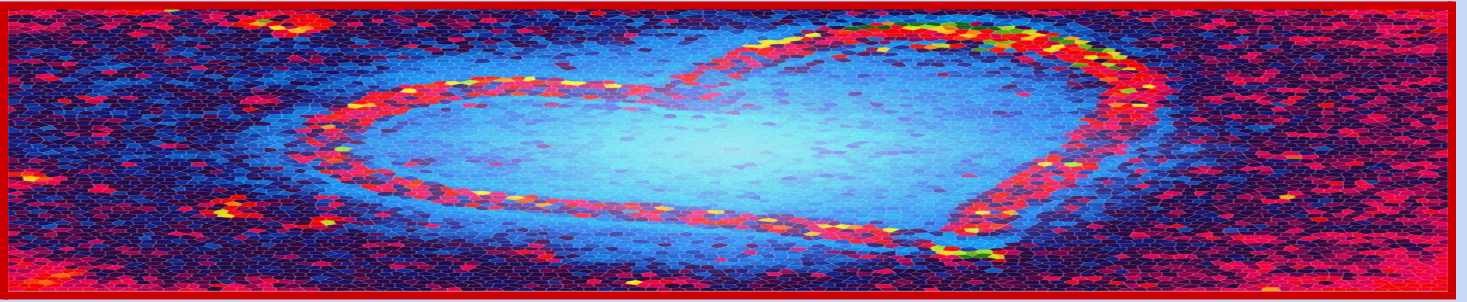


Duffield Digest February 1, 2024



Welcome to February at Duffield School!

We have so many exciting things happening this month, with a focus on kindness every day but especially in the month of February! I can't believe that we are already thinking about the 2024-2025 school year, with next year's registration opening February 12, the Grade 9 transition to high school Open House on February 13, and we welcome our new Kindergarten students to their Open House on Thursday, February 15!! We have had an amazing month with our Artist in Residence, Angela Hall. Students from Kindergarten-Grade 9 have spent time learning about and creating beautiful art that will remain on our walls as a permanent art installation.



Parkland School Division's annual online registration/verification process opens Monday, February 12, 2024. **All Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 registrations for both new and returning students will be conducted online for the 2024-2025 school year.**

Returning Parkland School Division Students

Returning PSD students will receive an email reminder to log into their PowerSchool Account and look for the RSVP button in the side navigation to launch the registration process.

New to PSD or Evergreen and Private School Students
Registering for Busing

Register online using the 2024-2025 New Online Registration Form if your student is not currently enrolled in a Parkland School Division

school, or is registering for busing as an Evergreen Catholic or area private school student who will be using PSD's Regional Transportation system for the first time. Access the RSVP form at

<https://register.psd.ca>.

During the registration process, it will be important to select the *2024-2025 School Year* to register for NEXT year. The option to register for 2023-2024 will remain for incoming students who wish to register for the balance of this current school year.

Registration Closes - March 22

All parents are required to complete the registration process by **4:30pm on Friday, March 22, 2024**. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating.

Important Registration Dates

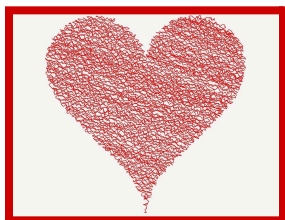
- **Monday, February 12, 2024** - Registration opens. The New Student Registration Form for Evergreen Catholic, area private school students and new to PSD students will be added as a Quick Link on the homepage of psd.ca. Families of returning PSD students (i.e. students currently enrolled in a PSD school) complete the registration process starting in [PowerSchool](#).
- **Friday, March 22, 2024 at 4:30pm** - Registration deadline. For further information, visit our [Registration](#) page.
- **Thursday, June 20, 2024** - Bus pass deadline to make payment arrangements or pay-in-full.
- **Early July 2024** - Bus passes and route numbers will be mailed to parents starting at the beginning of July.

Please note: The 2022-2023 New Student Registration form is still open and accepting registrations for the current school year. **The 2023-2024 form cannot be used to register for 2024-2025.** When registering, please make sure to select the correct school year in the drop down menu for the field 'Select School Year'.

Complete information on the registration process can be found on our [Registration](#) page. More information regarding the 2024-2025 registration process will be added as it becomes available.

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Duffield School
Hot Dog Day February 29, 2024



February is Kindness month at Duffield School. Our student leadership team will be promoting kindness throughout the month. We will have **Red Day** on Valentine's Day and we will also celebrate **International Pink Shirt Day** on February 28.



Our next School Council/ Fundraising meeting will be on **February 21 from 6 - 7:30**, in the school or online. We are very excited to welcome Bryn Spence, our Division Principal with Student Supports to our meeting. He will be talking about Social Media and its impact on our children.

Grade 9 Transitions to Memorial Composite High School:

To support Grade 9 students and their families in the transition to high school, Memorial Composite High School is preparing to host their annual open house events as follows:

First-Time Parent Information Night (for parents/guardians only)

Date: Monday, February 5

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Memorial Composite High School - Large Gym (50 Westerra Centre, Stony Plain)

Grade 9 Open House

Date: Tuesday, February 13

Time: 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Location: Memorial Composite High School - Large Gym (50 Westerra Centre, Stony Plain)

Please visit the [MCHS website news post](#) for more detailed information.

Purdy's Fundraiser for Grade 9 Farewell

We will be doing a fundraiser to support our grade 9 students for their end-of-year celebration. The fundraiser will coincide with Easter and the campaign will run until March 4 so that orders can be delivered to the school prior to spring break. Please click on the link below to order delicious Purdy's Chocolates and support our school community of grade 9s. Thank you in advance!

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1514529-114969>



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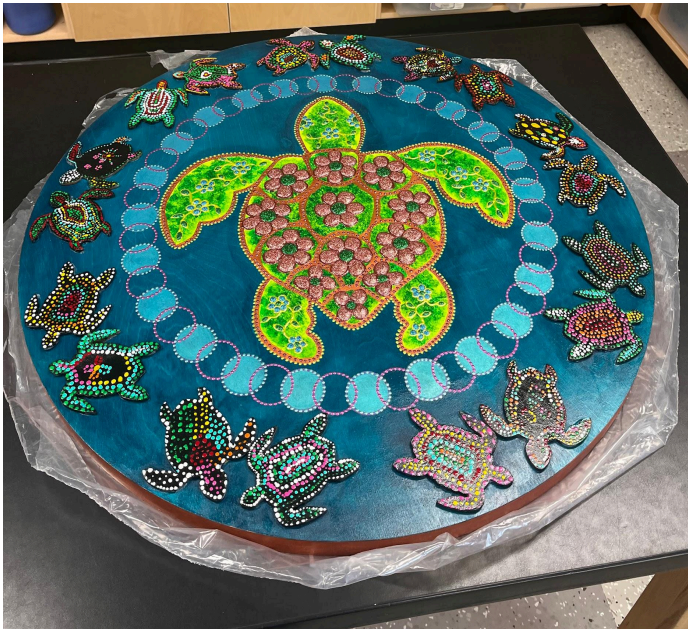
Duffield's Kindergarten Open House will be held on Thursday, February 15 from 6-7 pm in our Kindergarten Classroom. Please share with families who do not yet have children in our school.

Marmot Ski Trip to Jasper - March 18, 2024. This is open to Grade 7-9 but we are planning to open it to Grade 6 students if there are spaces on Friday. If your child is interested in attending, please have them pick up forms from the office!!

January Highlights at Duffield School:

- We have hired two new teachers to support Literacy and Numeracy with our middle years' students. Please help us welcome Mrs. Evans and Ms. Burnie to Duffield School. We have also hired two additional EAs to support in classrooms. Please welcome Mrs. Poole and Ms. Zenner to our school. We have also enticed Mrs. Leavell to leave retirement and she will be with us until Easter, supporting Kindergarten-Grade 3 students with their literacy and numeracy!!
- We would like to acknowledge the wonderful help of our Duffield volunteers. We had a very successful Casino Fundraiser and it would not have been possible without the support of our parent community and two very dedicated EAs!!
- In addition to the Casino fundraiser, we also have many parent volunteers in our school every day, helping with Hot Lunch and volunteering in classrooms. We are actively looking for volunteers to support with Reading in every classroom. This would be an opportunity to really make a difference and to help both teachers and students. It would simply be reading with a student and it would be a flexible opportunity, visiting classrooms whenever you have time in your schedule. We would also love to have parents/ grandparents in classrooms, playing math games with students or helping with science experiments.
- With our new teachers supporting Grade 4-9 students, we will also be implementing two new programs that include helping students with executive functioning (organization skills, prioritizing tasks, etc.) and also we will have a "Homework Club" for students who need extra time and support to complete assignments.

Photo Gallery Art Installation: Mandalas





Assembly Fun!!! Fruit by the Foot Challenges with staff and students!! Congratulations to Kolby Bruckner and Mrs. Legault for earning points for the blue colour team during this challenge!!

Art Work and Kindergarten Writing Found Around our School!!



The PSD Calendar is out for 2024-2025. Please click the link to preview the calendar. [online, now, at psd.ca](https://psd.ca)

February 2024
 What is happening at Duffield School?
 February is Kindness Month



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6	7	8 Teachers' Convention No School	9 Teachers' Convention No School
12	13	14 Valentine's Day "Red" Spirit Day	15	16 PD Day No School
19 Family Day No School	20	21	22	23
26	27	28 Pink Shirt Day	29 Hot Dog Day	1

February Stronger Together Family Newsletter

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

Cherie Lovsund,
 Principal, Duffield School