

Duffield Digest March 1, 2024



Welcome to March at Duffield School!

February was a great month at Duffield with a focus on kindness and friendship, as well as lots of fun with learning! The weather has meant more days inside but the kids have been making the best of their time indoors with lots of game playing and gym time!



Parkland School Division's annual online registration/verification process opened on 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.

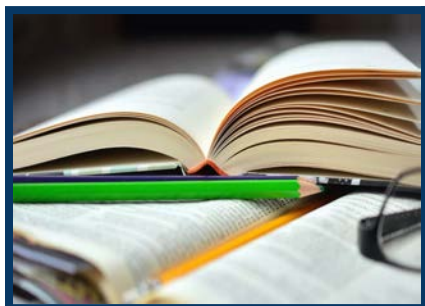
Important Registration Dates

- **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 2023-24 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.

Parent Teacher Interviews



Please save the date for March 19 and March 20 and look forward to an email to all families to book a time to meet with teachers on one of the two dates! We will be scheduling interviews from 3:30-6:30 on both Tuesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 20!

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Our next School Council/ Fundraising meeting will be on **March 20 from 6 - 7:00**, in the school or online. We are hoping that parents may book an interview and then join our council meeting after!!

2024 Summer Day Camps in Parkland County:

Keephills Hall, July 2-5 (\$80/per person for the 4 days of camp)
Daily 9:00am - 4:00pm (early drop off and collection 8:30am - 4:30pm)


Westland Park Hall, July 29-Aug. 2 (\$100/per person for the 5 days of camp)
Daily 9:00am - 4:00pm (early drop off and collection 8:30am - 4:30pm)

Registrations for Parkland county residents are now open. March 4th for all others.

Purdy's Fundraiser for Grade 9 Farewell

Our Purdys Fundraiser is closing on March 4 so if you are interested in purchasing Easter chocolate to support our Grade 9 farewell, please pop in this weekend! 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>

Thank you to Jessica Lutz and Shelby Smigelski for making popcorn for our whole school on Valentine's Day. How sweet  for all our students!

Marmot Ski Trip to Jasper - March 18, 2024

We are so very excited for our Jasper ski trip on Monday, March 18! We will be boarding the bus at 4:00 am and I would like to thank Ms. Nesbitt, Ms. Freund, Mrs. Neron, and Mr. Kehler for volunteering to support

February Highlights at Duffield School:

- On Valentine's Day, I delivered hundreds of beautiful cards to Copper Sky Seniors Home. The students from Kindergarten through to junior high created lovely and thoughtful messages for the residents and they were all so incredibly grateful for Duffield students' kindness.
- We have completed our school art installation with Angela Hall. The art is displayed in our hallway and while I have included pictures in the photo gallery, it is something students are so proud of and we encourage families to take a look!!
- Our Homework Room is really making a difference for our students because it gives everyone an opportunity to complete projects and assignments if extra time is needed.
- Play Parkland has been a huge success!! Students are having a great time learning new sports, including Sledge Hockey!!

Photo Gallery

Celebrating Day 100...

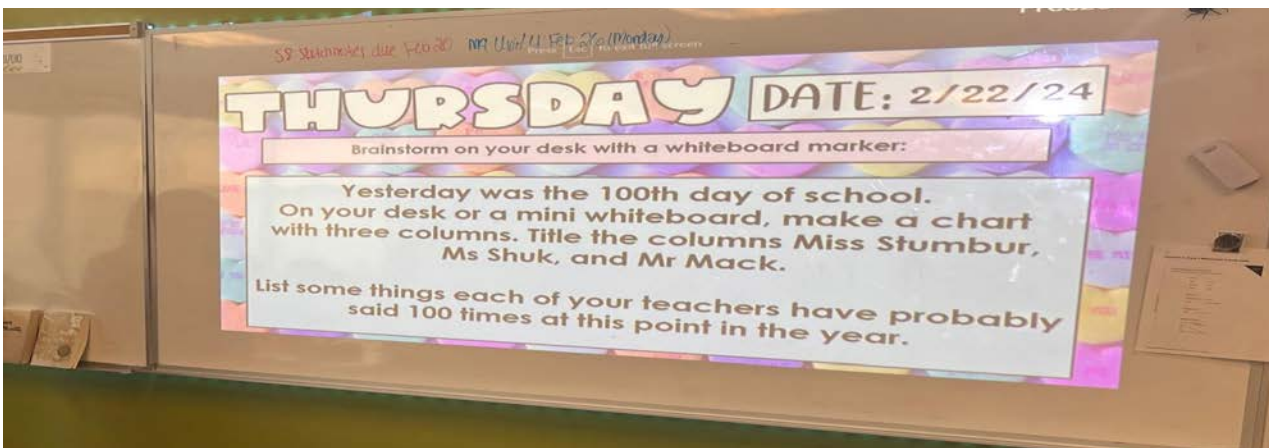
In Kindergarten



In Grade 1/2



In Grade 9





Our Art Installation



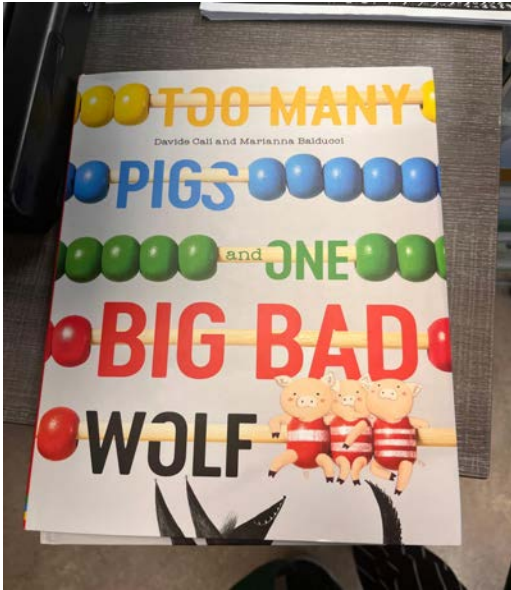
Grade 5/6 Science Projects



Our Kindergarten Open House!!!



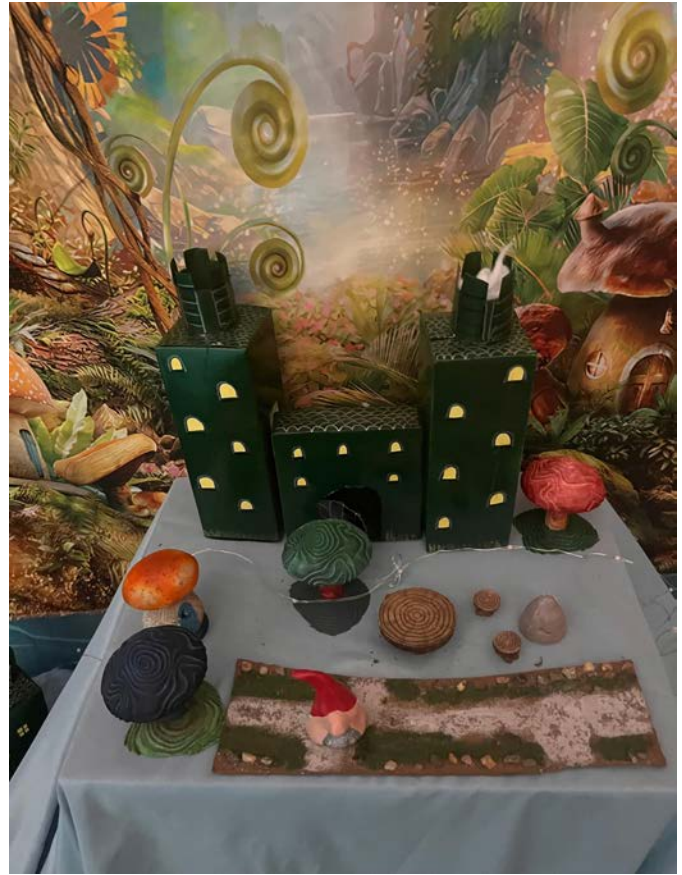
Celebrating Black History Month with great stories!



Solving Great Big Math Problems (using stories) in Grade 8!



Aztec Group Project Grade 8!



A huge thank you to Mrs. Baron and the public library staff for creating an amazing experience for our students!! Duffield students enjoyed the challenge of an Escape Room this week in the library. What fun students had trying to “escape” from the room by gathering clues as a team!!

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

March 2024
What is happening at Duffield School?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6	7	8 Backwards Day
11	12	13	14	15
18 Marmot Ski Trip-Jasper 4:00 am at Duffield!	19 Parent-Teacher Interviews 3:30-6:30	20 Parent-Teacher Interviews 3:30-6:30 School Council Meeting 6-7 pm	21 Crazy Hair Day Hot Dog Day	22
25 Spring Break	26 -----	27 -----	28 -----	29 -----
April 1 Easter Monday	April 2 Students back at school!!			

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

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