



Dear Parents:

Hard to believe that we have only 8 weeks of school left! At this time of year teachers and students are finishing learning outcomes and reviewing concepts learned to solidify students' learning. Despite the distractions of some warmer weather, students need to keep regular attendance and routines so that learning is optimal.

Our school is presenting our "School Improvement Plan" to the board this month and I am looking forward to showcasing all the positive things that Dufferin has to offer! For those who don't know, our school improvement goals are: Foundational Skills (Numeracy and Literacy) and Social Responsibility. Staff and students work towards these goals daily and I am super proud of their on-going efforts. Dufferin is a wonderful place to come to every day :)

Mrs. T

MAY DATES

May 8 – early dismissal day for P/T interviews

May 9 – Provincial election

May 9 – Young People's Concert

May 15 – Pro D Day

May 16 – School Track Meet

May 19 – PAC Raffle Draw

May 22 – Victoria Day holiday

May 23 – Track Zones

May 26 – Track Districts

June 8 – PAC fun fair

Track and Field

Please take note of the track and field dates listed under "May dates". Currently our grades 4-7 students are practicing hard for the various events and are looking forward to our school track meet on the 16th.

Students who qualify will be off to zone track on the 23rd. We are still looking for volunteers to help at our school meet, so let Mrs. T know if you are able to help.

Lost and Found

Another reminder to check our school lost and found outside of the gym. At this time of year, we see the clothing begin to accumulate as warmer weather often results in students leaving coats and sweaters outside when they are too warm. Please be sure to check before the end of the year, as we donate left over clothing to thrift.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Upcoming Events:

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

PAC will be holding their big raffle draw on Friday, May 24th. There are huge prizes to be had, so get your tickets if you haven't already (contact Steve Ross – PAC president to do so).

PAC is searching for a hot lunch coordinator and helpers for next year. Anyone interested, let the PAC know.

June 8th is our fun fair and we are looking for donations of new or gently used stuffies. There will also be a need for cakes and small toys for a fish pond.

PAC and Dufferin have teamed up to purchase new sports jerseys for our students! 100 new jerseys have been ordered and may arrive in time for Track and Field.

Future meetings are scheduled for: Jun. 5th. This is the year end, executive elections meeting, and will be the final, formal meeting of the year.

DUFFERIN ROCKS!

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

Respectful
Organized
Caring
Kind
Safe



This month we are working on playing **Safely Outside**.

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.

BOARD NOTES

From the Public Board Meeting of: April 24, 2017

1. The Board approved the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- District Parent Advisory Committee Highlights
- BC Special Olympics Summer Games Update

2. The Board enjoyed a presentation on Social / Emotion Learning by AE Perry Elementary School Principal Deanna Brady.

3. The Board enjoyed a second presentation on Canadian Parents for French and Concours d'art oratoire by Angela Pinette. The Board was pleased to hear a student from core French give an excerpt of a speech that was part of a French speech competition.

4. The Board approved the 2017–2018 Secondary School Fees.

5. The Board received a report on the Learning Resources Grant from Director Carson.

6. Director Cuzzola provided the Board with a presentation on NGN Provisional Funding.

7. The Board approved Capital Budget Bylaw No. 2017/18-CPSD73-01.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, May 8, 2017 at Sun Peaks.

