

What a wonderful first day of school for our Duffield students! It was great to see all of our students back in the building, sharing stories and excitement about a new school year. I loved hearing all of the wonderful interactions between students and their new teachers!



Important Dates to Remember for Parents

Labour Day: September 6, 2021 NO SCHOOL

Virtual Meet the Teacher Evening: September 9 from 6:00-6:30

School Picture Day: September 27, 2021

Orange Shirt Day: September 30, 2021

SEPTEMBER 2021-Duffield School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	31	1	2	3
6 Labour Day No School	7	8	9 Meet the Teacher Virtual GMeet K-6 or 7-9 6-6:30 Cross Country Run	10
13 COVID Vaccination Clinic	14	15	16 Cross Country Run	17
20	21	22	23 Cross Country Run	24 Terry Fox Run 1:00-2:00
27 School Picture Day	28	29	30 National Day For Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) Cross Country Run	1

PSD COVID PROTOCOLS

Please click on the link below to provide parents with our PSD COVID Re-Entry Protocols:

[PSD's Guidance for School Re-Entry-COVID protocols](#)

Of particular note:

General Building Safety - continued enhanced cleaning and disinfecting, promotion of healthy hygiene practices, and increased circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.

Responding to Illness - Staff or students with COVID-19 symptoms (new or worsening and not related to other known causes), will be required to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, or until they receive a negative COVID-19 test result, as per provincial guidelines. Students or staff who develop symptoms while at school will be sent home and be required to isolate, as per AHS guidelines. Please ensure that you are accessing the daily AHS Screening tool before you send your children to school.

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-alberta-health-daily-checklist>

Masks - Masks are strongly recommended for all students and staff in all common areas and in situations where 2 metres of distance cannot be maintained. As per the Alberta Health Services (AHS) directive, masks will be required for all students (regardless of age or grade) while on a school bus.

Cohorts - Where practical, PSD schools will have students work in a limited number of cohorts.

Close Contacts - As per AHS guidelines, close contacts of a positive case will not be required to isolate for 14-days as per provincial guidelines on self-isolation.

Visitors - As COVID continues to be prevalent in our province, all visitors will be asked to come to the office, wearing a mask. Unfortunately, we are unable to have parent volunteers in our classrooms at this time.

DUFFIELD CODE OF CONDUCT AND CELL PHONE POLICY

[Duffield Code of Conduct](#)

I have attached the Duffield Code of Conduct so that you can make yourself aware of our hopes and expectations for all of our students. Of particular note will be a change in our cell phone policy. I wanted to share with you the cell phone policy that our staff will be reinforcing in that cell phones will remain in lockers or backpacks throughout the school day. We know that cell phones can be incredibly distracting in the learning environment and we want our students to be actively engaged in their learning, without the disruption of text messages and snapchat interactions. While I know that this will be a shift for our students, I believe that this will be a new opportunity to enjoy one another's company during breaks and to focus on social media outside of school hours. We will, of course, give students an opportunity to check phones before they go outside for breaks but if you need to contact your child, please call the office and we will have a message delivered.

We hope that students will adapt easily to this new cell phone policy but if they forget to put cell phones in their lockers, a warning will be given. If a student chooses not to listen to the adults in charge, the cell phone will be brought down to the office and it will be stored in a locked cabinet, our "cell phone hotel" until the end of the day. Your support in reinforcing limited cell phone use will be greatly appreciated!

Happening in our School in September

VIRTUAL MEET THE TEACHER

Unfortunately, we are unable to have visitors in our school at this time because of the PSD COVID restrictions. Our teachers really want to share some of the exciting things that are/will be happening in classrooms this year, as well as important information for families about classroom expectations. We will be having a virtual event from 6:00-6:30 on Thursday, September 9. Our teachers will be sharing Google Meet links with all families so that you can "join" teachers. This wouldn't be a time to talk about specifics for your own child but if you have concerns/questions, please reach out to your child's teacher to set up a meeting to discuss.

COVID VACCINATION CLINIC-September 13, 2021

Duffield School has been chosen as a COVID Vaccination Clinic location for students who would like to be vaccinated. We will be sending letters and consent forms home to parents who have children over the age of 12. If you are interested in having your child vaccinated, the consent can be returned and I will forward the

information to the AHS health nurses. If you have any questions about this vaccination clinic, please feel free to reach out. Please know that this vaccination is a completely voluntary service.

SCHOOL COUNCIL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

I am very much looking forward to participating in our monthly School Council and Fundraising Committee meetings as we forge a strong and positive partnership between home and school. Our monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays from 6:00-6:30 (School Council) and 6:30-7:00 (Fundraising). The first meeting date will be **Tuesday, September 21 and the meeting will be held virtually**. A Google Meet link will be sent home to all families next week. This year will be one that includes new faces and new ideas. Please consider joining the Parent Council and/or the Fundraising Committee to help support our Duffield students.

Items of Note

- Absences- Our office staff would really appreciate a phone call if your child will be absent or late for school so that we do not have to call you once attendance is completed. We appreciate you taking the time to inform us of absences so that we can ensure each child is at school or at home and we know they are safe.
- You can expect to receive the Duffield Digest Newsletter at the beginning of each month and you will find the newsletter on our school website, as well as through PowerSchool Messenger and on our Duffield School Facebook page. I will also share a mid-month update called The Duffield Drop to be sure that you are keeping up-to-date with all of the happenings at Duffield School.
- Duffield students will be invited to participate in Parkland School Division's Cross Country Running Meets every Thursday between September 9 and October 14. More information about this extra-curricular activity for students will be arriving home in the next couple of days.

Terry Fox Run: Friday, September 24 from 1:00-2:00



We are looking forward to honouring the legacy of Terry Fox by having our school population participating in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 24. We will be collecting toonies to support Terry Fox but there will also be an online payment opportunity for parents to support the Terry Fox Foundation. We will be looking for volunteers to monitor and supervise the students as they walk/run through the community. Please contact Mrs. Fleming if you are able to supervise our Terry Fox participants outside on September 24, from 1:00-2:00.

Thank you in advance for your support with this cause!

SUPERVISION

Just a reminder to families that our morning supervision begins at 7:40, just buses are arriving. Please do not send students earlier than this time so that we can be sure everyone is safely supervised.

DUFFIELD BELL SCHEDULE 2021-2022

7:40-7:50	Student and Bus Arrival
7:50-8:00	First Bell; Announcements; Attendance
8:00-8:30	Block 1
8:30-9:00	Block 2
9:00-9:30	Block 3
9:30-10:00	Block 4
10:00-10:15	RECESS
10:15-10:45	Block 5
10:45-11:15	Block 6
11:15-11:45	LUNCH RECESS
11:45-12:15	LUNCH
12:15-12:30	Duffield Reads
12:30-1:00	Block 7
1:00-1:30	Block 8
1:30-2:00	Block 9
2:00-2:30	Block 10
2:30-2:35	Class Dismissal and Bus Departures

2021-22 Duffield Fee Schedule

Parkland School Division has approved the school fees for the 2021-22 school year. They are as follows and are due on September 30, 2021:

Grade	Fieldtrip Fee	Cultural Fee	Play Parkland	Total
Kindergarten	\$45.00	\$25.00		\$70.00
Grade 1	\$60.00	\$25.00		\$85.00
Grade 2	\$60.00	\$25.00		\$85.00
Grade 3	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$130.00
Grade 4	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$130.00
Grade 5	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$130.00
Grade 6	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$130.00
Grade 7	\$60.00	\$25.00		\$85.00
Grade 8	\$60.00	\$25.00		\$85.00
Grade 9	\$60.00	\$25.00		\$85.00

Optional School Fees

CTF/Options	\$20 per term
Recorders	\$10
Vancouver Sun Run	\$450
Journal Games	\$25
Drama Club	\$50
Ski Club	\$200
Marmot Basin Ski Trip	\$90 - \$160/per student
Cross-Country Running Club	\$40
Sports Teams-Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Badminton, Track	Prices range from \$30-\$150/player
Choir Trips and T-Shirts	\$80

I believe that the most positive school environments come from strong partnerships between home and school. Please feel free to reach out at any time with concerns, questions, or suggestions so that I can learn what is most important to you in the education of your child.

Sincerely,
Cherie Lovsund



