

*Dufferin Elementary*  
**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**December 1st, 2023**

**'Home of the Dragons'**



Reading Buddies - Josh & Ripley from Mrs. Lovett's Grade Three/Four Classroom

## **Come Celebrate with US - Winter Celebration**

Winter Holidays are upon us and the Staff and Students of Dufferin Elementary invite you to join us on Wednesday, December 20th at 10:45 am and 1:20 pm for our Annual Winter Celebration. Invites were sent home a few weeks back with all students and extra are available on the Office counter. Please encourage your family and friends to join us for one of our Winter Celebration time slots. Entrance by non-perishable food donation and/or cash.

As we move into the coldest months of the year we remind students to please dress warm - hat, gloves/mittens, snow pants, warm jacket, and scarf. If the weather is too extreme for students to safely be outside we will adjust our indoor/outdoor expectations.

As always we want to have good, positive, and clear communication with our families, therefore please remember to call or email to book an appointment with school staff. We all live very busy lives and appreciate open communication.

All the best for a wonderful winter holiday...

Mr. G. Cumming ~ Principal

## Monthly Calendar of Events

December 7th	PAC Meeting @ 6 pm in the Library
December 15th	First Term Report Cards Issued
December 20th	Winter Celebration - <b>10:45 am or 1:20 pm</b>



## ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT -

It is your responsibility to inform the school if your child is going to be late or absent. We have a “safe arrival” program at Dufferin Elementary. **Please call 1-844-350-2647 before 8:30 am or visit: [ktsd.schoolconnects.com](http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com)** In addition, be sure your child knows what the family plan is for their after school care **before** they go to school. If the after school care is different from the norm be sure to write a reminder for your child in their agenda book. If your child will be riding on a bus they don’t normally ride or will be getting off at a different bus stop, write a dated consent note for the bus driver.

**If your child is going to be arriving late, please remind them that they must check in at the office.**

## Bell Schedule 2023-24

Welcome Bell: Students enter the Building	8:25 am
School Starts: Students ready to learn	8:30 am
Recess	10:10 am
Students re-enter school	10:25 am
Lunch - eating in the classroom	12:05 pm
Lunch - Play time outside	12:25 pm
Lunch Ends - Classes resume	1:05 pm
Dismissal	2:41 pm

## Hot Lunch Program Info

Dufferin will be running a Friday, Hot Lunch Program - A BIG thank you to Lisa Peterson for her time and effort

**Munch-A-Lunch** - The Meal menus for Munchalunch can be found on their website.

Login to: <https://munchalunch.com/login.aspx> to place orders or to register a new account.

## BUS DRIVERS & ROUTES

Bus Number	Route	Driver
21735	Cherry Creek	Glen
20730	Walloper/Lac Le Jeune	Mary
18732	Tobiano	Brent
21739	Long Lake/Pineview	Don

If you have any problems or questions regarding bus routes, please call the Kamloops District Transportation Department @ 250-372-5853.



Mrs. Wright's Girls' Group - Welcoming all to Dufferin Elementary

## **SCHOOL STAFF ~**

**Principal: Mr. G. Cumming**

**Administrative Assistant: Mrs. A. Grywacheski**

**Certified Education Assistants:**

**Custodial Staff:**

Tracey Mirtle

Trevor Dick

Kari Simons

David Walton

Terri Rowand

Kristi Taylor-Hanson ( Library Assistant)

Julia Wright (AEW)

**Primary Teaching Staff:**

**Intermediate Staff:**

Donna Lulu/Stephanie Danyluk

Seema McGarry

Linda Thomas

Wes Mueller

Tiffany Cross

Kim Geoghegan

Donna Thomson

Josette Dalsin

Nicole Preymak

Lorry Eacrett

Brianna Lofgren

Janet McCloy (FA PREP)

Pam Lovett

Morgan Keith (PE PREP)

**LARTS**

**Librarian**

Michelle Bell

Nicole Gorman

Giuliana Barros

## **LUNCHTIME \$UPERVI\$OR\$**

We are looking for a few Lunch Time and Morning Supervisors. If you are interested **please contact Mr. Cumming at the school 250-374-4425. We do pay!**

## PAC

**The next meeting is Thursday, December 7th @ 6:00 pm in the Library.** We encourage you to be involved in your children's education. Our aim is to make our children's educational experience the best that it can be. Come and meet other parents and share your ideas and concerns. We need your support.

## School Learning Plan

Information on Dufferin's School Learning Plan (SLP) can be found at:

[W 2023-24 September Copy SLP Dufferin .docx](#)

## SCHOOL FEES

For those families who have NOT YET PAID for the student's school supply fees you need to do so by December 8th. You can do so by clicking on the following link - <https://sd73.schoolcashionline.com> You have two options for payment; debt or credit and the other is to request SFAF (School Family and Affordability Fund).

## WET, WINTER WEATHER ~

With the wet, winter weather coming and that means proper footwear. Students should have an 'inside' pair of shoes, along with proper/adequate winter footwear. Students are encouraged to bang off their outdoor shoes prior to entering the school in order to keep hallways free of melting wet snow. We have sent home several messages to families to ensure that students are coming prepared for the cold weather and being outside. We do have extra winter coats, pants, toques, and mitts if need be.

## ENCOURAGING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Dufferin Elementary is a PBIS school that promotes students to act appropriately and deal with conflict in a non-aggressive manner. I am very proud of our staff and students and being part of a strong, positive learning environment here at Dufferin

A reminder about PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) with the underlying theme of teaching behavioral expectations in the same manner as any core curriculum subject. The primary prevention of positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) consists of rules, routines, and physical arrangements that are developed and taught by school staff to prevent initial occurrences of behavior the school would like to target for change. Research indicates that 3-5 behavioral expectations that are positively stated, easy to remember, and significant to the climate are best. At Dufferin we are focusing on; Respectful, Organized, Caring, Kind, and Safe behaviour.

Dufferin's Behaviour Matrix outlines our school's expected behaviour with a focus on being Safe, Responsible, and Respectful. Please take a moment and have your student explain it to you!



## EARLY ARRIVAL -

Our school **welcomes students at 8:25 am each day** to welcome back our students for another day of learning. *On cold weather days, please be mindful of sending your child too early.* **Pick up after dismissal is by 3 pm.** Thank you for your time, consideration, and support with early arrival.

**“Social Media Awareness”**--Family Online Safety Session on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Everyone Welcome! Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up.**

This 60 minute session will be held virtually via zoom.

To register for this session please click on the link below.

[Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities Tickets, Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

*Wishing you and yours a Very Merry Christmas*

