

## Duffield Drop October 16, 2023



### October News at Duffield!

We have all been enjoying the beautiful fall weather and outdoor activities at Duffield. There are so many amazing learning activities happening in classrooms and the students and staff are excitedly anticipating Hallowe'en fun on Tuesday, October 31. We are also looking forward to seeing parents during our Parent-Teacher Interviews on October 25 and October 26. There are details shared below!

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### Parent-Teacher Interviews

We are looking forward to sharing evidence of your child's learning at our first set of Parent-Teacher Interviews on October 25-October 26. The interview time slots will be live on October 18 and you will notice that there are opportunities for in-person interviews and also some spaces at the end of October 26 that are available for families who would like a virtual interview. Interviews will be happening from 3:30-6:30 and Kindergarten-Grade 7 will be 15-minute time slots while Grade 8 and Grade 9 will be 10 minutes so that you can interview with both Mrs. Shukalek and Ms. Stumbur. If you are needing support with signing up for interviews, please feel free to call the office!

### School Council Meeting

Our next school council meeting will be happening during the Parent-Teacher Interviews, with the hopes that this may be an easy way to take part in our meeting and also meet with teachers! We will be meeting in the science lab at 6:00 on Thursday, October 26!

We will be discussing new guidelines for report cards that most importantly document students learning on January 30 and June 28, 2024. In Parkland School Division, we are moving from three formal report cards each year to two, knowing that the

teachers are always inputting formative assessments into gradebook. If you want to learn more about your child's learning, looking through Gradebook on PowerSchool is a great place to visit!

Our school division understands that there are many reasons for school absences but we also want to be sure that we are taking note of absences and how they affect learning in classrooms. We are encouraging positive attendance patterns and also acknowledging the importance of arriving at school on time because of the great things that happen first thing in the morning at Duffield. Thank you, parents!



## PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

In PSD, we help support families who need help getting their child(ren) to school. We know there are many factors that affect attendance:

- Parents' work schedule
- Transportation
- Family events
- Appointments

Often families don't realize how much school their child is missing and the impact that has on everyone. They are more behind than you think.

**1 DAY MISSED = 2 DAYS BEHIND**



### **19 or more days**

Missing just **TWO** days every month can add up to **19** days in a school year. This is the equivalent of missing an **ENTIRE MONTH** of instructional days.



### **10 to 18 days**

Students who are absent an average of 15 days per year miss **1 YEAR'S WORTH** of school by their graduating year.



### **9 or fewer absences**

Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.

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## What is happening at Duffield School?

- October 25-26 Parent-Teacher Interviews
- November hot lunch forms home on Thursday, October 19
- October 31 - Hallowe'en celebrations in classrooms and a Hallowe'en parade at 1:00 throughout the school.
- Fall Break November 11-19

