

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, Feb. 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

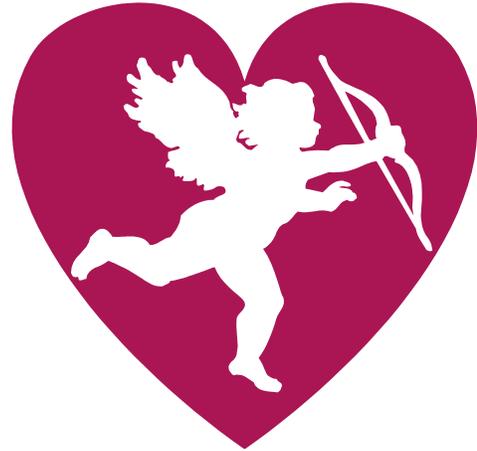
JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Jan. 15-Feb 6 FSA testing

Fri. Feb. 1 Hot Lunch Day
Mon. Feb. 4 7:00pm PAC meeting
Tues. Feb. 5 Skating (Preymak & Stonehouse)
Feb. 7/8 Intermediate Skiing
Mon. Feb. 11 BC Family Day – school closed
Tues. Feb. 12 Skating (Preymak & Stonehouse)
Wed. Feb. 14 Hot Lunch Day
Fri. Feb. 15 Non Instructional Day
Tues. Feb.19 Skating (Kwan & Lovett)
Wed. Feb. 20 Early closure for reporting to parents
Fri. Feb. 22 Hot Lunch Day
Tues. Feb. 26 Skating (Kwan & Lovett)
Wed. Feb. 27 Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day

BC FAMILY DAY STATUTORY HOLIDAY - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

Dufferin Elementary School will be closed on ,MONDAY, FEB. 11 for the new BC Family Day holiday. We hope you will take this time to enjoy doing activities together as a family.



NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Our school will be closed on FRIDAY, FEB. 15 for professional development. Schools are permitted to use six days during the school year for professional development and these are made possible by extending the school year for teachers. Students still attend the required 195 school days. All of the schools in the Kamloops school district will be closed on this date. Our staff will be participating in district wide inservices.

INTERMEDIATE SKI PROGRAM



Over the past number of years, Dufferin Elementary has offered intermediate students the opportunity of a ski/snowboarding field trip to Sun Peaks. We are pleased to announce that this year's trip has been booked for Thurs/Fri, Feb.7/8. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

SCHOOL DOORS

As a security measure, please be advised that the west and east exit doors of the school will be locked during the school day. The front door will remain unlocked throughout the school day.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION POSTER, POETRY & ESSAY CONTEST

Each year a number of our students enter the Royal Canadian Legion Poster, Essay and Poetry contest. On Friday, Jan. 25, representatives from the Legion presented our students with their prizes.

Winning in the Junioor Color Poster category were:

Sabine McAusland	Aidan Sutter
Dayton Tomlin	Brandon Carney
Jayden Luton	Felicity Leftrook
Nicole Lyle	Jackson Fitzgerald
Hayden Waymouth	Jaiven Cadarette
Josie Cumming	Matthew Laskowski
Jonathan Young	Mason Whitehead
Aidan Genest	Tyler Musey
Brett Sherman	Courtenay Brennan
Josh Hofmann	

Intermediate Poetry - 1ST place: Manvir Kang
Manvir's entry has been sent to the Zone for judging. Should it win at the Zone and Provincial levels it would go on to Ottawa for judging at the Dominion level.

SCHOOL BULLY SURVEY

One of our school goals this year is improving students' social responsibility in taking care of themselves and others. In conjunction with this goal the School Planning Council has designed a survey to identify concerns related to bullying at Dufferin. The survey will be administered in February in two ways. At the intermediate level, the survey will take place in the classrooms. For primary students we are asking that parents assist us by talking to their child(ren) and completing the survey with them. It is hoped that the completion at home will facilitate a discussion between parents and child. Please look for the survey coming home in the week of Feb. 18-22. Completing the survey at home is optional but we would encourage all families to complete the survey to give us a better understanding as to the extent of bullying at Dufferin. In the March 1st newsletter we will be sharing the results of the surveys. Should you wish to see a copy of the survey ahead of time, copies are available at the office.

EARLY CLOSURE WED. FEB. 20^H - PINEVIEW VALLEY & CHERRY CREEK BUSES

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, the Pinview Valley bus will begin running at 12:35pm. immediately after the early dismissal bell. The 2nd Pineview Valley bus will also take the Cherry Creek students home.

Unfortunately we are unable to re-schedule the Lac LeJeune bus as it is tied into the secondary school system. Lac LeJeune students will still be picked up at the regular time. Parents may wish to make alternate arrangements as we will not have outside supervision that afternoon.

GRADE 6 & 7 EAGLE BAY FUND RAISING

For parents interested in fundraising for their child's year end trip to Eagle Bay, there will a meeting on Tuesday, February 5th @6:30 in the school library. This will be the time to generate a plan for fundraising activities and look for volunteers to head these activities.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS FRENCH IMMERSION & SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

If you have children in Kindergarten or if you will be enrolling children in Kindergarten for September, 2013, you are invited to attend a Parent Information Meeting for Schools l of Choice or French Immersion
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013 6:30pm
Room 1A Henry Grube Education Centre

Schools of choice are
Beattie School of the Arts,
Bert Edwards Science & Technology,
Montessori @ Aberdeen Elementary,
NorKam Secondary International Baccalaureates.

French Immersion Schools are:
Lloyd George Elementary
South SaHali Elementary



KINDERGARTEN & ALL GRADE LEVELS REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Beattie School of the Arts
Bert Edwards Science & Technology
Montessori @ Aberdeen Elementary
French Immersion Schools (K & gr. 1)

Registration: Mon., Feb. 25 - Wed, Feb. 27th, 2013
9:00-12:00 noon; 1:00-3:00pm.

To be eligible for attendance in kindergarten in September, 2013, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2013. **Please bring your child's birth certificate, Care Card and proof of residential address to the school.**



DUFFERIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Our school kindergarten registrations are taking place from **Monday, March 4 to Wednesday, March 5**. 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 for September. New registrants, living in Pineview Valley, will only be accepted at Dufferin should there be space. 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 catchment area student who attended the school in the previous year
- A catchment area student
- A non-catchment area student who attended the school in the previous year or has siblings currently attending the requested school
- A non-catchment area student
- 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

FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

Dufferin's Family Literacy Week activities were a huge success! It was great to see, and hear, everyone involved in the fun projects we did around the school. Students are to be congratulated for making the effort to "unplug" and spend quality time with family and friends. Together, Dufferin staff and students "unplugged" for more than 1800 hours last week!