

DUFFIELD DIGEST

NOVEMBER 2020

Principal Message

Hello Duffield families, we are thankful that our parents and students are continuing to be careful and following our guidelines.

We are nearing a transition time, which means that there may be some students switching between at-home and in-class learning as families continue to make individual decisions regarding programming during these challenging times. Thank you for your ongoing communication with our teachers and support staff and with our office, this is especially important during this school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any concerns or questions.

As announced yesterday by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, some of the rules/recommendations are changing when it comes to the AHS daily checklist and when students can return to school from feeling ill. The changes are now reflected in the [Feeling Sick - Here's What to Do](#) article that we have on our school website's top 3 stories. You are also able to view AHS's version of their one-pager explaining [How Long to Stay Home from School](#).

The biggest change is that 'runny nose' and 'sore throat' have shifted from a-list symptoms (sometimes referred to as core symptoms) and are now considered b-list symptoms. Also, if a runny nose or sore throat improves in 24 hours, a student may return to school when they are feeling better. There is no more need for a 10-day isolation or COVID test for simple runny noses or sore throats. Moving up on the core symptom list is the loss of sense of smell or taste.

when a student has 1 or more of the b-list symptoms as explained in the new:

[DAILY CHECKLIST](#)

Take care,
Dianne Jewell



SAVE THE DATE

Event	Date
Picture Re-takes	Nov 5th
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Nov 6th
Play Parkland Gr 4&6	Nov 3 & Nov 17th
Play Parkland Gr 3&5	Nov 24th
Fall Break (inclusive)	Nov 9-13th
In-Class Learning re-entry	Nov 16th
School Council	Nov 17th @ 6:00 PM
Virtual Parent Teacher Interview	Nov 4th 4:00-7:30 PM
Virtual Parent Teacher Interview	Nov 5th 4:00-7:30 PM

School News cont.

Safe Space Group

This year Duffield will be offering a Safe Space Club for students in grade 8-9, it will be offered Wednesday during lunch and recess. This is an opportunity for students to make friends, chat and play board games.

At this time 15 students or less can participate in Safe Space Club, social distancing and mask use will be mandatory.

School Fees:

School fees can be paid through PowerSchool. If you have any questions about PowerSchool or need help creating an account, please contact Sharon Shave in the school office at 780-892-2644.

Please note that fees will be applied as the activities occur. If there are credits on the account, they will be applied to new charges.

Strong Families:

If you are interested in any Mental Health Programs, please check out the Duffield School [Homepage News](#) to see programs being offered.

Bus Passes:

Just a reminder that all students who ride the bus must scan their bus pass when getting on and off the bus. If a card is damaged or lost, please contact transportation.

URstore:

Duffield School has opened an online store with a number of personalized spirit wear items available. Please visit our [website](#) to place an order!

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Our first Student/Parent/Teacher conferences are on November 4th & 5th. To keep the number of visitors to Duffield at a minimum, these interviews will be held virtually via Google Meet. More specific information will be sent to families soon from your teacher. You can also find instructions on how to sign up for an interview by following this <https://duffield.psd70.ab.ca/PT%20Interviews.php> from our website.

We kindly ask that you adhere to your allotted time, as the virtual meeting room will be the same for each family in your child's grade.

If you have any questions about your child's progress before this time, please don't hesitate to contact our staff.

Winter Weather:

As the colder weather quickly approaches, please ensure that your child has indoor shoes at school and adequate clothing for outdoor recess. Students are outside for 45 minutes of recess daily... winter coats, mitts, toques and winter boots go a long way to making time outside enjoyable.

School News cont.



Picture Retake day is Thursday, November 5th. Along with those that need re-takes, we invite our at home learners to come for their photos. In order to follow safety protocols, we are asking that parents/guardians drop off their kids at the front doors and one of our staff members will escort your child to the gym. Please note the schedule below.

GRADE	TIME
Kindergarten	8:45 AM
1-3	9:30 AM
4-6	10:30 AM
7-9	11:30 AM

Remembrance Day



This year, we will be having our Remembrance Day program on **Friday, November 6th**. We will have a virtual assembly to help students understand the meaning of Remembrance Day through their participation in a ceremony of personal remembrances, poems, readings and music. This is to remind children that war takes its toll on both sides and that one side's sense of pain and loss is no less than another's. We will also be focusing on our responsibility to be involved in keeping the peace in our communities. Our at-home families are also welcome to join our ceremony. A link will be sent out the day before.

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Please take part in these excellent fundraising options we've lined up for this season!

In an effort to minimize "hands on" campaigns. Our focus this season is to encourage families to take advantage of great products, services and prizes to be won primarily via an online approach! Any further questions can be directed to the council via email or by communication via the Facebook page! Email to: dpacfundraising2019@gmail.com



Purchase your Christmas Gift Cads once again this year with our fundraising program through FundScrip! Check out <https://www.fundscrip.com> 'Support Group' and enter our code **YNGMX7!** Delivered via Canada Post to your mailbox!

Support local with our online store for all your holiday decoration needs. Visit <https://fundraising.kiwinurseries.com/29> and you will be directed **Duffield School and Parent Advisory Council** fundraising page. How does the school profit? Glad you asked: **House Plants - 30%! Holiday Plants - 25%! Holiday Decor - 20-30%! Holiday Ornaments - 25%! Gift Cards - 20%! Fundraiser will run from October 29th to November 20th!**



Again supporting local indulge yourself in fresh, handmade fudge from Edmonton's Phil's Fudge Factory! All orders are custom made and delivered to the school just in time for Christmas! 1/2 lb. box of fudge for \$12 with the school making 30%! For those who prefer a savoury indulgence, Phil's ventured into the jerky world with a 200g package for \$20 again with the school making 30%! Check out the website at <https://philsfudge.com>

Forms to come home or simply print them off. We will also be sending a form via Google Forms for those who prefer electronic at <https://forms.gle/QWqxXLNhw1UXu6iCA>

E-transfers accepted at duffieldfundrasing@gmail.com. Just in time for Fall Break running until November 26th with a delivery date of December 15th

For those of you who were curious about a cash prize just in time for Christmas, look no further! We have joined with Calgary based online gaming site <https://rafflebox.ca> to run our 50/50 Christmas Raffle! No tickets! Email copies! Live Draw to take place December 10th with ticket sales running until December 5th!





Teen Craft Night

Join Mrs. Baron for craft making (cards, candles and a few surprises). All materials and a snack will be provided. COVID health guidelines are in place. Please register by calling Duffield Library 780-892-2644, or email duffieldlibrary@pclibraries.ca

Location: Duffield Library

Group 1: November 19 & 26, Thursday 2:45-4:45pm
(max 4 teens)

Group 2: December 3 & 10, Thursday 2:45-4:45pm
(max 4 teens)

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Duffield Public Library
Located in Duffield School
duffieldlibrary@pclibraries.ca
780-892-2644



Holiday Card Making

Adults, registration required

Spend the day making beautiful holiday cards, enjoying conversation, and a yummy lunch while making your cards. COVID health measures are in place. *Please bring your own scissors, glue and paper. The library will provide a free lunch and decorations.

Saturday November 21, 10:00-2:00 pm

Located at Duffield Hall

To register: Call Duffield Library at 780-892-2644

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