

## Duffield Digest October 2, 2023



### Welcome to October at Duffield School!

There are so many exciting things happening in every classroom at Duffield School and I am happy to share some of these learning moments with you this month! With a PD Day on Friday and Thanksgiving Day on Monday, I wish you all a long weekend filled with relaxation, good food and time together!

I would like to extend a huge congratulations to our 2023-2024 School Council Executive and our DPAC Executive:

Shelby Smigelski - President School Council

Andrea Barkhouse - Vice-President School Council

Ms. Shave - Secretary School Council

DPAC President - Shelby Smigelski

DPAC Vice-President - Melissa Smith

DPAC Treasurer - Bailey Fredette

### Thank you!

We would like to thank all our families for the positive support during our lockdown at the school on Thursday, September 28. We were grateful for the quick response from the RCMP and we were also so happy to know that no students were in harm's way. The RCMP dealt with the verbal threat and determined there were no weapons in the vicinity. Our staff and students were amazing under pressure and I was so proud of everyone involved.

### Drop Off and Pick Up at Duffield School

We have a lot of students being dropped off and picked up in different areas of the school this year and we want to ensure student safety. It is important to remember that the parking lot at the side of the school (beside the bus transfer lanes) is not a safe place to drop students off. The buses are not expecting to see students walking through this area and we need parents to instead drop students off at the front of the

school. We also have a number of students being dropped off on the road in front of the school. We are working with Parkland County to have another crosswalk built on the south side of Duffield Road but until that happens, it is safer to have students driven into the parking lot or dropped off beyond the road that is used by our buses.



Excellent engagement in math in our Grade 1/2 classroom.



School Council/Fundraising meeting will be on Thursday, October 26 from 6-7, in the school or online.

Our Parent-Teacher Interviews will be on October 25 and October 26 from 3:30-6:30! Information will be sent out after Thanksgiving.



Frog Dissection in Grade 8



Our first Colour Group assembly!!



Thank you to all our families for supporting the Terry Fox Foundation again this year. We raised \$541 for Terry Fox and we are grateful to everyone who contributed to this total. Our total was almost \$200 more than last year. Thank you!



Kindergarten students learning their names and also practicing their fine motor skills!

## October 2023

### What is happening at Duffield School?

| Monday                         | Tuesday          | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                   |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---|---|--------------------------|
| 2                              | 3                | 4   | 5<br>World Teacher Day - Thank a Teacher for all they do!                   | 6<br>PD Day<br>No School |
| 9<br>Thanksgiving<br>No School | 10               | 11  | 12  | 13                       |
| 16                             | 17               | 18  | 19  | 20                       |
| 23                             | 24               | 25<br>HOT DOG DAY<br>Parent Teacher Interviews<br>3:30-6:30 | 26<br>Parent Teacher Interviews<br>3:30-6:30<br>*School Council Meeting 6-7 | 27                       |
| 30                             | 31<br>Hallowe'en |   |   |                          |

October Stronger Together Family Newsletter  
<https://www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/stronger-together-newsletter>

*Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and I wish everyone a wonderful October! Please feel comfortable calling or emailing with any questions or suggestions you may have!*

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