

DUFFIELD DIGEST

October 2022

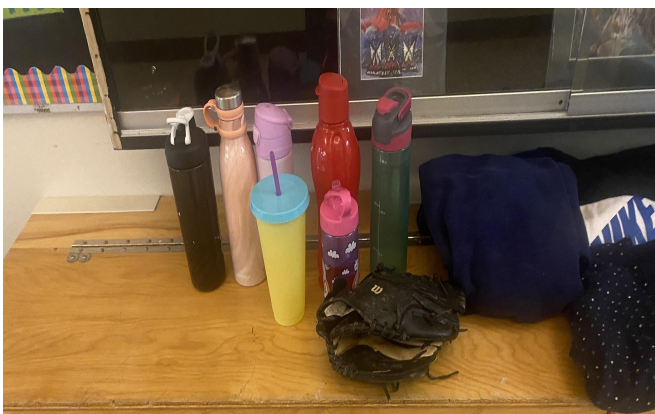


Hello Families,

What an amazing September we have had at Duffield School. We have had exciting events with our athletic teams, as well as many new learning opportunities for our students. The teachers have done an amazing job gathering data about your children as learners to help guide their instruction for the year. We are looking forward to sharing this data with parents during our first set of Parent-Teacher Interviews on both October 19 and October 20.

Our focus for the month of September has been to build strong relationships, to encourage engaging learning in classrooms, and to recognize and honour truth and reconciliation.

LOST AND FOUND!!!



Truth and Reconciliation Week

Our students learned about indigenous ways of knowing through storytelling and children's literature this month. We encouraged students and staff to wear orange shirts on Thursday, September 29 and we were incredibly lucky to have one of our parents share a Grass Dance with our school community as a way of culminating a week of learning about indigenous culture and history.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our Parent-Teacher Interviews will happen on October 19 and October 20. Please look for an email in Messenger next week that will direct you to the process for setting up an interview with your child/ren's teacher(s). This set of interviews will be hybrid with teachers conducting in person interviews on Wednesday, October 19 and virtual interviews on Thursday, October 20. Please look forward to the interview schedule opening next week and then choose which format works best for you.

October 2022 Duffield Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5 World Teacher Day	6 Twin Day	7 Non-Instructional Day	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Holiday	11	12 Photo Day	13	14	15
16	17 Tacky Tourist Day Book Fair all week in the library	18	19 Parent-Teacher Interviews	20 Parent-Teacher Interviews	21	22
23	24 Pumpkin Carving Contest	25	26 Workout Wednesday in the gym at lunch School Council Meeting 6-7	27	28	29
30	31 Hallowe'en					

Picture Day

Photos will be taken on October 12 and your child should have already brought home some information regarding the process for picture day. If you have not received this information, please call the office and we will send another copy home. Of course, this day will not accommodate our Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten students so please note that November 8 will be the photo day for the T/Th Kinders, as well as picture retake day!

What's Happening at Duffield?

- Scholastic Book Fair - The week of October 17- October 21
- Students continue to love "Esti-Mysteries" in which they try to estimate the correct number of objects in a jar. We have had marbles, dinosaurs, granola bars, and golf balls in the jar and the estimates are becoming closer every week.
- Our monthly literacy focus for the month of October is Visualization. Students become better readers when they are able to visualize the words they are reading on the page. Visualization is like having a movie

running in one's mind while reading. When reading at home with your child, have them close their eyes while you read a passage from the story and then ask them to describe what they saw. One of the very best books for practicing visualization is Harry Potter!!! Visualization is also really important when children are learning about characters and the setting of a story. Creating really vivid images in one's mind while reading also helps children become better readers because they can describe actions, setting, plot and characters in more detail.

School Council Meeting

Our first School Council/DPAC meeting was a great success, with many new parents attending!! We recognize that parents are incredibly busy and it was proposed at the last meeting that we alternate between Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday meeting nights. Please note that the next meeting will be on October 26, 2022, a Wednesday evening from 6-7. We will continue to have a hybrid model for the meeting with options to attend in person or online, through GMeet.

Sincerely,

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