

Duffield School

April 2021



Duffield Digest

Principal Message

Survey Time

We are looking forward to hearing from you! As part of our annual survey, we are preparing to engage students, teachers and parents through the Accountability Pillar Survey. The Accountability Pillar results will allow Parkland School Division and Duffield School an opportunity to look closely at what our stakeholders believe we are doing well and what we need to improve upon. This month, all students and teachers in grades 4 and 7 will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions specific to the Duffield school experience. Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated as it helps provide important information on the quality of education that your child is receiving at our school.

Parents/guardians of students in Grades 4 and 7 will receive a survey package in the mail. Unlike previous years, this year's parent survey mailed by Alberta Education will not include the paper survey, but rather, include the Random Access Code (RAC) needed to access the parent survey online. If you would like to complete the survey on paper, you can contact Dianne Jewell, or make the request directly to System Assurance using the contact information below:

System Assurance Branch
System Excellence, Alberta Education
Phone: (780) 643-9193 (Edmonton) or 310-0000 (Toll-free within Alberta)

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Important Dates

Apr 12-16th — Colour Contest

Apr 20th — Virtual School Council Meeting @ 6PM

Apr 23rd — No School

Apr 26th — Hippie Day

Upcoming Events

May 18th — Virtual School Council Meeting @ 6PM

May 21st — PD No School

May 24th — Victoria Day — No School

Each student, teacher and parent surveys will have a learning mode question that asks them to identify their/their child's primary mode of learning/teaching at the time of the survey completion.

The choices are as follows:

- In-person
- Learning at home due to COVID-19
- Online in an online learning program

Added to the end of the survey are items related to COVID-19 . This is for the Ministry to collect some basic information about the student, parent and teacher experience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please know that while the survey is for parents/guardians in grades 4 and 7, we always welcome your feedback. We also encourage you to become a part of the Duffield School Council; meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Here you have the opportunity to become an active member of your school community.

Morning Student Drop Off

We have seen an increase in students being dropped off early in the morning. Teachers are not available to supervise students until 7:40 AM. With these early arrivals, we are running into issues around supervision and following the government restrictions around cohorting due to COVID-19. With warmer temperatures, we will be keeping the doors to the school locked until 7:40 AM when supervision begins. Students who arrive before this time will need to wait outside until the morning bell rings to enter the school.

Dress for the weather

With the warmer weather, students are still required to dress for the current weather. In order to enjoy outdoor activities such as recess and physical education classes, students will need to dress appropriately for weather conditions. Please consider sending your child in rubber boots and with splash pants. Extra clean clothes are recommended to be included in your child's backpack.

Student Absences

Thank you to all of our families for either phoning in or e-mailing us with student absences.

As we continue to work to ensure the safety of our students at Duffield School, it is so important that we are aware when your child is absent from school. We ask that you email duffield@psd70.ab.ca (Please include your child's full name, grade and reason for absence) or call 780-892-2644 and leave a message on the Attendance voicemail.

DPAC Presents: Pizza Fridays!

Just a reminder that you can still order!



DPAC Fundraising Committee presents, "PIZZA FRIDAYS!" Attached you will find the link for their Google Form for ordering pizza. Families are being offered the flexibility of ordering all at once or monthly as they would prefer. **Orders will be collected once a month (next order dates are April 30, May 28)**. Paper copies are available in the office. PLEASE send funds via e-transfer if possible, as this minimizes contact to: duffieldfundraising@gmail.com

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1F39CvYuAnKRqiiKlbZKMuCXwKa_4gtR3FbZTyu0yEJl/viewform?gxids=7628&edit_requested=true

Spring Colouring Contest

The Duffield Student Council is having a colouring contest. There will be a prize for grades K-3, 4-6, and 7-9. Colouring sheets will be distributed to classes and can be dropped off at the music room when completed. Students have until **end of day Friday April 16th** to hand in their colouring sheets. Winners will be announced the following week.



60s/Hippie Day

Monday, April 26th is 60s/Hippie day at Duffield! We're looking forward to seeing you in your best tie-dye, flower power, and cool retro looks.

