

*Dufferin Elementary*  
**JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

**January 10th, 2024**

**'Home of the Dragons'**



## **Happy New Year - Welcome 2024**

With the New Year we welcome new beginnings, hopes, dreams and goals. The anticipation of what lies ahead for 2024 always brings excitement and new energy.

We hope that all of our families enjoyed a wonderful winter break. As we move back into learning we encourage everyone to help support a positive learning environment for their students.

January and the cooler winter months please have your student dressed appropriately.

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.

Mr. G. Cumming ~ Principal

## 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.

## PAC

**The next meeting is Thursday, January 11th @ 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.

## Monthly Calendar of Events

January 11th	PAC Meeting @ 6 pm in the Library
January 12th	PBIS Assembly @ 10:45 AM *Students only
January 23rd	Kamloops Blazers Visit
February 2nd	Inservice Day - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>



*Who says that our CEAs don't work hard?*

## 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](https://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.**



## LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

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!**

## 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.

## 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

## BUS DRIVERS & ROUTES

Bus Number	Route	Driver
21735	Cherry Creek	Glen
20730	Wallopier/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.

## School Learning Plan

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

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

## 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!

## NEXUS VOLLEYBALL CAMP AT DUFFERIN - January 27/28: Noon to 2 pm

Attention Grade 4, 5, 6, & 7s Volleyball Players! If you want to gain some extra skills and experience with volleyball check out the link below. Sessions will be held at Dufferin Elementary Gym on Saturday and Sunday, January 27th & 28th from Noon to 2 pm [NEXUS Volleyball Sessions](#)

*Happy New Year to all of our families*

