

DUFFIELD DROP

June 20, 2022



We are ending our school year with so many fun activities for our students. I wanted to highlight for parents and families all of the dates and times for these exciting events! There is such a buzz in the air as students enjoy field trips, finish big assignments and projects, and begin to think about a summer of fun and relaxation!

It has been a year filled with so much positive amid the challenges of COVID and I want to thank you for everything you have done for

your children this year. I hope you know that it is the amazing families and children in this community that have made this year such a special one for me. I am already looking forward to a new school year in September with the wonderful children you share with us every day!! I would also like to take a moment to thank our staff at Duffield for working through the difficulties of COVID, always making sure that children came first. The commitment to learning and compassion for children make our staff incredibly special!

PIZZA DAY

I want to apologize to those families who mistakenly thought that last Friday, June 17 was a regular Pizza Day. We did not schedule a Pizza Day for June 17 because of the PATs being written but we did have a number of students without lunches. We were able to share sub sandwiches with all students who did not bring a lunch on Friday and we wanted to let families know that **Friday, June 24 will be a PIZZA LUNCH Day.**

School Awards Assembly

We will be hosting our Duffield grade 7-9 school awards assembly on Tuesday, June 28 at 10:30. We look forward to honouring the hard work of our grade 7-9 students with the Principal's Award for excellent academic achievement, the Citizenship Award, and the Athletic Achievement Awards.

Grade 9 Farewell

We are very excited to welcome our Grade 9 families to Duffield School on June 28 from 7:00-8:30 pm for a special evening to celebrate our Grade 9 class with a special ceremony and slideshow presentation. This celebration will cap an exciting school day that will include a lunch provided for the Grade 9s by the school and an afternoon dance for Grades 7 to 9. Children will then return home at the end of the school day to have time to prepare for the

evening's ceremony. Please ensure your child and his/her guests arrive 15 to 20 minutes early to ensure everyone has time to be seated (approximately 6:40-6:45). Each student in the class may invite up to **six family members**.

Kindergarten Celebration

It is a very exciting transition when our kindergarten students move from the 1/2 time enrollment of kindergarten to the full days of grade one learning and we would like to celebrate their accomplishments by inviting families to a kindergarten celebration on Friday, June 24 at 1:00. This will be a celebration for both classes so even if it is not your "Friday" please bring your kindergarten student to the school to be part of the celebration.

Wihnemne POW WOW

We feel very privileged to be invited to the Paul First Nation, Wihnemne School Pow Wow on **Wednesday, June 22**. A note was sent home to all families about the event and please send the form back if you do not wish for your child to attend the Pow Wow. We will be traveling by bus to the Pow Wow grounds and students will be watching some drumming presentations, as well as some beautiful dancing. We will all eat our lunches at the Pow Wow grounds so please pack a bagged lunch for your child, as well as appropriate footwear and clothing for the possibility of rain! We will be away from the school from 11:00-1:00!

Fun Day

On the last day of school, we will be hosting a K-5 and grade 6-9 FUN DAY for our students to culminate an amazing year of learning together. Students will be on multi-age teams and will move through stations with their teams. We welcome all families to come to our back field to watch the fun!! We will begin with our K-5 fun day at 8:30 and then the grade 6-9s will begin at 10:30. **We would like to invite all students to enjoy a hot dog lunch during the Fun Day. Students will have hot dogs, juice and freezies, sponsored by our DPAC. If you think your child will not want hot dogs or if they may require more/different lunch items, please send in addition to the free lunch! A huge thank you to our DPAC for sponsoring this lunch for our school!!!!**

PATS

Our grade 6 and grade 9 students have worked incredibly hard to prepare for our Provincial Achievement Tests. We are very proud of their commitment and would like to thank families for helping to support these exams by ensuring students come well-fed and well-rested to write the best exams they can! Our PATS will be finished on Friday, June 24 for the grade 9 students and our grade 6 students finished last Friday.

School Spirit Days

June 23rd: Jumbo Freeze Day. Students will enjoy a tasty, cold treat thanks to our student leadership team!
June 29th: Red and White Day. Let's Celebrate this AMAZING country we call home by wearing our red and white for Canada Day.

Field Trips

We have had students participate in some fantastic field trips this month. Thank you to the teachers for organizing the trips and to parents for completing the many consent forms necessary to allow our students to attend offsite events!! We have the grade 6 students attending Camp Nakumen on June 28 and the grade 9 students will have their year-end field trip on June 27 at the West Edmonton Mall and the Wagner Nature Park!!

Registration	We are busy creating class lists for our upcoming school year. We do have a number of students who have not yet been registered and I encourage you to take some time this week to finalize the registration process so that we can ensure we have your child's name on a class list for the first day of school. If you need support, Ms. Shave is so helpful in the office and she can walk you through any difficulties you may be having! Thank you!!
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MyPath	We are very excited about the number of interested participants for the MyPath program that will be starting out of Duffield School in September 2022. As many of you are aware, we will be piloting a program of choice at Duffield School and we will be partnered with students from Wabamun School. Students will still be part of a homeroom classroom at Duffield but will spend two afternoons a week (Tuesday and Thursday) being part of a varied program that involves activities outside of school including cooking, outdoor education, farming, sports activities, archery, visual arts, and many other exciting activities. The cost is about \$100 per month and the commitment would be for the school year. If you have any further questions, please refer to our school website or give me a call at the school at 780-892-2644.
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Renovations	We are looking forward to the second part of our school renovation project, starting on June 30! Our facilities team will be working very hard throughout the summer, renovating the whole front of our school including the main entrance, the office spaces, the staff lunch room, the public library, and the counsellor's office. While we anticipate the renovation to be complete before the students return from summer vacation, we wanted to let families know that if the renovations are delayed, we will be setting up a temporary office and school entrance at our south front doors (kindergarten/grade 9 doors). Our office is open to the public on August 22 and we look forward to greeting all our families, whether we are in our typical office or in our temporary space.
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Good Byes	As much as we encourage our students to always strive to do what they are passionate about, we also encourage the same for our staff. We are incredibly excited to let families know that Ms. Fleming, our beloved grade 3 teacher, has accepted a position as a full time music teacher at Prescott Learning Centre for next year. We wish her all the very best in her next adventure and know that the students at Prescott are incredibly lucky to have her talent and musical experience at their fingertips. Congratulations, Ms. Fleming!! We also want to thank Ms. Spencer and Ms. Hughes for their commitment to student learning and wish them all the best as they move to their next teaching assignments.
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Lost and Found	We have three tables filled with items from our Lost and Found and we will have students walk through to take a good look for items they may have lost. If you know of an item your child may have lost, please feel free to come to the school to check the tables!!!
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Sincerely,

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