

Duffield Digest Newsletter

August 28, 2024

Welcome Back!

We are so excited to welcome back our students and families to begin the 2024-2025 school year at Duffield!! Our staff has been working endlessly to create beautiful, welcoming spaces for your children to learn and they have spent such a lot of time planning lessons and units to engage students and have lots of fun! What we look forward to most is having your children walk through our school doors, with the excitement of a new year ahead!

Thank you to our staff and I look forward to connecting with all of our students and families as we enjoy the first day of school!

Cherie Lovsund

Choose Kindness!

This year, as a community, we are going to focus on the importance of kindness!! Every month we will acknowledge students who are embodying our Seven Sacred Teachings which include Truth, Courage, Humility, Love, Respect, Wisdom and Honesty!



Caught Being Kind

Name _____ Grade _____

Reason _____



Cell Phone and Mobile Technology Use in Schools

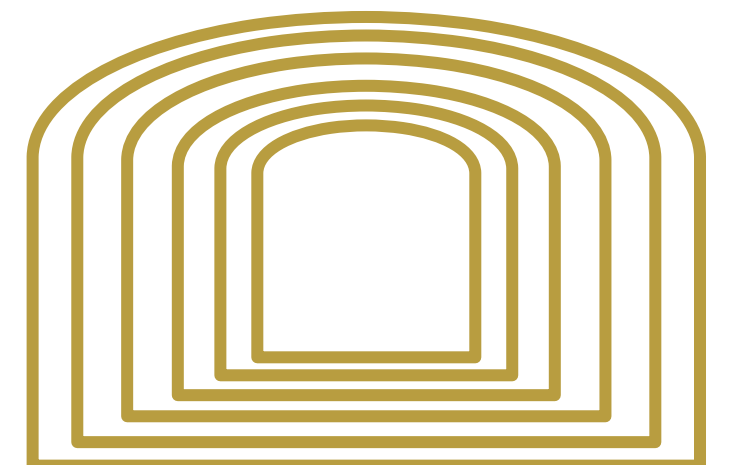
You may be aware that in June 2024 the Minister of Education, Dr. Demetrios Nicolaides issued the Ministerial Order on [Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools](#). In brief, the order prohibits the use of mobile devices including cell phones, personal computers, tablets, and smartwatches (and other similar devices) during instructional (classroom) time and prohibits access of social media platforms using school networks and devices. The order allows for the use of these devices for medical reasons or to support special learning needs at the discretion of the principal.

At Duffield, we have current procedures related to mobile devices and have updated these to align both with the Ministerial Order and our neighboring K-9 PSD schools.

- ◆ The **Duffield Code of Conduct** can be viewed in the attached link and it highlights the Cell Phone Policy as well as all of our school expectations!!

Please note that even with the updated cell phone policy for Duffield School, families are always encouraged to call the school in the event they need to speak to their child and students will have access to the office phone if necessary. Our secretaries will be happy to pass on any messages you may have.

Thank you for reviewing this policy with your child and supporting these adjustments. Additional information for parents regarding these changes may be found in [this letter](#) from the Minister of Education. The letter includes informative research pertaining to student focus and mental well-being regarding mobile devices and social media use in schools.



“Get the Scoop”

September 5 from 5:00-6:30pm

Please join us for a special evening celebrating a brand new school year, with your child’s new teacher. We invite all of our families to the school to visit classrooms, explore some exciting new spaces and opportunities, as well as enjoying a delicious ice cream treat!!



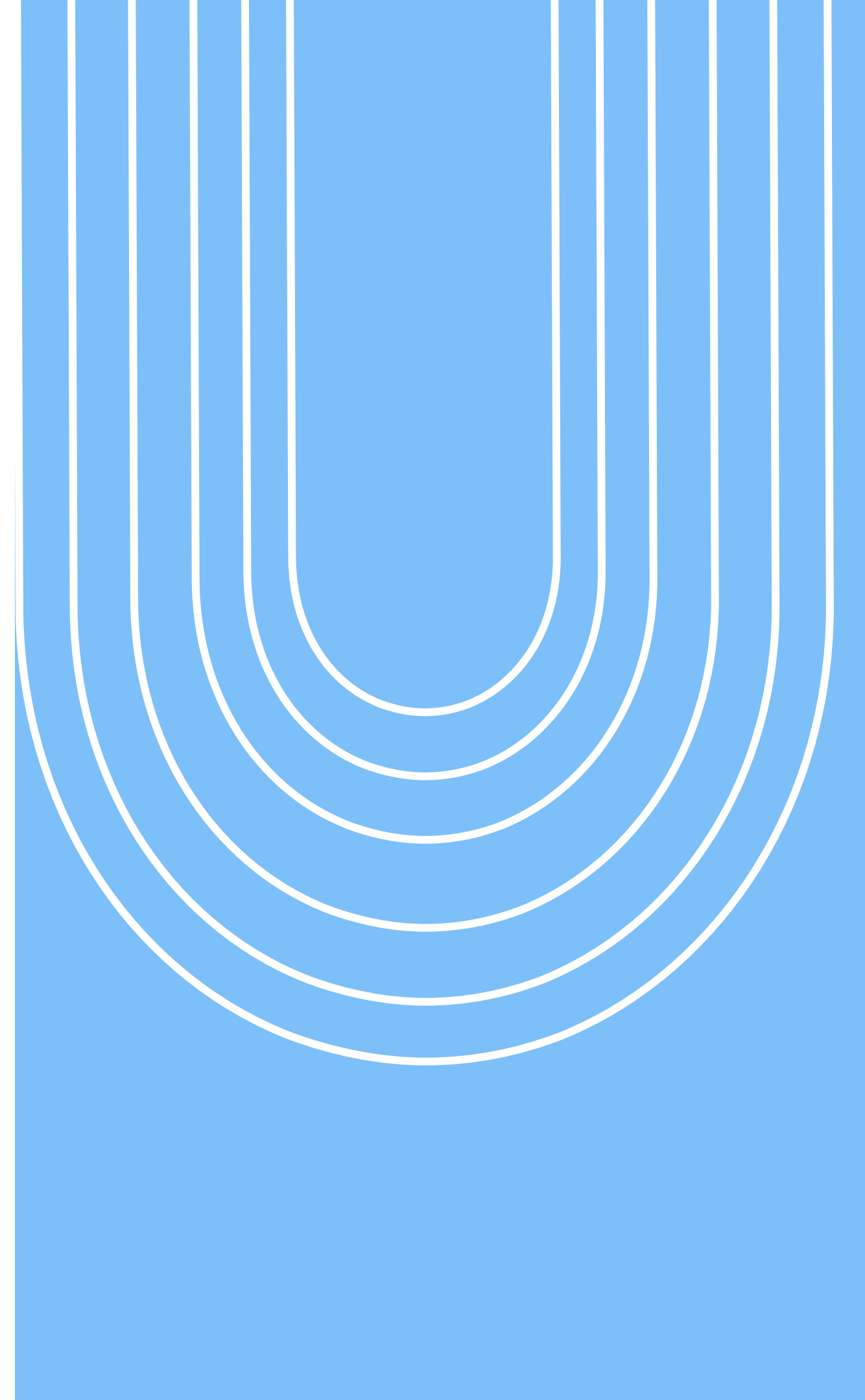
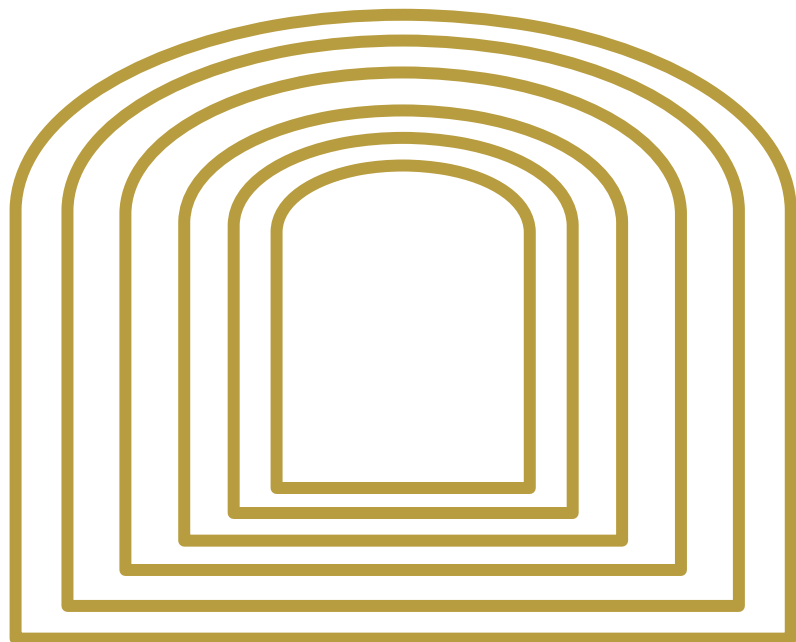
Out of School Care

We are looking forward to welcoming an Out of School Child Care Provider to Duffield School. We have heard from our families that there is a need for care outside of school hours and this OSC program allows students to remain at the school until 6:00pm, and care is also provided on PD Days, as well as during Spring Break. If you are interested in the program for your Kindergarten aged-Grade 6 aged student, please fill in the Google form below before the end of the week so that we can determine whether the program is viable.

[Out Of School Care](#)

School Council Meeting

- September 24
- 6:00-7:00
- Duffield School or Online
- We would love to see new faces
at our meetings!



Allergies!



As a school, we want to ensure all our students are safe. We have students/staff in our building who are allergic to nuts. Please take time to read this important letter about not being able to have nuts or nut products in our school. Thank you! [Peanut/Nut Allergies at Duffield School](#)

Cross Country Running Club

Thank you to our staff
volunteers for offering
their time to support
Cross Country
Running this year!
Your child may be
coming home with a
permission form for
our upcoming races!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day	3	4	5 Get the Scoop 5-6:30	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 PD Day -No School for Students	21
22	23	24 First School Council Meeting 6:00	25	26	27 Truth and Reconciliation Assembly 1:45	28
29	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day **No School					



It's going to be a
fantastic school year!

We look forward to welcoming all of our families into
the school!!!