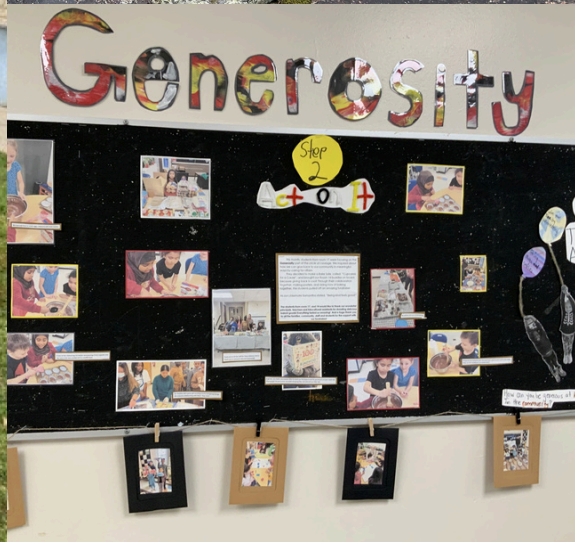
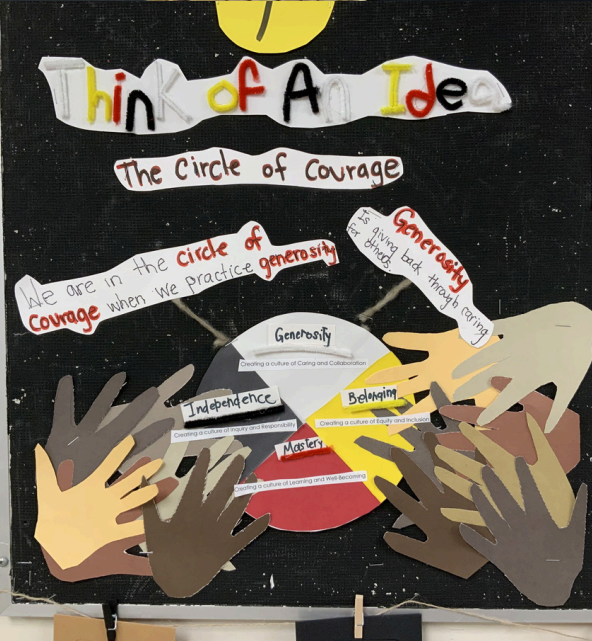
LEARNING ZONE



Traditional Teachings

We value understanding, respecting, and learning the truth from Indigenous cultures and histories; we commit to reconciliation through facilitating holistic educational experiences, learning from and on the land through experience, learning from and with one another in community, beginning with curiosity and wonder from within.



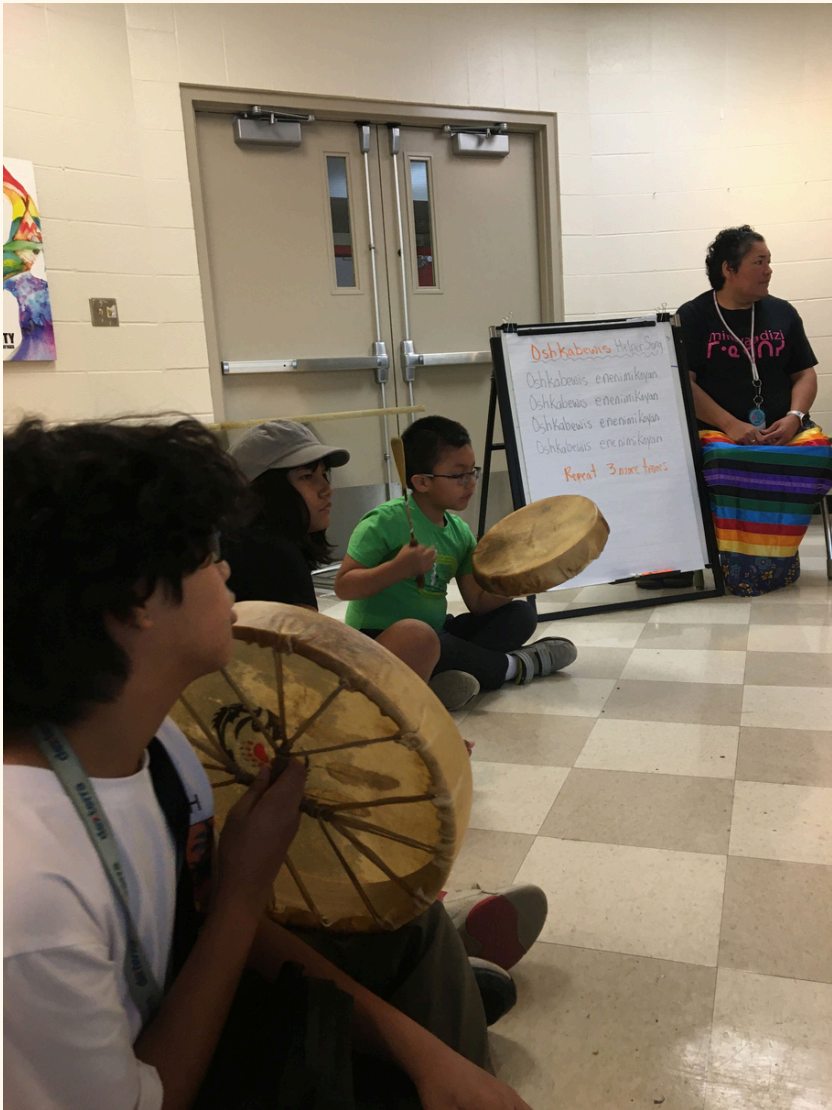


Nature-based Learning



We value environmental stewardship and embracing opportunities to build relationships with our natural world.

Nature -based Learning was new to Dufferin this year- and it's been an adventure! This year we laughed, we played, we joined in, we noticed, we wondered, we cared about keeping ourselves and others safe, we identified problems and were thoughtful in the solutions we proposed, we listened to others and the land, we watched water freeze in the matter of seconds, we slid across ice, we rolled down hills, we were rained on, we built structures and shelters, we collected kindling, we built fires, we used compasses, we offered tobacco to the land for all it has taught us, we made art, we dug in the dirt, we found insects, and we were grateful.



Physical Education





We value Physical Education and sports. Sport plays a crucial role in holistic education by nurturing both physical and mental well-being, promoting social development, and instilling important life skills that contribute to a healthy and active lifestyle.

Extra-Curricular Activities



We value growing in understanding of the interconnectedness of all people, our stories, and the natural world. Our students, educators, and families work together to create a supportive learning environment.



We value students taking ownership of their learning journey by having agency to express themselves, share their ideas, and participate in decision making processes to develop their unique talents and strengths and become confident, self directed learners.

Field Trips





Community



We value diversity in all its forms, and foster an inclusive community where every individual feels a sense of belonging and acceptance.



Little Red Spirit Graduates



Kindergarten Moving-up Ceremony





Love Letter to Dufferin...

Dear Dufferin School,

As I sit down to write this letter, my heart swells with an overwhelming sense of love and gratitude for the incredible community I joined just 10 months ago. Dufferin School, you are not just a building made of bricks and mortar; you are the heartbeat of the community. A place where one steps through your doors, they are enveloped in a warm embrace of community and love. It is in the laughter that echoes through your halls, the friendships forged on the playground and the support that flows freely between students, staff, families, and community partners.

Together, we form diverse experiences, backgrounds, perspectives, united by a common purpose: to nurture the minds, hearts, and spirits of all who enter our doors that leads them to a Good Life.

Joyful learning permeates every aspect of life at Dufferin School, transforming education into a journey of discovery, creativity, and personal growth. You create an environment where learning is not just a task to be completed but a joy to be savored, where students eagerly engage in the pursuit of knowledge with smiles on their faces and excitement in their hearts. You remind us all that education is not just about acquiring knowledge but about cultivating a love of learning that will last a life time.

As you close your doors for summer, please take this time to rest, as our community children will be knocking down your doors, eager to enter in the fall. You are a place where they belong.

Love,
Ms. Camie