



DUFFERIN SCHOOL COMMUNITY REPORT



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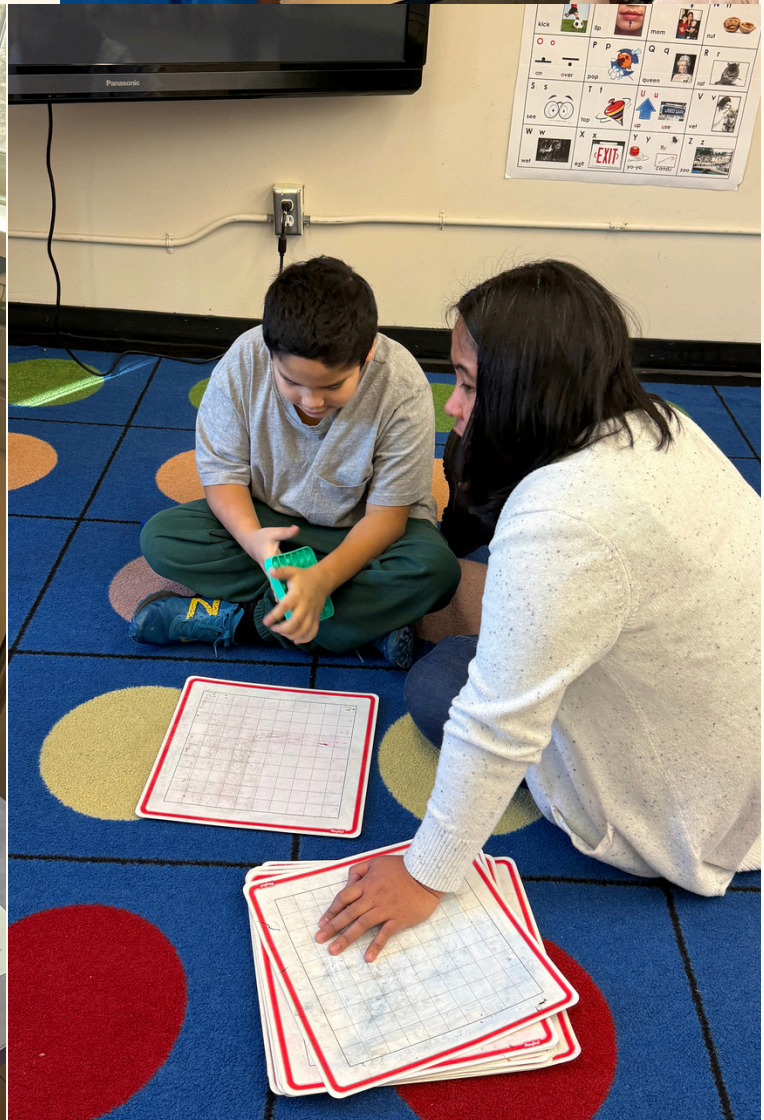
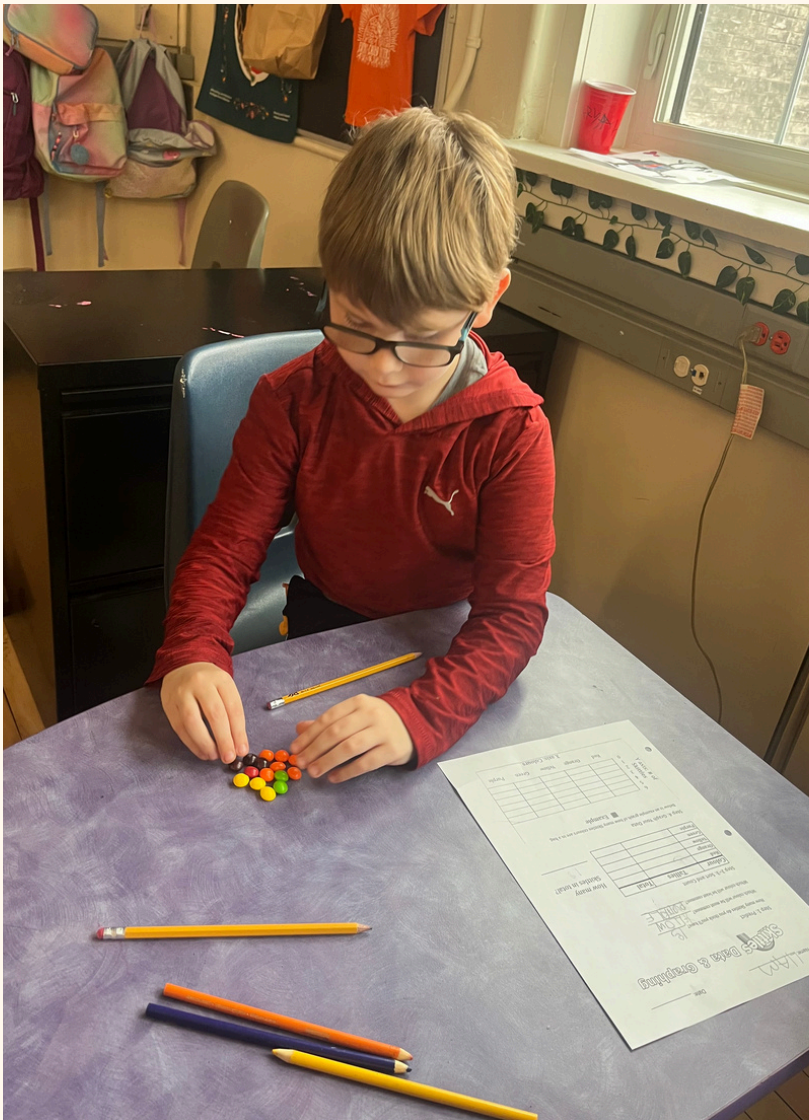
A community that nurtures the pursuit of The Good Life.

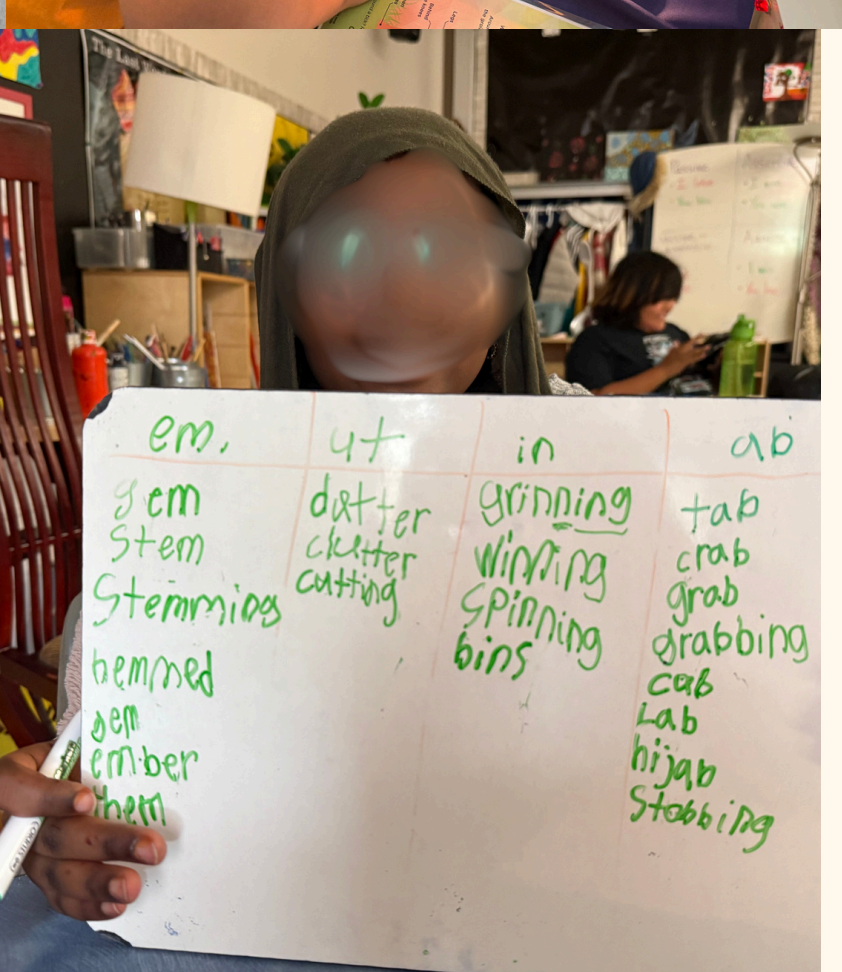
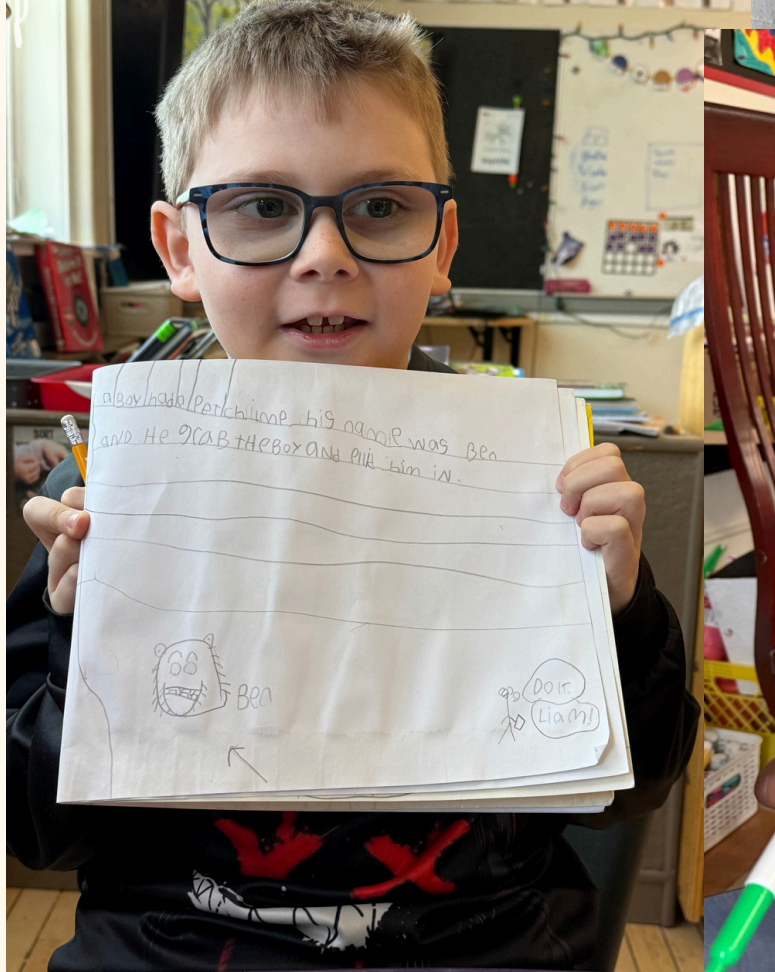
Mission

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.





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 at Dufferin School has taken children out of the classrooms and onto the land throughout Mother Earth's seasons. This year we observed many natural changes, we went on focused learning walks, we collected natural materials, we offered tobacco, we built structures, we recorded a play, we explored puddles, we slid on ice, we caught snowflakes on our tongues, we went tobogganing, we built bird feeders, we mapped our neighborhood greenspaces, we landscaped our courtyard, we gathered around fires to tell stories, we roasted hotdogs, we practiced two eyed seeing in this natural world, and we were grateful.



Physical Education

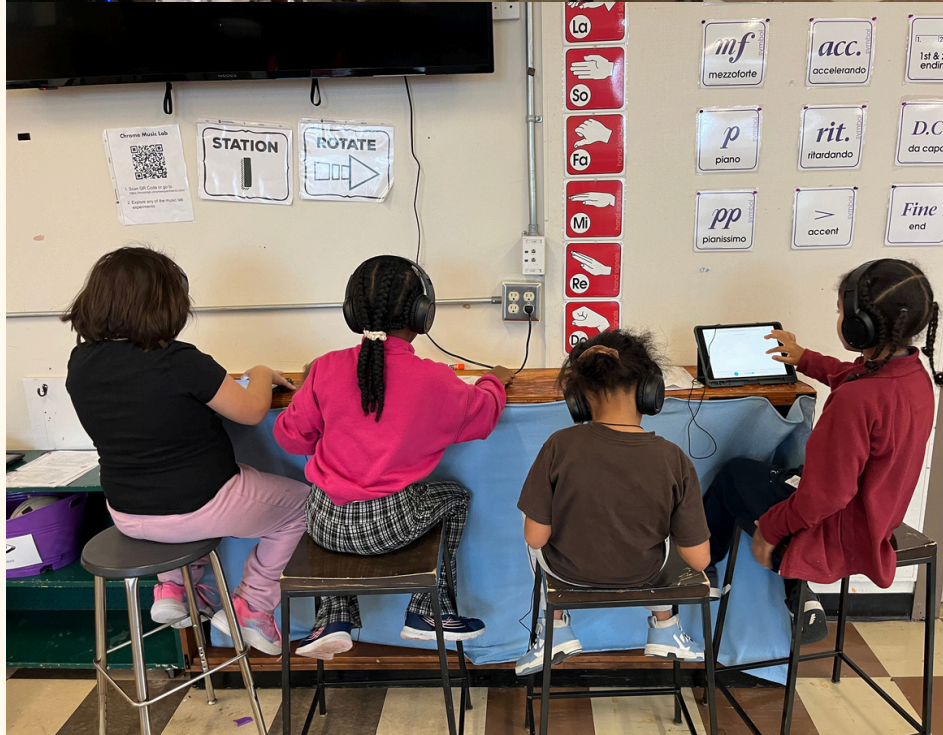




We value Physical Education and sports. Sport plays a crucial role in holistic education by nurturing both physical and mental well-being, promoting social development, and instilling important life skills that contribute to a healthy and active lifestyle.

Music





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

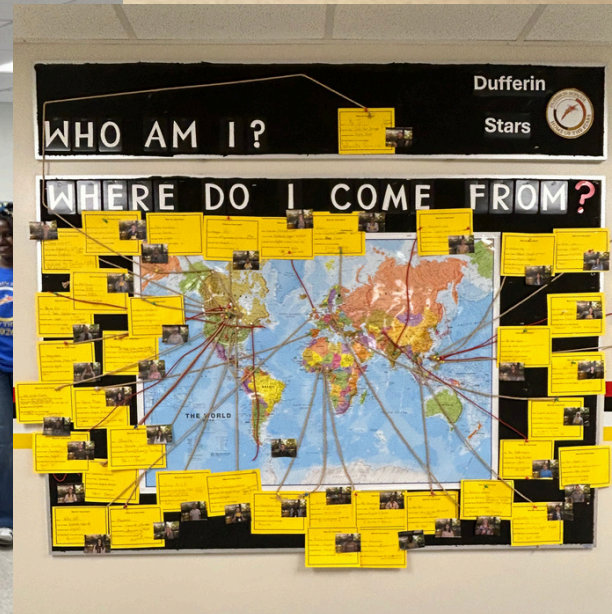




Community



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



Grade 68 Farewell Ceremony



some photos taken from Grade 6
Camp





Growing Together: Learning, Belonging, and Excellence

This year, our school community continued to work together with a shared commitment to ensuring every child feels welcomed, valued, challenged, and inspired to learn. The partnership between students, staff, families, and community members has been the foundation of another successful year of growth.

Strengthening Literacy

Developing strong literacy skills remained a priority across all grade levels. Classrooms focused on providing rich reading and writing experiences that encouraged students to become confident communicators and thoughtful readers. Teachers worked collaboratively to strengthen instructional practices, analyze student learning, and respond to individual needs through targeted supports and small-group instruction.

Students explored diverse texts that reflected a variety of cultures, perspectives, and lived experiences while building comprehension, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills. Throughout the year, literacy was celebrated through classroom activities, school-wide events, guest readers, and opportunities for students to share their voices through writing and presentations.

Celebrating Diversity and Building Belonging

Our school is strengthened by the diversity of our students, families, and staff. Throughout the year we intentionally created opportunities to celebrate the many cultures, languages, traditions, identities, and experiences represented within our community.

Students learned from one another through cultural celebrations, classroom discussions, literature, music, art, and community partnerships. These experiences helped foster empathy, respect, and a greater understanding of the world around us while reinforcing that every student belongs and has an important voice within our school.

Fostering Engagement and Curiosity Through Inquiry

Inquiry-based learning continued to inspire students to ask meaningful questions, investigate authentic problems, and think critically about the world around them. Rather than simply finding answers, students learned how to wonder, explore, collaborate, and reflect.

Across classrooms, inquiry encouraged creativity, innovation, and student ownership of learning. Whether investigating scientific phenomena, exploring historical perspectives, designing solutions to real-world challenges, or connecting learning across subject areas, students demonstrated curiosity, resilience, and a love of learning.

Advancing Truth and Reconciliation

Our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation remains an ongoing journey. Throughout the year, students and staff engaged in meaningful learning about the histories, cultures, perspectives, and contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples.

Learning opportunities included Indigenous literature, land-based learning, community partnerships, cultural teachings, and conversations that encouraged students to reflect on their roles as respectful allies and active citizens. We continued to deepen our understanding that reconciliation is not a single event but a commitment to learning, listening, building relationships, and taking meaningful action.

Learning Together as a Community

None of this work happens in isolation. Families, caregivers, volunteers, community organizations, and dedicated staff all play an essential role in supporting student success. Whether volunteering in classrooms, attending school events, participating in learning celebrations, or supporting students at home, our community continues to demonstrate the power of working together.

We are grateful for the commitment, generosity, and encouragement shown throughout the year. Together, we have created a school where students are encouraged to be **curious, compassionate, resilient, and confident learners**.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to continuous growth—strengthening literacy and mathematics, nurturing inquiry, celebrating diversity, advancing Truth and Reconciliation, and ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive. Together, we will continue building a learning community where every child is known, valued, and inspired to reach their fullest potential.