

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, March 4 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

MARCH CALENDAR

March 4, 5, 6, KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Tues. March 5 Skating (Kwan & Lovett)

Wed. March 6 Big Little Science Centre
(Dalsin/Geoghegan)

Fri. March 8 Cross Country Skiing (Lovett)
Big Little Science Centre
(Twamley/Schmidt)

Mon. March 11 "Lions in the House" – BC Lions
presentation to grade 6/7 students

Fri. March 15 Morning - Gr. 3,4,5,6 Bicycle Rodeo
Last day before Spring Break

Monday-Friday March 18-22 SPRING BREAK

Tues. March 25 "Think Brain First" (Geoghegan)

Thurs. March 28 Gymnastics (Geoghegan)

**SPRING BREAK
MARCH 18-22**

SCHOOL BULLY SURVEY

Thank you for completing a school bully survey. In the next newsletter we will be sharing the results. If you have not completed the survey you may still do so and drop it off at the office ASAP.



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
MARCH 4, 5, 6**

DUFFERIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Our school kindergarten registrations are taking place from **Monday, March 4 to**

Wednesday, March 6. Parents

of kindergarten-aged children are

invited to register them at the

school between **9:00am and**

3:00pm. To be eligible for

attendance in September 2013, a

student must be five years of age

by December 31, 2013. Parents

are required to bring their child's

birth certificate and CARE card as well as proof of residence when registering so that these documents can be photocopied.



DUFFERIN SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA

To alleviate the overcrowding situation at Dufferin Elementary, two years ago the school board made a decision that effective Sept. 2012, **all new students** residing in the Pineview Valley area will attend McGowan Elementary. **Hence, the Pineview Valley area will now be regarded as being in the McGowan Park catchment area and not in the Dufferin catchment area.** The district will provide busing for Pineview Valley students to McGowan Elementary.

"Grandfathered" Pineview Valley students (students currently attending Dufferin) may continue to do so.

There is no guarantee that there will be space in Dufferin in September for the siblings of grandfathered students. Families wishing to remain together as a unit, should transfer and register at McGowan Park for September. New registrants, living in the Pineview Valley, will only be accepted at Dufferin should there be space at the grade level they are requesting. Decisions will not be made before Sept. 10th.

New registrants living in Pineview Valley wishing to register at Dufferin are regarded as non-catchment area students and acceptance in other non-catchment schools (including Dufferin) will be according to School District Policy 300.1. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Abley or Mr. Law at the school.

ELEMENTARY STUDENT TRANSFERS

Parents of students who are considering changing schools for the next school year are required to complete a TRANSFER APPLICATION FORM. Requests for student transfers that will commence in September will be accepted on March 1, 2013 and ending at noon on August 29, 2013. Application forms are available at the school office.

Parents considering changing schools should note that, in accordance with Policy 300.1 (School Boundaries & Student Transfer Requests), any consideration for school placements in another school catchment area will be made in the following order:

- a) A catchment area student who attended the school in the previous year
- b) A catchment area student
- c) A non-catchment area student who attended the school in the previous year or has siblings currently attending the requested school
- d) A non-catchment area student
- e) A non-district student

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Abley or Mr. Law at the school



LIONS IN THE HOUSE - MONDAY, MARCH 11 @ 1:00pm

Lions in the House is a program designed specifically for youth in grades 6 to 9 emphasizing the power of choice and being the best you can be. During the interactive session, BC Lions players deliver speeches on their experiences making choices in their life, specifically in the fields of education and safety. The program is interspersed with athletic competition which provides a unique opportunity for the students to compete against each other while teamed up with BC Lions players. *Lions in the House* helps participating schools build a sense of school spirit while at the same time delivering powerful messages in key areas.

BICYCLE RODEO - GRADE 3,4,5,6 FRIDAY, MARCH 15 @ 9:00am

Three members of the Thompson Rivers University Police and Justice program will be hosting a bicycle rodeo and safety program at our school from 9:00-12:00 on Friday, March 15. Only those students who indicated that they are able to bring their bicycles to school will be offered this bicycle safety program. Thirty-nine parents have indicated that their child would be able to bring their bicycle to school and we hope that this day works for them. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

LOST AND FOUND

Once again our LOST & FOUND is overflowing! We have asked teachers and students to check the LOST & FOUND for items belonging to them. Next week (March 4th) we propose to send any unclaimed items to a local charity. Please encourage your child to check for items or feel free to browse yourself if you are in the school.