

DUFFERIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents:

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



The next PAC meeting for this year will be held on Monday, April 8 at 7:00pm.

All parents are welcome to attend.

Child minding is available free of charge. Please contact Angela

Cadarette at 778-471-1398 so she is aware of your child care needs

APRIL CALENDAR

- Wed. April 3 Relay Fest @ T.C.C.
Thurs. April 4 Gymnastics
9:00-10:00 Lovett/Eacrett
10:00-11:00 Dalsin/Ritcey
Fri. April 5 School Heritage Fair displays
Mon. April 8 7:00pm PAC meeting
Thurs. April 1 Gymnastics
9:00-10:00 Lovett/Eacrett
10:00-11:00 Dalsin/Ritcey
Fri. April 12 Multi-cultural Awareness at Sikh Temple (McGarry/Kwan/Bubela)
12:30pm Early closure
Mon. April 15 Non-instructional day
Thurs. April 18 "Me to We" We Are Silent Day
Gymnastics
9:00-10:00 Lovett/Eacrett
Fri. April 19 Young Peoples' Concert
Mon. April 22-26 "Dufferin's Got Talent"
Reverse reverse lunch all week
Thurs. April 25^h District Honour Choir
Performance at Dufferin
Fri. April 26 8:30-11:30 Kwan/Preymak to
The Big Little Science Centre



EARLY CLOSURE - FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Our last early closure day for this year will be on Friday, April 12. Students will be dismissed at 12:30. The Pineview buses will run 2 hours early than usual. Letters will be sent home with Lac LeJeune bus students as we cannot re-schedule those buses as they are tied into the secondary school schedules. Parents of Lac LeJeune bus students may want to pick their children up earlier that day.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING IN THE ROUND-ABOUT IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.

Parking concerns continue in the round-about area in front of the school. We have five buses before school and four after school that must use the round-about. We also have a "handicapped" bus that must drop off and pick up a grade two student as well as several day-care buses picking up students. It is for your children's safety that we ask that parents please do not park in that area.

NO
PARKING
TOW
AWAY
ZONE

TICK SEASON

**A REMINDER TO PARENTS
TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S
HAIR REGULARLY AS THIS
IS TICK SEASON**



SCHOOL CHOIR/DRUM GROUP

Earlier in March, both our choir and Mrs. Ritcey's class represented our school at Arts in the High Country Festival. Both groups received glowing praise from the adjudicator for their performances. Thank

you to Ms. Kwan and Mrs. Ritcey for their hard work with their groups,

BOOGIE THE BRIDGE

A school team has been set up for families that would like to participate in this year's Boogie the Bridge community event on Sunday April 28th. Boogie is a fun walk or run event that accommodates all paces and provides you with a variety of distances to choose from. This year, Boogie is raising funds for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kamloops and Region Sports Mentorship Program.

If you are interested in registering on our school team, go to the Boogie website (<http://www.dailynewsboogie.com>), click on School Program and register with our team (Dufferin Dragons). If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Schmidt at the school or through e-mail (sschmidt@sd73.bc.ca).

DISTRICT HONOUR CHOIR

The District Honour Choir will be performing at Dufferin Elementary on Thursday, April 25th in the morning. Several of our students are in the choir and we look forward to seeing and hearing them perform. We will keep parents advised of the actual time of the performance as soon as it is confirmed.

REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS RETURNING TO DUFFERIN ELEMENTARY IN SEPTEMBER, 2013

Next week we will be sending home a form for parents to give us an indication if their child(ren) will be returning to Dufferin next September. We recognize that September is a long way off but your best guess will assist us in planning. Please read the form carefully and return it to the school

YOUNG ARTISTS' CONFERENCE

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Dufferin Elementary at the District Young Artists' Conference at TRU on Thursday, May 2nd:

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| Taylor Smith | Daisy Heinonen |
| Janae Marchio | Emily Johnstone-Holstein |
| Alexa Tapia | |

DRUG AWARENESS & RESISTANCE EDUCATION

We have been advised by the school district and the RCMP that they will not be able to offer D.A.R.E. this year. We will miss the program and trust that it can be provided in the Fall.

SCHOOL F.S.A. RESULTS

We are pleased to announce the results of the 2013 F.S.A. testing for our Grade 4 and Grade 7 students:

Grade 4

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding Expectations:

| | Dufferin | School District |
|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Reading | 78 % | 82 % |
| Writing | 88 % | 78 % |
| Numeracy | 73 % | 75 % |

Grade 7

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding Expectations:

| | Dufferin | School District |
|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Reading | 90% | 78 % |
| Writing | 93 % | 88 % |
| Numeracy | 78 % | 71 % |

Reading improvement is one of our school goals this year. The grade four reading results for 2012 for students meeting or exceeding expectations were 73% compared to 78% this year. The grade 7 reading results for 2012 were 86 % compared to 90 % this year.

Grade 4 and grade 7 students will be completing the on-line portion of the Satisfaction Surveys this week and as soon as we have the results we will let parents know. A reminder to parents of grade 4 and grade 7 students who have not completed the on-line parents satisfaction survey, please do so as soon as possible as the deadline is next week.

SCHOOL BULLY SURVEY - SUMMARY

Thank you for completing a school bully survey last month. As mentioned previously the survey was designed and tabulated by parents on the School Planning Council. (Mrs. Sandra Lawrence, Ms. Leslie Wilford, Ms. TeriLynn Bryson, Ms. Josee Lang and Mr. Neil Trouton). A big thank you to them for tabulated

the data in the 222 responses to the survey (76% of students). The staff and the School Planning Council will be using this data to identify strategies to be used in reaching our school goals. Below is a summary of some of the results.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN BULLIED ?

- Bullying occurs at all grade levels
- There is little difference noted between boys and girls and/or at primary vs. intermediate students
- 41% of all students reported they have never been bullied

HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU BEEN BULLIED ?

- of the 59% of students who reported that they have been bullied, 68 % of them reported that they have not been bullied or have been bullied only once or twice since September

WHAT TYPE OF BULLYING HAVE YOU RECEIVED?

- All types of bullying was reported (physical, verbal, social and cyber)
- Verbal bullying was the most common form of bullying reported (46%) followed by social bullying (28%)
- Very few primary students reported cyber bullying

WHO DID THE BULLYING ?

- Most girls reported being bullied by other girls
- Most boys reported being bullied by other boys
- No significant difference was noted between primary or intermediate students

WHEN YOU WERE BULLIED, WHAT DID YOU DO ?

- Students used a variety of strategies
- Intermediate students tended to ignore the bully while primary students tended to tell someone (the supervisor, teacher or parent)

WHERE DID THE BULLYING TAKE PLACE ?

- For all groups (primary students and intermediate students) most of the bullying took place at recess & lunch

WHAT TYPE OF BULLYING HAVE YOU SEEN ?

- More students reported verbal bullying than any other form
- 14% of intermediate students reported cyber bullying compared to 2% of primary students

Bullying was defined as any pattern of constant unwelcome or aggressive behaviour intended to make others uncomfortable, scared or hurt. We say a student is being bullied when another student, or several other students

- Say mean and hurtful things or make fun of another person
- Completely ignore or exclude a person from their group of friends on purpose
- Hit, kick, push, shove, trip, pinch another student
- Deliberately damage another person's property
- Tell lies or spread hurtful rumours about someone
- Try to make other people dislike a person

Should you wish a copy of the complete report, please drop by the office and we will be pleased to give you the data used in making the summary.