



Hello Families,

Welcome back to a brand new school year. The students were so excited to be back in school and our staff was equally thrilled to welcome our students back! I hope that summer provided you with an opportunity to spend time with those you care about and have a bit of fun in the sun! I cannot express how happy I am to start a “normal” school year with our families and I look forward to chatting with all of you throughout the year.

Meet the
Staff Evening

A huge thank you to Colleen Hardy and Michelle Squance-Slade for scooping many ice cream cones for us on Thursday evening at our “Get the Scoop” evening. We really couldn’t have had such a successful evening without their help and without the incredibly hard work of our teachers, preparing for the evening. We loved seeing everyone and inviting you into classrooms and the school.

Cross
Country
Racing

The cross country running season is fast approaching and we are very excited to be hosting the first race of the season for PSD. Duffield School will be organizing and hosting the race at Grouse Nest Golf Course on September 15. Please look for Cross Country information and permission slips coming home with students interested in participating in the 6 upcoming races.

A huge thank you to the Madsen family for allowing us to host the race at their golf course and also to Mrs. Leavell and Mr. Mireault for organizing for our students!!

September 2022 Duffield Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Get the Scoop Meet the Teacher Night	2
5 Labour Day Holiday	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15 Cross Country Race @ Grouse Nest	16
19	20 School Council Meeting 6-7	21	22	23
26	27	28	29 School Fees Due	30 Non-Operational Day

<p>What's Happening at Duffield?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CTF Courses begin next week. Students in Grade 7-9 will choose from a variety of different courses to highlight possible career paths. Fees will be added to PowerSchool accounts for those courses that require payment. <input type="checkbox"/> We will have our first fire drill practice on Friday, September 9 right before recess. <input type="checkbox"/> Students and staff are enjoying daily "Duffield Reads," a time to relax and read books that we love. <input type="checkbox"/> We are starting literacy and numeracy intervention this week to ensure we give our students tools to be successful in reading, writing, and math! <input type="checkbox"/> We will be having a weekly guessing game for math that is called "Esti-Mysteries" in which students try to estimate the correct number of objects in a jar. <input type="checkbox"/> We are excited to be starting a school-wide monthly literacy focus that will also be shared with families. We hope that you will love hearing from your children about strategies to support the literacy focus. September's focus will be on MAKING CONNECTIONS. Students who read well will be able to make connections to the story they are reading, to other stories they have read, and also to the world around them. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Laurin is our Grade 3/4 teacher but she will also serve as our Indigenous Lead Teacher. She is available to support students, families and staff to build indigenous ways of knowing.
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School Council Meeting

Our first School Council/DPAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20 from 6-7 pm. We would love to have a large group of parents come out to support our school and share your ideas about how to make Duffield even better. The meeting will be a hybrid model that will allow us to meet in person or online. I will share the online link the day before the meeting.

Sincerely,

Cherie Lovsund

