



Dear Parents:

We have lots of things on the go at Dufferin this spring. We are finalizing our school learning plan and looking at ways to improve the academic and social experience for our students. To this end, we will be hosting Instructional Rounds soon and receiving feedback on ways to help our students. Once our plan is complete, look for it to be posted on our website so that we can all work towards the same goals. I am also including another link to a survey that was sent home in the newsletter last month. We did not receive very many responses, so hopefully I can entice a few more of you to give us some input as we work on our school goals.

Spring also means the start of more outdoor activities: outdoor learning activities, nature walks, track and field, flag football and various field trips. Staff and students alike are looking forward to these opportunities.

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## APRIL DATES

Apr 11 – Young People’s Concert

Apr 12 – Grade 4/5 Bike Rodeo

Apr 13 – Lock Down Drill @ 1:15 PM

Apr 13 – Crazy hair day

Apr 14 – 17 – Easter Holiday

Apr 21 – School Heritage Fair – Gr. 4-7

Apr 24 – Pro D Day



## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Upcoming Events:

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

Our PAC has also been busy planning many fun events and working hard towards our goal of getting a new playground.

Our raffle with AMAZING prizes has begun! We are in need of help to man tickets stations in various venues around the city. Please check our facebook page and/or let a PAC member know if you are willing to help out. The more tickets we sell, the more money we will have to put towards a fabulous new playground for our children!

Next scheduled PAC meeting is May 1, 2017. Babysitting can be provided if requested in advance. Everyone is welcome!

Future meetings are scheduled for: Jun. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 continuing to work on being **Organized**.

This is something that we work on daily, but will be especially focused on again this month. 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.

## FLAG FOOTBALL

The flag football season is now underway. Look for permission forms for flag football to come home with scheduled game days. Thanks to those parents and staff members who are helping with this sport!

## K ORIENTATION

Our kindergarten orientation for new K students will take place May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:45 – 9:45. Kindergarten students for the 2017/18 year and their parents will be introduced to our Kindergarten teachers and school personnel that may be working with your child. As well, children will have the opportunity to play and experience some time in the Kindergarten room.

## YEARBOOK

Yearbook orders will be all on line this year. Students on our yearbook committee have talked to classes and prepared an information memo for parents, with the ordering link and costs, that has been sent home. Yearbooks will cost \$25 each or you can have your name put on the front for an extra \$5, bringing the total cost to \$30. Orders can be placed at:

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

## BIKE RODEO

A student group from TRU is looking to host a bike rodeo at our school again, for grade 4/5 students on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 12:00. As per last year, we will use our 4 square area if the weather is good and our gym if we need a dry place. Students/families will be expected to bring and pick up bikes and ensure each student has an appropriate helmet.

## BOARD NOTES

### ***From the Public Board Meeting of: March 13, 2017***

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:

- Policy Committee Highlights;
- Day of Suwewtweww 2017.

2. The Board enjoyed a multi-school presentation from Sa-Hali Secondary Teachers, Andres Ruberg and Jennifer Cacaci, along with two students from their school and one student from Pacific Way Elementary, on their collaborative project Superhero Project/Toy Design.

3. The Board was provided with the Family of Schools' Presentation Schedule for 2017.

4. The Board passed a *motion* on the school calendar that:

- approved a three-year calendar with an annual one-week spring break for all district schools with the exception of Sun Peaks; and,
- approved a three-year, four-day week calendar, with an annual one-week spring break for Sun Peaks Elementary; and,
- directed senior administration to negotiate with the Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 3500 to establish contract language that allows for a two-week spring break with no loss of instructional days from the approved calendars.

5. Secretary-Treasurer Stretch provided the Board with a schedule of 2017 budget meetings.

6. The Board received a report from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch on the highlights from the SD73 Business Company Annual General Meeting.

7. The Board adopted revised Policy 200.1 Board

Meetings, as policy for School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson).

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, April 3, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

***From the Public Board Meeting of:  
April 3, 2017***

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Alain Blais from Lloyd George Elementary School on sensory regulation and mindfulness activities in their school.
2. Trustee Cowden presented a 25-year long-term service award to Cecile McVittie from Sa-Hali Secondary School.
3. Trustee Karpuk presented a 25-year long-term service award to Lori Plastina from Kay Bingham Elementary School.
4. District Vice-Principal Collins provided a presentation to the Board on the Youth Trade Capital Equipment Program.
5. The Board received a report from Assistant Superintendent Schoen for the addition of grade 7 at Sun Peaks Elementary School.
6. The Board received a report on the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC