



Duffield Digest

Principal Message

We can't believe that it is May already and we are headed into the final stretch of the school year! As we head into Education week, we encourage you to talk to your child(ren) about school and what things he/she is learning, and maintain an open line of communication. We continue to focus on student engagement and our staff are creating learning opportunities for our students to be creative, solve problems, and think critically. We have a week full of activities planned for the week of May 3rd - 7th, that Ms. Fleming and Mrs. Baron have carefully planned for our students.

We are beginning to look towards next year and are planning for classroom configurations for the 2021-2022 school year. We will be letting students and families know their homeroom teacher for 2021-2022 in late August. This information will be made available through Power School and we will contact you with a message via your teacher and school messenger.

Please continue to reach out at any time to your homeroom teacher or to us as administrators with any questions or concerns.

Important Dates

May 7th —Yellow/
Black Spartan Spirit
Wear

May 18th —Virtual
School Council
Meeting @ 6PM

May 20th —Jr High
Games Day

May 21st —PD No
School

May 24th —
Victoria Day—No
School

May 25th-28th —
Scavenger Hunt



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.

Morning Student Drop Off

We appreciate your continued support waiting to drop students off in the morning. Teachers are not available to supervise students until 7:40 AM, in order 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.

Duffield Student Council donate to Parkland Food Bank



Over the months of February and March the Duffield Student Council held two fundraisers. The first being Crush for a Crush and the second being Hat Day. The Duffield Student Council Executive had decided prior to the events that they wanted to donate part of the proceeds from them to the Parkland Food bank. Now that these two events have been completed, the Duffield Student Council is happy to announce that they have been able to donate \$250.00 to the Parkland Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these two fundraisers. Without the amazing support from our Duffield families and community this would not have been possible

Duffield Spirit Wear Day: May 7th

To celebrate our awesome school join us on May 7th to show your Duffield pride! You can show your Duffield Spartan support by wearing black and yellow, or any Duffield Spirit wear you have.

Jr. High Games Day : May 20th

On the afternoon of May 20th, the Jr. High students will have an opportunity to play games against their classmates. The afternoon promises to be a great way to kick off the long weekend!

Scavenger Hunt : May 25th-28th

Things are going to get exciting at Duffield School between May 25 & 28th. Our classes will be participating in a school wide scavenger hunt designed to build school spirit. Points will be awarded for items brought in. There will be daily prizes for the class with the most points and then a couple of grand prizes for the top two classes overall!

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, Please remember that pizzas are ordered in advance i.e.: May 14th order would have to be paid no later than May 8th.** Paper copies are also available in the office. PLEASE send funds via e-transfer if possible, as this minimizes contact to: duffield-fundraising@gmail.com

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1F39CvYuAnKRqiiKibZKMuCXwKa_4gtR3FbZTyu0yEJI/viewform?gxids=7628&edit_requested=true



EDUCATION/MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
AT DUFFIELD ?

Dear parents/students:

Next week is Education Week, as well as Mental Health Week across Alberta.

Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the important role that education plays in building our society. This year continues the theme “Learning is a Journey”. When we take the journey of learning together, we create a community that understands each other’s uniqueness, celebrates each other’s strengths, and supports each other as we grow.

From the Canadian Mental Health Association:

Positive mental health isn’t about avoiding problems or trying to achieve a “perfect” life. It’s about living well and having the tools to cope with difficult situations even during life’s challenges. Each person’s path to mental well-being is unique. We all have our own goals, our own challenges, our own talents and our own supports. But positive mental health is within everyone’s reach. Staying mentally healthy is like staying physically fit— it requires effort. But the rewards are worth it! Everyone has to face stresses and demands, but we all need and deserve breaks. Daily physical exercise, for instance, not only makes you stronger and more fit, but it also improves your mood and your sense of well-being.

HOW IS DUFFIELD CELEBRATING?

Monday, May 3rd through Friday, May 7th

- Visual Arts virtual presentation on the PSD70 website
 - Literacy Contest – “Name that Dinosaur”
 - Numeracy Contest - “What is a Word Worth?”
- Creative Writing Contest - “Which Pooh Bear character are you?”

Monday, May 3 – Take the Journey with Books

- Teachers will read a favourite book from when they were in school
 - Class discussions about favourite books

Tuesday, May 4 – Take the Journey with Math

- Play a game of Yahtzee, or another math game in class

Wednesday, May 5 – Take the Journey for Mental Health

- Wear a Hat Day—Donate \$2 to break school rules and wear a hat for Mental Health! Monies raised will go to support SBHANA - Spina Bifida Association
 - “Brain dump” activity

Thursday, May 6 – Take the Journey with an Author

- Classes will be watching Authors read their works

Friday, May 7 – How do you Take the Journey?

- Wear yellow and black for Duffield Spartan Spirit Day!
- Write a thank you note to a someone who helped you learn something new