

## Duffield Drop November 7, 2023



### November News at Duffield!

I wanted to take the time to wish everyone a happy and relaxing Fall Break! We will look forward to seeing families and students back on Monday, November 20!

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to meet with teachers during our Parent-Teacher Interviews last week. The teachers really appreciate the time with families to talk about your child's learning and experiences in the classroom. If you have not yet connected with your child's teacher, please consider booking a meeting time. As a reminder, it is also really important to continue to monitor PowerSchool so that you can have a timely summary of how and what your child is doing in school! Our first report card will be issued on January 30, 2024.

### School Council Meeting

Our next school council meeting will be happening on November 23 at 6:00 in the Science Lab or virtually. I will send the link and the Principal's Message home on November 23 in the morning. We look forward to another great turn out for the next meeting!!

We are very excited to be offering Duffield school clothing for our families. The online catalogue will be shared very soon and will make great Christmas gifts!!



## 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.

We would like to invite families to our Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday at 10:30. We will also acknowledge Indigenous Veterans Day with a gathering in our gym on Wednesday, November 8 and we invite all families to join us for this ceremony as well!!

Please find attached the November Stronger Families Newsletter and Metis Week Celebrations:

[November Stronger Together Newsletter.pdf](#)

[Métis week celebration-FINAL.pdf](#)

Our Parkland School Division Annual Stakeholder Engagement Evening is happening on November 22 at Westview School. If you are interested in participating in an evening of discussion about schools and learning, please give me a call and I will add your name to the invite list.

## November 2023

### What is happening at Duffield School?

- Fall Break November 11-19
- Hot Lunch Forms for December due on November 24
- Hot Dog Day November 29
- Picture Retake Day (& Kindergarten Tuesday/Thursday)- November 9