



DUFFIELD DIGEST

February 2022

Hello families:

Welcome to February! I am hoping that this month brings some sunny warm weather as we move closer to spring. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and patience as we make our way through this latest Omicron variant. This month at Duffield will be filled with kindness and celebrating good friends and we have lots of fantastic events planned to encourage positive memories at school!

Registration for 2022-2023	Our registration process will open on February 14 and we encourage everyone to register your child for the upcoming school year. This really helps us in the planning and configuration of classes. Thank you in advance!!
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COVID Protocols	❖ Sickness and Symptoms - Please continue to monitor symptoms daily before sending your children to school. We are so incredibly grateful to parents who have been so diligent about checking for symptoms and then for communicating to the office staff about the reasons for the absence.
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Play Parkland	As we were told by the Alberta government to avoid any cross-cohorts on buses for school field trips, we paused our Play Parkland activities for Grade 3-6 for the month of January. As the restrictions are still in place, I have arranged for an additional bus to bring students to Play Parkland so that our students will still be able to enjoy the activities at the Tri-Leisure. The schedule will be the same as what was sent home with families in December. Teachers will also be communicating which activities students will be participating in for the month of February.
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School Spirit Days	<p>A huge thank you to our Student Leadership Team, along with Ms. Nesbitt, for organizing School Spirit Days at Duffield!!</p> <p>February 8th: Wacky Hair day</p> <p>February 14th: Candy Grams- K-6, Crush for a Crush 7-9</p> <p>Students will receive a form to take home. Similar to last year, students/parents will be able to order a candy gram or a crush for their student (students classmates/siblings/friends). Order forms will not be accepted past February 9th.</p> <p>February 17th: Western Day</p> <p>February 28th: Twin Day: Find a friend and dress the same!</p> <p>March 11th: Superhero/Villain Day : Dress as your favourite superhero/villain</p> <p>March 16th: Denim Day: Wear denim head to toe!</p> <p>March 31st: Beach Day: Bust out your floaties, beach towels, and sandals (for inside only)</p>
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Alberta Winter Walk	On Friday, February 4, our students will participate in Alberta Winter Walk day, as long as the weather cooperates. We will walk the same route as we did for the Terry Fox run and all students will be walking with their teachers.
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February 2022 Duffield Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4 Alberta Winter Walk Day
7	8 Wacky Hair Day	9	10 11 TEACHERS' CONVENTION	
14 Valentine's Day Candy Grams and Crush for a Crush (Gr. 7-9)	15	16 ECS Open House Virtual 6-7 pm	17 Western Day	18 PD Day
21 Family Day	22	23 Pink Shirt Day	24	25
28 Twin Day	1	2	3	4

Grade 9 End-of-Year Celebration	<p>We are starting to plan some special events for our Grade 9 students to see them off to the high school. The Grade 9 students would like to fundraise for a special field trip and have started to collect bottles at two different bottle depot locations. If you have bottles to donate, please think of Duffield School and bring them to the Stony plain Bottle Depot and Wabamun Bottle Depot (All seasons Bottle Depot). The parents have opened an account at each place and both accounts are under-Duffield School- Grade 9!</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your support with this very special fundraiser.</p>
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Pink Shirt Day	<p>On February 23, we encourage all of our students to wear a pink shirt or something pink to honour the importance of kindness. "In a world where we can be anything, be kind."</p>
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Lost and Found	<p>We encourage students to regularly check our lost and found for missing items but we still have a large number of items collecting weekly. In an attempt to try to get clothing back to students, I will be adding photos to our school Facebook page every week so that parents can take a look for missing items.</p>
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School Fundraising-DPAC	<p>PIZZA DAY: A huge thank you to our fundraising parent team who organize our weekly Friday Pizza Day! Students could be heard all over the school echoing their excitement about pizzas last Friday!!!</p> <p>CLASSROOM LIBRARIES: We are so very excited to have created classroom libraries for each and every class in the school with funds donated from our DPAC. Reading for enjoyment, during our daily Duffield Reads, will be all the more exciting with such a new variety of great books! I will take pictures once the books have been shared with classrooms!</p>
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Kindergarten Open House and Nature Kindergarten	<p>We will be having our virtual Kindergarten Open House on February 16 from 6-7 pm. We look forward to meeting all of the new parents who will be joining our Duffield community in September. I will send reminders and the link to the GMeet through Messenger and also on our Duffield School Facebook page. There is also a fantastic program called Nature Kindergarten that runs out of Muir Lake. If you are interested in learning more about Nature K, which students attend on the days they are not in attendance at Duffield, please go to our Parkland School Division website to learn more!!</p>
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Duffield School Council
and Fundraising Meeting
February 15, 2022
6:00-7:00

We look forward to having many parents attend our monthly School Council and Fundraising Meeting on February 15. I will send the link out to families the day before our meeting!

Sincerely,
Cherie Lovsund

