



Dear Parents:

Smarter summers!

Yes, it is getting close to summer holidays!

Unfortunately, for many children

summer can be a time where they can have some learning losses.

The good news is that we can help, not only to prevent any learning loss, but we can also increase their learning and make it fun! Here are some tips adapted from Brenda McLaughlin, Director of Research, John Hopkins University:



**1. Read Every Day** – For older children, four or five books over the summer has shown to have a positive impact. Take turns reading to each other, books on tape, magazines, or let them stay up a half hour later if they are reading.

**2. Use Math Every Day** – The largest summer learning loss for all children occurs in math. Use math in everything you do. Make them count the change at the drive-thru, make up math word problems in the car or at the dinner table.

**3. Get Outside and Play** – Intense physical activity programs have positive effects on academic achievement. Ensure your child is active outside at least 60 minutes per day.

**4. Write Every Week** – Write a weekly letter to someone, keep a summer journal, have them write the grocery list.

**5. Do a Good Deed** – Children learn better and “act out” less when they engage in activities to aid in their social emotional

development. Look at some websites for suggestions:

<http://www.kidactivities.net/post/community-service-ideas-for-kids.aspx>

**6. Routine, Structure and Predictability** – Don't forget this! Try and maintain some routine, structure and predictability in their daily summer activities. Even though the two months of summer can be different, there are many daily things we can do to keep routines such as meal times, bed times, quiet times, etc.

Most of all I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you again in September! Dufferin ROCKS!

At Dufferin Elementary, our aim is to develop students' knowledge, skills and attitudes so that they can reach their full potential and become contributing members of society.

## AFTER SCHOOL STUDENT PICK UP

Thank you to parents for helping us teach good pick up routines for students by waiting for them outside!

Not coming into the school at the end of the day helps relieve congestion and disruption in the hallways as well as encourages students to learn how to be organized and independent.

Things you can do to help:

1. Try not to arrive at the school to pick up your child too early (or drop them off too early). The dismissal bell is at 2:30pm.

2. **Encourage independence! Meet your child outside.** This will teach 'independence' and 'organizational' skills and also help with our congestion. If they come outside not organized, we can then come back in and sort it out. A teachable moment.

Thanks for your help with this!

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS



Please note that the school office hours are from **8:00am to 3:30pm**. If you are attempting to reach the school by telephone, please note that generally no one is available to answer the telephone outside of these hours.

## SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Our school operates a "Safe Arrival Program." In order for this program to operate smoothly it is imperative that parents let us know if their child is going to be absent prior to the morning bell.

Please contact the school prior to the start of classes if your child will be absent OR late. **THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AS WE WILL BE USING A NEW ATTENDANCE SYSTEM THIS YEAR.**

The school phone number is: 250-374-4425 or email Ms. Norton at [anorton@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:anorton@sd73.bc.ca)

Please include a reason for the late or absence.

## DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

A copy of the bell schedule can be found on the school website (<http://dufferin.sd73.bc.ca>) under General Information and Schedules.

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Our next general PAC meeting will be in September. Please stay tuned and check

the website for upcoming dates and times.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW 2016/2017 PAC EXECUTIVE!!

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| Steven Ross      | President      |
| Shauna Boyko     | Vice President |
| Sheri Harrison   | Secretary      |
| Duncan Hendricks | Co-Treasurer   |
| Nicole Clay      | Co-Treasurer   |
| Brad Gerow       | D-PAC          |



Please share in our congratulations. What a great team! We look forward to working with our new PAC executive in the 2016/2017 school year!



A **BIG** thank you to all the parents who participated in our Fun Fair on Thursday!!

Without you the PAC would not be able to support the school and our children the way we have!

## PARENT REQUESTS 2016/2017

We do not formally ask for parent requests. However, we do value your opinion. We will be working on student placements for next year in June. The deadline for accepting requests will be mid June.

Requests in the summer or September are generally not considered. If you would like to make a request, it should be in writing and can be emailed to Mr. Bowden at [mbowden@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:mbowden@sd73.bc.ca) before mid June 2016.

Some things to consider:

1. No guarantees. Your request is **only one** of many factors. Please refer to the Dufferin **School Organization**

**Policy** for details on requests. The policy can be found on the Dufferin website.

2. We will not consider requests for specific teachers. Any requests must include an educational reason and be in writing.
3. Requests to be with friends or not with certain peers are rarely considered, unless there is a sound educational reason. Even then it is difficult as it affects more than just your child. The balance of other children and parents wants are affected.

Most of our classes in the coming year will again be multi-grade. There is information on multi-grade classrooms on the school website. PLEASE READ AND REFER TO BOTH THE ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY AND THE MULTIGRADE/COMBINATION PAMPHLET BEFORE SUBMITTING A REQUEST.

Organizational Policy:

[file:///C:/Users/mbowden/AppData/Local/Temp/School\\_Organization\\_Policy-Procedure.pdf](file:///C:/Users/mbowden/AppData/Local/Temp/School_Organization_Policy-Procedure.pdf)

Multi-Grade/Combination Classrooms:

[file:///C:/Users/mbowden/AppData/Local/Temp/Combination\\_Classes-1.pdf](file:///C:/Users/mbowden/AppData/Local/Temp/Combination_Classes-1.pdf)

## VOLUNTEER

### APPRECIATION TEA

The staff and students at Dufferin will be holding a Volunteer Appreciation Tea on June 14 from 11:30 to 12:30 in our gym.



We will be inviting all volunteers to join us for some entertainment and refreshments on that day. If you are one of the many volunteers that help make Dufferin Elementary such a great place, please

reserve the time and date and join us!

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES



### **KAMLOOPS CANOE & KAYAK CLUB**

The KCKC Summer Camps teacher paddling fundamentals to kids, plus many useful skills they will use for the rest of their lives. The camps are for ages 7-14. There are 8 one week long camps to choose from starting July 4. Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 3pm. There are also several other camps available. If you are interested, pick up a pamphlet at the school or go to:

[www.kamloopscanoeandkayakclub.ca](http://www.kamloopscanoeandkayakclub.ca)

### **TRU WOLFPACK SPORTS CAMP**

TRU Wolfpack will be running sports camps this summer starting July 4. For more information or to register go to:

[www.tru.ca/sportcamp](http://www.tru.ca/sportcamp) or call at 250-852-7135

### **BRIGHT RED BOOK BUS**

The Bright Red Book Bus will be visiting nine Kamloops schools and various parks in July and August. Children are invited to tour the cool bus and select a book each time they come. Visit Facebook to learn more and see the schedule:

<https://www.facebook.com/brightredbookbus/>

## ASSEMBLIES - JUNE 28 & 29

***Recognition Assembly (Tue. June 28 @ 9:00am)***

This assembly we will be recognizing students involved in extra-curricular sports, school leadership, and other activities.

***Grade 7 School Leaving & Year End Assembly (Wed. June 29 @ 10:00am)***

This assembly we will be recognizing our Grade 7 students who are moving on as well as some of our volunteers and staff.

We will also show a school video highlighting the year and grade sevens created by Mrs. McGarry.

## **GRADE 7 NEWS!**

There are several activities happening in June for grade seven students that need to be noted:

June 15-17 Eagle Bay  
June 23 Grade 7 Luncheon  
June 29 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

The Grade 7 Luncheon is planned and organized by the grade seven parents. The gym is reserved for this event. If you wish to help, please contact the school and we will forward you to the organizing parents.

## **TOYS, ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT FROM HOME**

With the warmer weather, some students are wanting to bring items from home to play with during their free time and breaks. Some things to consider before you send items from home to school are:

1. Don't bring items to school that you aren't willing to lose. Items can get broken or go missing and the school is not responsible.
2. Many children find items from home a BIG distraction at school. A hint that this might be an issue is if you might have a problem saying no to them about bringing it to school, then it will probably be an issue at school when they need to put it away.

## **SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS**

### **Summer Math Program**

For students who lack comfort when working in math or who would like some enrichment.

Grades 4 to 9

July 5 to 22  
Monday to Friday  
9:00am to 12:00pm

Registration opens in Mid-May. If you are interested go to the school district website:

<http://www3.sd73.bc.ca/kool/content/summer-school-2016>

## **RECYCLING**

Unfortunately we are no longer able to do juice box recycling at the school. In order to make an effort to be 'garbage' free we would like to encourage parents and students to use recyclable food and liquid containers to reduce waste and garbage.



If students do bring juice boxes or other recyclable waste containers, they will be asked to bring them home to get recycled.

Thanks for your help in reducing waste!

## **DRESS CODE**

With the warm weather we would also like to share a friendly reminder about our dress code. Please be



aware that the dress code is in compliance with high school expectations. A detailed copy of the dress code can be found on the Dufferin School website in the Code of Conduct folder. [www.dufferin.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.dufferin.sd73.bc.ca)).

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten registration for 2016-2017 was open on February 22. If you have a child (or know of someone who has a child) going into Kindergarten in September 2016, we are still accepting registrations for September 2016.

## **MATHLETICS**

The school, supported by the PAC is continuing with our Mathletics online program until the end of June. Teachers will be giving their





students a Mathletic account, which includes a password and user name. Students can access Mathletics at home through the website: <http://www.mathletics.ca/>

If you would like to access this program and do not have a user name and password for your child, please contact your teacher for information.

## STUDENT/SCHOOL SAFETY

Please be aware that parents and visitors should check in at the front office before they proceed into the school.

Also, if you need to be in the school, please make sure you use the front doors. Thank you in advance for observing this precaution for the safety of your children.

Thanks again for helping us keep our children safe!

## TRAFFIC AND PARKING

We would like to remind parents to be EXTRA careful while driving through our school zones and in our parking areas.



Please keep the bus turn-about clear while the buses are running. Not only operating a running vehicle around a bus is extremely dangerous, but holding up a bus can disrupt their schedule. Most of our buses serve more than one school and community. If you are dropping your child off and are caught in the bus loop, please don't stop but proceed through or turn and drop off in the designated drop off and parking area.

## LIBRARY NEWS

All student books must be returned to the library by June 15<sup>th</sup>! Thank you for your support.

A reminder that the public library is an excellent source for books over the summer! The TNRD Library has a Summer Book Club from July 4 to August 27. When you visit the TNRD public

library, children can receive stickers for books read and enter draws for prizes. Registration opens at the public library on June 13. The library is located on 465 Victoria Street or visit: <http://www.tnrplib.ca/?p=/pages/home/>

There is also a selection of online books you can access over the summer for free! If you are interested, here are some options:

<https://www.getepic.com/summer>

<http://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/>

## 2015/2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR



Please note that the school calendar is also posted on the Dufferin Website:

[www.dufferin.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.dufferin.sd73.bc.ca).

The website calendar will be updated on a regular basis and may change.

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| Jun 14    | Volunteer Appreciation Tea   |
| Jun 15    | All Library Books Due  |
| Jun 15-17 | Eagle Bay Trip   |
| Jun 19    | Father's Day   |
| Jun 21    | Aboriginal Day   |
| Jun 23    | Grade 7 Luncheon   |
| Jun 27    | Fun Day!   |
| Jun 28    | Recognition Assembly   |
| Jun 29    | Gr. 7 School Leaving Assembly (10:00 – 12:00)<br>Term 3 Report Cards<br>Last Day of School (1/2 Day) |

**Last Day (June 29)** – After the Assembly on June 29, students will make their way back to class to receive their reports cards and be dismissed. Buses will be picking up students starting at 12:30pm – approximately two hours earlier than their regular times.

## DUFFERIN ROCKS!

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



**R**espectful  
**O**rganized  
**C**aring  
**K**ind  
**S**afe



This month we are going to be working on **ROCKS!** We will be reviewing all of our ROCKS matrix for the month of June. The staff is on the look out for students who are displaying our **ROCKS** motto. Tickets will be handed out and put on our display in the entrance for students who are caught doing this! Check out the tickets in the entrance!

We will also be working on strategies to deal with peer conflicts (TILT):

T = Talk to the person  
I = Ignore  
L = Leave  
T = Tell an adult

If you could review all of these expectations as well as the parent/student handbook with your children at home it would help us maintain a positive school culture at Dufferin. A copy of the ROCKS Matrix can also be found in the student agenda. A copy of the parent/student handbook can also be found online.

The School District has also revised the CODE OF CONDUCT. Copies of the CODE OF CONDUCT are on the school website as well as posted around the school.

**BEING RESPECTFUL,  
ORGANIZED, CARING,  
KIND, AND SAFE IS  
COOL!**



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**DUFFERIN ROCKS!**