

Dufferin Elementary
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

February 1st, 2024

'Home of the Dragons'



SCHOOL SPIRIT: Mr. Cumming, Ms. Dalsin, & Miss Pinkenburg

Chinese New Year is Upon Us ~

Chinese New Year is a vibrant and festive occasion for many people in Canada. This event can last for many days and often includes various festivities such as street parades and festivals featuring dancing, traditional Chinese costumes, firework displays, food stalls, and arts and crafts.

We here at Dufferin Elementary will bring some aspects of the Year of the Dragon into our lives through curriculum and classroom activities.

During the month of February I encourage parents to focus on how they are building a strong family connection. Remember, how parents act, react, and behave sets the tone for the family. Body language, facial expression and tone of voice all help children learn to communicate. Laughing and having fun creates positive memories and builds family togetherness. Thank you all of our Dufferin Families for already setting this example for our students, it's evident.

As part of our Family Community the adults at Dufferin Elementary will be doing our best to build strong connections with our students by setting a positive, encouraging tone through various curricular and daily activities.

Gung Hay Fat Choy...

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, February 8th @ 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.



Come Read with Me Volunteer - Bonnie P.

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** 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!**

Monthly Calendar of Events

February 2nd	Inservice Day - NO SCHOOL
February 8th	PAC Meeting @ 6 pm in the Library
February 19th	Family Day - NO SCHOOL

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!

PARENT COACHES ~

We are always looking for Parent support, especially when it comes to Coach one of our many team sports here at Dufferin. Be it Volleyball, Basketball, Flag Football, or helping out with Track & Field. If you have a passion and desire to Coach please reach out to Mr. G. Cumming at the school for more information.

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.





SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
Kamloops - Thompson

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Wed, Jan 10
Information Night
Schools of Choice
6:30 PM (virtual)

Wed, Jan 31
Information Night
Kindergarten Round-up
6:30 PM (virtual)

Jan 22-26
Registration Week
Schools of Choice

Feb 5-9
Registration Week
Catchment Schools

For up-to-date details about information sessions and registration please check our website.

EARN MORE AT
sd73.bc.ca



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