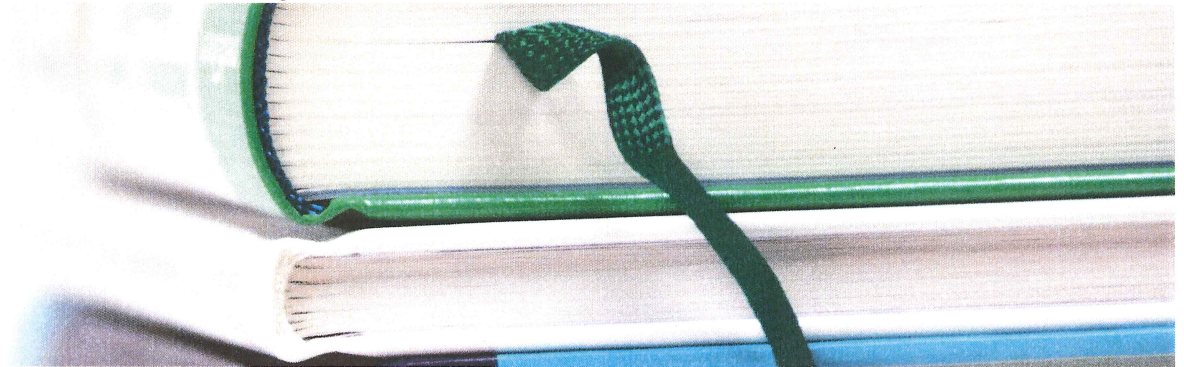


DUFFIELD DIGEST

Monthly Newsletter OCTOBER 2020



Important Dates

Mental Health Curbside concert & Activities - October 6th

Picture Day - October 5th

November 5 - @ home learners

Play Parkland Gr 3-6

October 6

Oct 13th

October 20th

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Hello Duffield Families and welcome back to a school year unlike any other. It is difficult to know what the upcoming months will bring us; however, please know that we have the best interest of our students, families and staff in mind. Thank you for being so patient with us as we continue to navigate our way through our new learning experience.

If your child is feeling sick and you are unsure of what to do, please visit the feeling sick page on our Duffield Homepage News. As well, If your child has a pre-existing condition, please fill out the form and send it into the school office. If it has been recommended that you self-isolate for 10 days or receive a negative COVID test, please know that for your child to come back to school, you must fill out the Negative COVID Declaration form in order for this to happen. Please know that we have been actively working to support our at home learners, as well as our students that may be at home not feeling well. If your child is at home, please know that they are able to easily access their school work by logging into their google classroom. This can be accessed through:

<https://sites.google.com/psd70.ab.ca/duffieldschoolk-9/home>.

We would also like to thank you in advance for keeping your child home when sick and notifying the office if your child is absent. Please call the office anytime at 780-892-2644 and press one to leave a message or email duffield.absence@psd70.ab.ca. When leaving a message, please indicate the reason for the absence, for example, whether your child is away for an appointment or if they are sick, indicate the symptoms that your child is experiencing. Some symptoms will require us to follow up with you and others will not.

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED

Please note, if you are keeping your child home for a number of days, the office must be notified on a daily basis for attendance records and to avoid the automated call out.

As you may know, our first re-entry date back into school is on Monday, October 5th. We are looking forward to seeing the new familiar faces joining us back in school and are ready for them to join our classrooms. The next re-entry date will be on November 16th, following Fall break. As well, please know that you can contact the school at any time for additional information.

Meet Mr. Scott Jasper-Fayer

Hello Duffield families! Your child(ren) may have already mentioned a very tall man roaming the hallways and bus lanes, and I would like to take a chance to introduce myself. My name is Scott Jaspers-Fayer and I am our new assistant principal. Our students will know me as Mr. Jaspers. I cannot express how happy I am to be joining the wonderful team here at Duffield! I come here after spending the last number of years at Memorial Composite High School where I was the science department head. My educational career has also had stops at Spruce Grove Composite High School, an outreach program in High Prairie, and in a remote fly-in community in northern Ontario. My wife and I moved to Alberta 7 years ago from the Toronto area. We have two beautiful daughters, Ellie (3), and Adeline (10 months). My deep passion outside of education and my family is basketball, as I am also a former post-secondary school and professional athlete. I cannot wait to get to know each and every one of our students and families over the 2020-2021 school year! Although this year will be a bit different, it is great to have students in school again. I look forward to seeing everyone's growing mask collection.

Volunteer Coach

Would you like to be a volunteer coach? We are looking for volunteer coaches for volleyball this year after school from 2:30pm-3:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Dianne Jewell at Duffield School 780-892-2644.

Halloween

As we prepare for the upcoming Halloween festivities, we are revisiting what this will look like in our new environment. We are asking that families DO NOT send treats to school to share. Students will be able to wear their costumes on October 31st, and will be dressing up over the lunch hour as it has in past. We encourage you to send your child with a costume that they are able to place over their clothes so that they are able to put them on independently. Unfortunately we cannot allow visitors into school to help with costumes. Students will not be able to use the washrooms to apply makeup as we need to keep the areas accessible for hand washing, as well the number of students allowed in the washroom at one time is limited. As long as the weather is nice, we will try to have an outdoor parade to display our costumes.

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.

Blanket Student Accident Insurance

Our school board is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. (iA Financial Group). Please see Parkland School Division's website for more information and to apply here.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

If you are interested in any Fall Youth Programs, please check out the Duffield School Homepage news for Fall Youth Programs being offered in conjunction with our amazing community partners.



DECLARATION FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL (STUDENT)

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, CANADA

I _____, **ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING:**

Under the direction of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Province of Alberta:

1. Any person with COVID-19 related symptoms must stay home, seek health care advice as appropriate, and fill out the AHS Online Self-Assessment tool to determine if they are legally required to self-isolate for a period of ten days, if they are recommended to get a COVID-19 test or if they are strongly advised to stay home and minimize contact with others until they are feeling better.
2. A ten (10) day self-isolation period is required from the time of the appearance of the following symptoms:
 - Fever
 - Cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough)
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening)
 - Runny nose
 - Sore throat

If you have any of the following symptoms, stay home and minimize your contact with others until your symptoms resolve: (You **DO NOT** need to fill out this form for the following symptoms.)

- Chills
- Painful swallowing
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or joint aches
- Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye

THEREFORE, I DECLARE:

That my child _____, upon showing symptoms for COVID-19, has completed one of the following requirements for permission to return to school:

1. Completed a COVID-19 test through Alberta Health and has received diagnosis of **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19;
OR
2. Completed ten (10) days of self-isolation and is **NOT** exhibiting any further COVID-19 symptoms.

Declared before me at (City or Town) _____,
Alberta on the

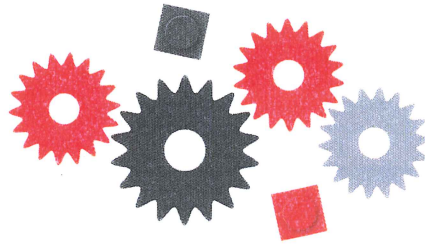
(day) _____ day of (month) _____,

(year) _____.

Principal Name _____

Principal Signature _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE



VIRTUAL BUILDERS CLUB

AGES 8+

SEPTEMBER 29-DECEMBER 1, 2020

TUESDAYS, 4:00-5:00PM

Bring your Lego Bricks, K'Nex, or other building materials and unleash your creativity in this 1 hour virtual builders club. Each week there will be a new challenge along with plenty of time for free play.

In partnership with Stony Plain Public Library.

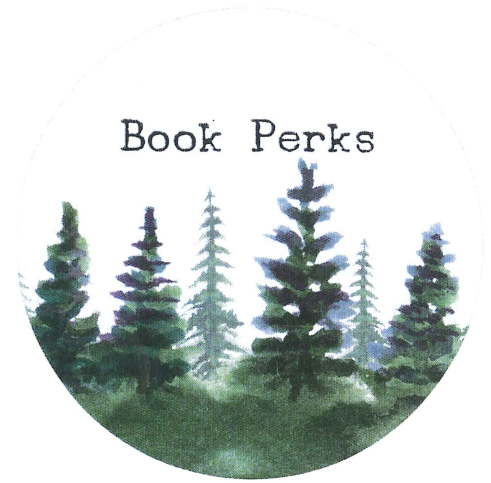
Register online:

<https://pclibraries.ca/programs/tweens/builders-club>

Or call your local library

Walking Book Club

Adults, registration required



Chickakoo Lake Wednesdays 10am

Sept 23, 30

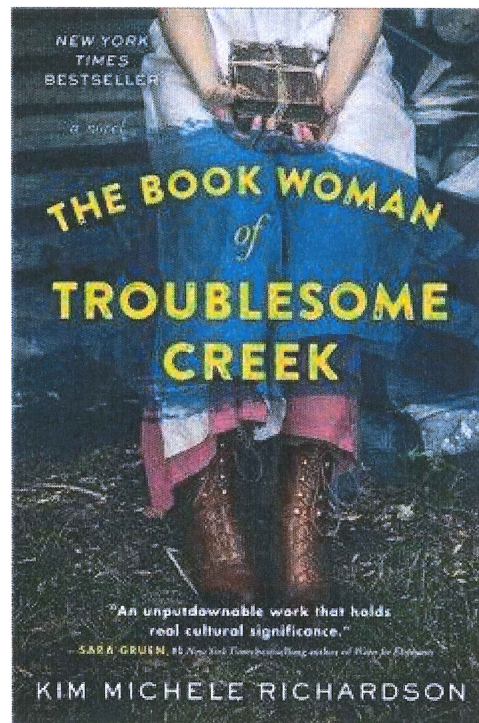
Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Nov 4, 18, 25

Dec 2, 9

*No walk on Nov. 11

This Month:



Hasse Lake Saturdays 10am

Oct 3, 17, 31

Nov 14, 28

Dec 12

Join us for a nature walk as we talk books and log steps. We love books, but reading is optional. Register online: <https://pclibraries.ca/programs/adults/walking-book-club>