



Dear Parents:

We are off to a strong start to the school year!

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we worked through an increase in enrollment in September. However,

we now have all our staff hired and we are excited about our year. As we know, relationships are important in supporting our children and keeping them successful. Please take some time to build that relationship with your child's teacher in the coming months.



Developing students' knowledge, skills, and attitudes to their potential, so they can contribute to a multi-cultural society, and information-based world.

Early Closure -

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences



On October 9th and 10th, students will be dismissed at 12:30pm for parent conferences. To schedule an appointment you can sign up on the bulletin board near the gym. Sign-up sheets will be available by the afternoon of Wednesday, October 2 .

SCHOOL HOURS

Please note that **students who are not bus students** should be coming to school no earlier than 8:00am in the morning and departing school immediately after dismissal.

We only provide supervision for bus students prior to 8:00am or after the dismissal bell at 2:30pm.

Students need to go home first and then can come back to the school only after they have checked in with their parents at home. Parents are then responsible for their child's safety and well-being (not the supervisors). A note or call is not a substitute for this, children must always check in at home.

Please talk to your child about this. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

STUDENT SAFETY



Please be aware that parents must check their child in or out if they are picking them up during the day. Students can not check themselves out. This includes if you are picking your child up during breaks (such

as lunch). Please come into the school to check them out and again when they return.

Thanks again for helping us keep our children safe!

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Congratulations to our new PAC Executive for 2013-2014!

Chairperson
Vice
Secretary
Treasurer
DPAC Rep

Kirsten Christianson
Teresa Neves
Josee Lang
Karen McKenzie
Neil Trouton

Thank you everyone for coming out and

supporting your PAC. Our Back to School Barbeque was a great success! Thank you to everyone who made it a great evening!

Dufferin PAC now is on Facebook! Keep up to date with what is happening at our school, just click on the Facebook link on the Dufferin website.

For any suggestions you would like to relay to our PAC executive, you can relay your message through Facebook or come to our PAC meeting. Our next PAC Meeting: October 7 @ 6:30pm! Babysitting is provided!

PAC Steak Dinner Fundraiser!

On **November 10th** the PAC will be hosting a Steak Dinner at Duffy's Pub. Proceeds will be going to the PAC to help support the school. Tickets / pre-orders will be sold ahead of time so please watch for them. It will be \$19 per plate and a choice of a 5pm dinner or 6pm dinner. Come out and support your PAC and enjoy an evening steak dinner!



SCHOOL STAFF

We would like to introduce our school staff at Dufferin Elementary!

Primary Teachers:

Mrs. J. Carter	Mrs. C. Twamley
Mrs. N. Preymak	Mrs. H. Bailey
Ms. L. Kwan	Mrs. P. Lovett
Mrs. M. McGeough	Ms. B. Simpson

Intermediate Teachers:

Ms. L. Eacrett	Ms. J. Dalsin
Ms. R. Ritcey	Mrs. K. Geoghegan
Ms. J. Bubela	Mrs. R. Covaceuszach

Teacher Support:

Principal	Mr. M. Bowden
Librarian	Mr. R. Rhynolds
Learning Assistance	Ms. M. Bell

Teacher Preps

Mr. J. Berezowski
Mr. R. Rhynolds
Ms. C. Ruberg

CUPE Support:

Certified Education Assistants (CEA)

Ms. P. Behrmann

Ms. S. Dickinson

Ms. N. Sun

Ms. C. Poirier

Mrs. S. MacDonald

First Nations Education Worker (FNEW)

Ms. F. Joe

Library Assistant

Ms. L. McBurnie

Secretary

Ms. A. Norton

Custodians

Mr. D. Bruno

Mr. D. Smith

SUPERVISORS REQUIRED!



We are looking for people to assist us with supervision of students in the morning, lunch and after school. We would like to set up a regular roster of supervisors for the following times from Monday to Friday.

Morning	7:40am to 8:30am
Lunch	12:00pm to 1:00pm
After School	2:30pm to 3:45pm (optional / no honorarium)

We currently have room for two or three senior supervisors that will be given a small honorarium. However, we are also looking for parents who would just like to volunteer. We will be setting up a regular schedule and contacting volunteers in October for a meeting / training.

It will require some commitment to a regular schedule as we do count on the support and need to make alternate arrangements if necessary.

If you are able to supervise on any of these times or days on a regular / weekly basis, please contact the office at 250-374-4425!

MEDICAL ALERTS

The school can assist in helping students

administer their **prescription medications** if the proper forms are completed.

The school **can not assist** in any way administering non-prescription medications (e.g. Tylenol, Benadryl, etc.) . This is a safety and liability issue. If you feel it is necessary, parents must make arrangements to come to the school themselves. Sorry for the inconvenience.

COACHING!

The school is always looking for coaches. We are currently looking for a parent coach for the boys volleyball team. If you are interested please contact the school. The league begins on October 15th!

SCENT AWARE SCHOOL!



Dufferin is a 'Scent Aware' school. Many people are extremely sensitive to perfumes, colognes, and other scented products including soaps and hair/body products.

Please try not to wear them when you are in the school for any length of time. These products can trigger allergic reactions. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information you can visit the Canadian Lung Association website:

http://www.lung.ca/protect-protegez/pollution-pollution/indoor-interieur/scents-parfums_e.php

UPCOMING EVENTS - OCTOBER

Please note that the school calendar is also posted on the Dufferin Website (www.dufferin.sd73.bc.ca). The website calendar is updated on a regular basis.

Oct 4	Picture Day!
Oct 7	PAC Meeting
Oct 9	District Run Championship
Oct 9	Early Closure – Parent/Teacher
Oct 10	Early Closure – Parent/ Teacher
Oct 14	Thanksgiving
Oct 15	Volleyball League begins

Oct 17	Earthquake Drill
Oct 18	WE Day Vancouver
Oct 25	NI Day (no school for students)

***NI Day = Non-Instructional Day (Staff Professional Development)**

SCHOOL PARKING

Please respect our bus round-about. There is no parking (including dropping off or picking up) in the bus loading or staff parking area.



Please obey the traffic signs and stop or park only in designated areas.

USED SKATES



We are looking for used skates! If anyone would like to donate there will be a collection bag in the hallway at Dufferin School. We are looking for used skates so that students without can

participate in our skating program this winter.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

In the interest of saving paper and costs that we can put back into the school and our students, future newsletters will be provided electronically on our school website!

Generally newsletters will be posted at the beginning and middle of each month. Some paper copies of the newsletters will be available at the office if you can not access the Internet.

Our school website is:

www.dufferin.sd73.bc.ca

We are looking forward to a great year!!