



Dear Families:

Hard to believe that we are already in May! Spring has finally decided to join us which has allowed for lots of enjoyable outside time and learning opportunities in warmer weather.

At this time of year, we find our school calendars quite busy as end of year events and activities come up. Therefore, it is helpful to maintain a structured routine at home to ensure children are setting aside time for homework, projects and lots of sleeping hours.

May and June always seem to go by in a blink, so please remember to check in with your child's teacher to see how his/her learning is coming along.

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## MAY DATES

May 10 – Kindergarten orientation/ Last SPARK session

May 16 – 1000m/1200m Districts

May 17 – District Track Meet

May 17 – Arbour Day – Mrs. Twamley/Mrs. Thomas' classes

May 18 – Pro D

May 21 – Victoria Day holiday

May 22 – Grade 6 immunizations - 1:00 pm

May 28 – 31 – School Book Fair

June 4 – Grade 7 Sahali visit – 1:15 – 2:15 pm

June 6 – Parent volunteer tea

June 7 – Fun Fair

## DUFFERIN ROCKS!

At Dufferin Elementary we follow our “ROCKS” matrix. ROCKS stands for:

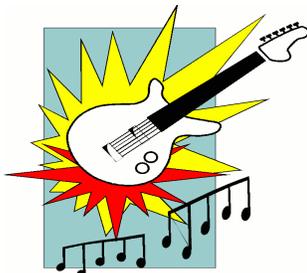
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This month we are working on **Safe Play**.

Students will be reminded of the matrix expectations regularly and recognition awards will be given out to those students who are consistently following these expectations. Awards will be put up in the hallway at the main entrance to celebrate our students and their hard work in this area.

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

We are currently preparing for our upcoming fun fair on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Students should have brought home a form Monday requesting volunteers to run our games and help out in other areas. Please return all forms to the red box in the office.

Donations of gently used small toys for our fish pond and stuffed animals for the “stuffy toss” are also needed. There will be a donation box located near the office for these to be dropped off.

Please also consider donating new items to your child(ren)'s class raffle baskets.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our hot lunch volunteers! This program would not be able to function without you. Your time is much appreciated!

Ongoing events include the hot lunch program, and General Grants bottle returns (account under Dufferin PAC).

Next scheduled PAC meeting is June 4, 2018. Babysitting can be provided if requested in advance. Everyone is welcome!

## LIBRARY

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! What better way to stock up for summer reading.

Your support of this literary fundraiser is key to our obtaining new books and resources for our library. Your child will have an opportunity to view the book fair on [Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>](#) and will bring home a flyer at that time with a sampling of some of the books featured at this fair.

Please join us:

[Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>](#) ~ 2:15pm - 3:15pm

[Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>](#) ~ 8:30am - 3:15pm

[Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>](#) ~ 8:30am - 3:15pm

## CONGRATULATIONS

A HUGE congratulations to Jora Singh in Mrs. Lovett's class. Jora entered the Canadian Math Kangaroo Contest and won a National Gold Medal! Jora was 1<sup>st</sup> in the region, 2<sup>nd</sup> in B.C. And 20<sup>th</sup> in all of Canada! Jora was one of 743 grade 3 students and scored in the 97.04 percentile. We are so proud of you Jora!

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our students managed to raise \$3900 during the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. We exceeded our goal of \$2500 and are excited to announce that we will get to duct tape Mr. Bamsey to the wall for winning this challenge. As well, our school will also receive \$400 to go towards new sports equipment! Good job Dufferin students and families!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

KidSport Kamloops is a local not-for-profit organization that provides support to Kamloops children in order to remove financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sports. Kids up to 18 years old can receive up to \$500 per year to cover registration fees and/or equipment. If your child is interested in sports, visit the KidSport website to complete the simple application or find more information. All applications remain strictly

confidential. Please call or email with any questions.

**Website:** [www.kidsport.ca/kamloops](http://www.kidsport.ca/kamloops)

**Direct Line:** 1-250-828-3822

## SOGI EDUCATION

SOGI 1 2 3 has launched new **SOGI 1 2 3**

**Parent Videos** that address questions about SOGI 1 2 3 and SOGI-inclusive education in schools. The videos are designed for parents and family members to view and learn about SOGI 1 2 3 in various grade-levels. The goal of the videos is to debunk some of the common misinformation in the media and to support parents in their understanding of SOGI-inclusive education. The **SOGI 1 2 3 Parent Videos** are available to view and download now on [SOGIeducation.org/parents](http://SOGIeducation.org/parents).

## BOARD NOTES

April 9, 2018

### CONSENT AGENDA

- o Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- o Policy Committee Highlights
- o District Parent Advisory Council Highlights
- o Superintendent's Update

Details of the consent agenda can be found in the public agenda.

### EDUCATION TOPIC

**BUILDING SCHOOL CULTURE WITH OUR SCHOOL AND ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY** — Haldane Elementary School Principal Katrina Sewell told trustees about her school's goals and the historic "stars-based" matrix that had been used to measure and encourage participation and progress in regards to the goals. The Board heard that staff and students were given a chance to give their feedback about how to integrate the goals into school culture and make them meaningful at Haldane. The work led to the creation of a "circle of courage" that better reflects the school and student community while maintaining the integrity and vision of the school's goals.

## REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

**DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN** — Trustees were told the district will re-form a technology committee to ensure SD 73's technology plan, created in 2015, remains relevant and in alignment with the five-year strategic plan. As well, the committee will set the goals for the next iteration of the technology plan.

**COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING** — The Board learned about a plan to form a new committee to examine the issue of compliance with a Ministry of Education interim order issued in July 2016 regarding how to report and communicate student learning to parents. The local reporting policy was last updated in January 2013. The membership of the committee will consider a balance of urban, rural, elementary and secondary perspectives and will be comprised of members from the KTTA, the KTPVPA, senior District management, DPAC and the Aboriginal Education Council. The committee's work is expected to get underway this school year.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Trustees heard about the 19 SD 73 students who took part and graduated from the RCMP Youth Academy, which took place at Brock Middle School over the spring break. Of the 19 graduates, at least two indicated they intend to apply to and enlist in the RCMP as soon as possible after they graduate.

The next public meeting will take place at the School Board Office in Kamloops on April 23 at 7 p.m.